

**FORMS** Forms can be downloaded from the WSSS program website at [tufts.edu/water/forms.html](http://tufts.edu/water/forms.html).

**CLASSES** All students are required to take one course in 3 of the 4 core areas. A list of courses in each core area is available on the program website at [tufts.edu/water/CoreAreas.html](http://tufts.edu/water/CoreAreas.html). Prerequisites may be excused with the permission of the instructor. In addition, an exceptionally well-qualified student may obtain exemption credit in one core area by submitting a signed Petition for Exemption form, available at [tufts.edu/water/forms.html](http://tufts.edu/water/forms.html).

**TRACK P (practicum track)** Each student in this track is required to participate in a WSSS practicum and complete a 150-hour Interdisciplinary Professional Experience (IPE). The practicum includes a one-semester water resources case study, normally undertaken as a class or independent study during the spring of the student's first year. Initial planning for the practicum occurs during the fall semester of the first year during the weekly group meetings. The IPE is a problem-focused field experience with a public- or private-sector organization at which the student logs at least 150 hours. Track P students are also required to present a poster at the annual WSSS symposium. Partial support will be provided as needed for travel and/or research expenses.

**TRACK R (research track)** Each student in this track undertakes a significant interdisciplinary water resources research project, culminating in a thesis/directed study/dissertation, a research article suitable for publication in a refereed journal, and a research presentation at the annual WSSS symposium or a major national or international conference. Partial travel support to participate in the conference will be provided.

- **Track P or Track R?** Masters and PhD students from any school and program can participate in either track. In general, Track P is designed to meet the needs of students in professional degree programs, while Track R is designed for students in research-based programs.
- **I'm a returning WSSS student. What track am I in?** Returning students may follow the requirements of the WSSS program as defined when they joined the program or, alternatively, they may follow the requirements of WSSS 2.0. In that case, they would join either Track R or Track P, or complete a combination of requirements for the two tracks with approval of a member of the WSSS faculty steering committee (Rich Vogel/Engineering, Tim Griffin/Nutrition, or Rusty Russell/UEP).

**ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM** WSSS students plan and host a one-day annual water symposium each spring on the Tufts campus. Students in the second and subsequent years of participation in the program will have primary responsibility for executing the event, with support from first-year students and program staff. A modest budget is available to organize this event.

**WEEKLY MEETINGS** Attendance at weekly meetings is mandatory for first- and second-year participants in the program; attendance is optional in subsequent years. Meeting formats will vary

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between large-group meetings (e.g., program orientation) and small-group gatherings specific to particular interests (e.g., members of Track R or Track P, symposium planning group).