

# WATER FIRST

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### News Articles & Interviews

[“Water First and Interlake Reserves Tribal Council launch new internship program”](#) Water Canada, February 29, 2024

[“Celebrating the next generation of Indigenous water treatment plant operators looking to inspire others,”](#) Anishinabek News, October 9, 2023

[“Ogemawahj Tribal Council and Water First announce new training internship for water treatment plant operators”](#) Anishinabek News, July 22, 2023

[“Knowledge On Tap: Indigenous communities are building in-community capacity to address drinking water challenges through Water First’s Internship Program,”](#) Watershed Sentinel, July 17, 2023

[“Water Canada Awards celebrates the industry’s best in Ottawa,”](#) Water Canada, June 9, 2023

[“When Indigenous youth succeed, whole communities benefit,”](#) CareerWise, February 6, 2023



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[“North Shore Tribal Council to help train water treatment plant operators,”](#) The Sudbury Star, April 6, 2022

[“‘In our culture, water is so much more. It’s sacred.’ New wave of Indigenous operators look to tackle drinking-water woes,”](#) Toronto Star, October 24, 2021

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[“How a resilient group of young Indigenous water treatment interns become new water treatment plant operators despite 2020 challenges,”](#) Water Canada Magazine, May/June 2021

[“Indigenous youth are learning to become water treatment operators in northern Ontario,”](#) CBC News, December 2020

[Ending Long-Term Water Advisories on The Agenda with Steve Paikin,](#) TVO, December 2020

[Raw Talk Podcast,](#) University of Toronto, November 2020

[Canadaland podcast mentioning Water First,](#) November 2020

[“First Nations skills-training program has partnership at heart,”](#) CERIC, May 2020

[“New Internship Program Aims to Address Water Challenges in First Nations Communities,”](#) Water Canada, March 2020

[“NWO First Nations launch program to train water plant operators,”](#) CBC News, March 2020

[Profile by corporate partner, The RBC Foundation,](#) June 2019

[Water’s Next award recipient,](#) May 2019

[“Providing employment opportunities for First Nations youth to succeed in the water industry,”](#) Water Canada Magazine, January/February 2019

[“First Nation water guardians graduate from Water First pilot,”](#) Manitoulin Expositor, September 2018

[“Pilot project trains Indigenous youth to help tackle water challenges in their communities,”](#) CBC News, August 2018

[“Water alone won’t solve the water crisis in Indigenous communities,”](#) Macleans, March 2018

## Intern Profiles

### Bimose Internship

- [Hunter Edison](#)
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- [Nathan Copenace](#)

