



## Press Release

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#### **Hydro Research Foundation holds the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual recruiting event for hydropower**



Evergreen, CO (Dec 12, 2018) - The Hydro Research Foundation today announced the the 3rd inaugural Hiring for Hydro event to be held in Portland, Oregon on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hiring for Hydro will bring together 60+ students from ten colleges in the Pacific Northwest to participate in an educational workshop about careers in hydropower and then a special recruiting session. The event has been established to address the hiring needs of the industry, build academic interest at the college level, and create a strong conduit between industry and regional schools.

Bree Mendlin, the program director of the Hydro Research Foundation expressed great excitement in the effort. "Hiring for Hydro is a landmark event drawing excitement from the hydropower industry as well as students. This important event is growing throughout the U.S. to the northeast in the summer of 2019, save the date of June 5<sup>th</sup>!" Students interested in attending, should apply through an online application and then each selected student will work with a mentor from HRF on their resume. During the event, students will be exposed to what a career in hydropower looks like, how to find jobs in the industry, the process to obtain work within the union environment and beyond the event, how to connect with employment.

The Northwest Hydroelectric Association (NWEA) will host the students at an awards luncheon where four students involved in Hiring for Hydro will receive merit awards.

The students will have the opportunity to attend the general conference session at the annual conference for NWA about workforce transitions. Following the conference session students will meet with recruiters, share resumes, hear about job opportunities and in some cases, schedule calls or interviews. Ruth Erwert from Chelan County PUD shared the following from the 2018 event, "This is a great event. It was well coordinated with top talent seeking careers in hydro. In this competitive market for engineers and other utility-specific positions, Hiring for Hydro had a marked advantage in recruiting for our company." The HRF looks forward to continuing this vibrant program in future years and is pleased to see the strong support from academia and the hydropower industry on this debut event.

The Hydro Research Foundation was established in 1994 and became an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in 1996. The Foundation has two principal objectives: (1) advancing hydropower to provide clean, affordable electricity for the future; and (2) supporting the hydropower community by directing talent and resources to hydropower's most promising opportunities and most pressing challenges.