
The International Journal for Water Equity and Justice

Call for Sponsorships

The Global Water Alliance and the Water Center at Penn, with support from the Penn Libraries, have embarked on a collaboration to publish **the International Journal for Water Equity and Justice**. This new journal is the result of a yearlong evaluation and assessment of *WH2O: The Journal of Gender and Water* that was started in 2010 by students in the Master of Environmental Studies degree program at the University of Pennsylvania and has since been maintained by students and administered by the Earth and Environmental Science Department. The re-branding and expansion of our scope to include Equity and Justice reflects a broader mission to advance scholarship and action on equitable access to water resources and environmental justice. The reimagined journal will cover water policy, governance, sustainable water management, and the intersection of water and social justice. IJWEJ aims to create conditions for innovation, catalyze theoretical and applied research, and serve as a platform for exchange of information to solve or improve on critical water problems. The journal will include original contributions, research, analyses, review, and commentary, as well as multimodal publications such as photo essays and videos. Most importantly, the Journal will be free and open-access to all and no article processing charges will be required by those who submit articles for review and subsequent publication.

As many nations and organizations collaborate and advance policies in the context of water and peace, a matter of survival, we also witness that these policies are pursued without the equal representation of all stakeholders, especially marginalized communities. Moreover, water access and handling, and water rights and ownerships, happen in a global arena where inclusion and exclusion criteria are still applied. In many areas of the global political economy these issues of inclusion and exclusion, and the resulting inequities and injustices, are debated, chronicled, and used for policy planning. Examples are found in such areas as Health, Work, Education, and more.

Through the Journal, we seek to advance water equity and justice for all, and will use research, investigative reporting, analytical tools, and dialogue to identify and address injustices and inequalities. We will do so through the lenses of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and several of the rights treaties of the UN that have been developed over the years, from the rights of the child to the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Journal will be supported by a group of editors recruited from several continents. Several peer organizations have expressed endorsements, and we hope to secure funding soon to build a staff that can develop the journal into a powerful messaging center for addressing equity and justice issues as they pertain to water and water management.

Funding support needed: We are seeking financial support totaling approximately **\$60,000 annually** to support the Journal's full digital publication, a blog to provide an additional platform for authors and artists to share their multimodal publications and work in languages other than English, and on a rolling basis to publish individual articles to the Journal's website. Annual funding would support a part-time editor-in-chief, managerial editor, communications fellow, graduate student staff, design and layout, website hosting, and relevant supplies.

There are many ways you can support the Journal and you can learn more about opportunities and calls for submissions on the [Journal's website here](#). As per the following levels, a gift to the Journal would provide:

- \$5,000 would support the maintenance and hosting of the Journal's website
- \$10,000 would support paid student positions to complete managerial tasks, outreach, and graphic design for the Journal
- \$15,000 would support in part editorial assistance
- \$30,000 would support the salary of a part-time Editor-in-Chief
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Value to the funder: Financial support for the Journal would allow for the organization's logo to be prominently displayed on the annual digital Journal publication and its website, featured on the Journal's and The Water Center's social media accounts, and listed as a supporter on The Water Center at Penn's website. A short sentence noting the generous support will accompany the logo placement. In addition, the organization will receive two (2) seats at The Water Center's Corporate Roundtable - a cohort of water sector organizations where members engage, share perspectives, initiate policy discussion, and bring forward opportunities to help solve some of today's most critical water challenges.

If you are interested in supporting the International Journal of Water Equity and Justice, please contact the Global Water Alliance and the Water Center at Penn at gwaphilly@gmail.com and watercenter@sas.upenn.edu.

About Us

The **Global Water Alliance** operates as a network of volunteer professionals from multiple disciplines and with a global outreach, approaching water and sanitation justice and equity issues through international collaboration. Through partnerships with leading academic institutions, corporations, and governmental agencies, GWA is spearheading innovative solutions for ameliorating, monitoring, and evaluating WASH (Drinking **W**ater, **S**anitation and **H**ygiene) worldwide. We focus on educational development and undertake projects in the field as community based, participatory service-learning interventions.

The Water Center at Penn is a community-focused research center working to identify integrated solutions to the challenges facing water systems and watersheds. We strive to be a trusted, reliable partner whose work accelerates water equity. The Water Center uses a community-led research approach, working alongside communities bringing their knowledge and expertise to the solutions addressing their water challenges, sharing power and responsibility, and encouraging them to take the lead in determining priorities, questions to be asked, and the approach to answering those questions. We share resources, education, training, and applied knowledge to support community goals.