### Georgian Bay Internship

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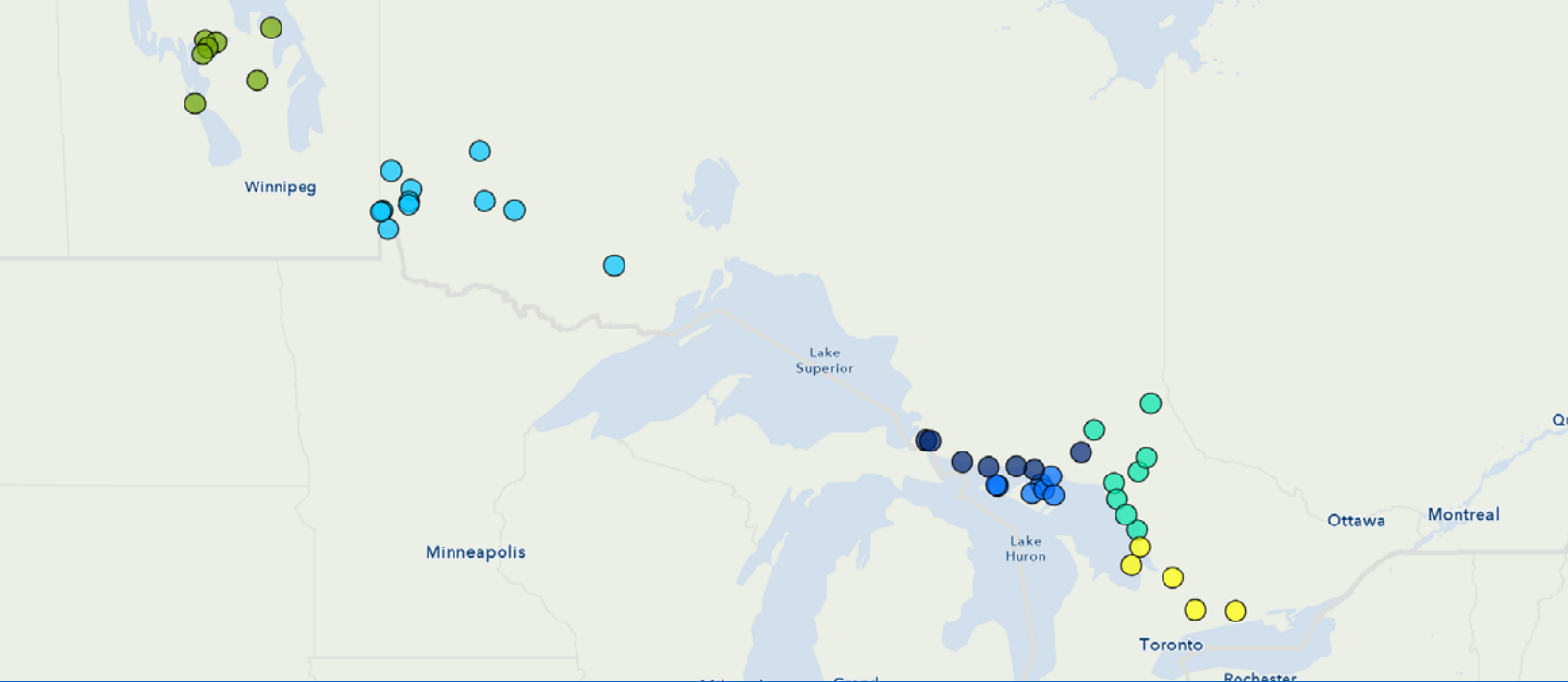
*Paige Manitowabi  
Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory  
Water First Graduate*

*A Water Walker from Manitoulin Island and graduate of the pilot internship program, Paige has worked as an environmental field technician at Wahnapiitae First Nation while also pursuing a degree in Restoration Ecology at Laurentian University.*

*In 2021, Paige was hired on as the Project Coordinator for the Internship in Georgian Bay. From being an intern herself, to an active graduate in her community, to leading the next internship and supporting a new cohort of interns; Paige is dedicated to ensuring safe, clean water in Indigenous communities.*

*In 2022, PAIGE, a new short film by Water First and Untold Storytelling, follows the story of Paige as she inspires Indigenous youth to be water protectors.*





## THE COMMUNITIES

### ● **Manitoulin Internship** (2017-2018)

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
M'Chigeeng First Nation  
Sheguiandah First Nation  
Sheshegwaning First Nation  
Whitefish River First Nation  
Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory  
Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

### ● **Bimose Internship** (2020-2021)

Eagle Lake First Nation  
Iskatewizaagegan 39 Independent First Nation  
Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation  
Niisaachewan Anishinaabe Nation  
Northwest Angle 33  
Obashkaandagaang First Nation  
Iskatewizaagegan 40 Independent First Nation

Wabaseemoong Independent Nations  
Wabauskang First Nation  
Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation  
Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation

### ● **Georgian Bay Internship** (2021-2022)

Dokis First Nation  
Henvey Inlet First Nation  
Magnetawan First Nation  
Nipissing First Nation  
Shawanaga First Nation  
Temagami First Nation  
Wahnapiatae First Nation  
Wasauksing First Nation

### ● **NSTC Internship** (2022-2023)

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation  
Batchewana First Nation  
Garden River First Nation  
Mississauga First Nation

Sagamok First Nation  
Serpent River First Nation  
Thessalon First Nation

### ● **Ogemawahj Internship** (2023-2024)

Alderville First Nation  
Beausoleil First Nation  
Chippewas of Georgina Island  
Chippewas of Rama First Nation  
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation  
Moose Deer Point First Nation

### ● **IRTC Internship** (2023-2024)

Dauphin River First Nation  
Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation  
Lake Manitoba First Nation  
Lake St. Martin First Nation  
Little Saskatchewan First Nation  
Peguis First Nation  
Pinaymootang First Nation