



# Society for Freshwater Science

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## Society for Freshwater Science announces 2024 Fellows

May 1, 2024 — The Society for Freshwater Science (SFS) today announced the 2024 inductees into the Fellows of the Society for Freshwater Science: Dr. Robert Hall of the University of Montana, Flathead Lake Biological Station; and Dr. William H. McDowell of the University of New Hampshire and Florida International University.

The Society for Freshwater Science is a premier international organization of aquatic scientists. SFS Fellows are leaders in their disciplines who have dedicated substantial time and resources to benefit the field of freshwater science and the Society.

"Fellows of the Society for Freshwater Science are selected based on their sustained excellence and contributions to research, policy, and or management of freshwaters," said Dr. Sherri Johnson, President of SFS. "We welcome the 2024 Fellows for the depth and breadth of their outstanding leadership and research into freshwater ecosystems and nutrient dynamics."

The SFS Fellows will welcome the new Fellows into their ranks at the Society's 2024 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in June.

### **Bob Hall**

Dr. Robert Hall is Distinguished Professor of Limnology at Flathead Lake Biological Station, University of Montana, where he has worked since 2017. Prior to that he was on the faculty at University of Wyoming, where he started in 1998. Since graduate school at University of Georgia, he has been interested in stream carbon and nitrogen cycling and food webs, but with a career trajectory of studying ever larger rivers. Dr. Hall's current work links geomorphology to stream metabolism and nitrogen cycling, time-series analyses of river metabolism, food webs, isotope tracers, statistical modeling, and dissolved organic and inorganic carbon dynamics in rivers. His teaching portfolio includes a field-based summer course on stream ecology taught on the Middle Fork Flathead, and a graduate course on ecological models and data. Alongside his excellence in research and substantial contributions to freshwater science, colleagues cite Dr.

Hall's collaborative spirit and widespread generosity in mentorship, and credit these for his influence in fostering the next generation of freshwater scientists.

### **Bill McDowell**

Dr. William H. McDowell is Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science and Research Professor in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of New Hampshire. He is also a Research Professor at Florida International University. He began his research career working on stream ecosystems with Dr. Stuart Fisher at Amherst College, where he received a B.A. in Biology. Dr. McDowell received a Ph.D. in Aquatic Ecology from Cornell University, working on dissolved organic matter dynamics in the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest with Dr. Gene Likens. He has worked on the biogeochemistry of land-water interactions in New Hampshire, Czech, Siberian, and Puerto Rican streams. He initiated ongoing long-term research at two sites, the tropical Luquillo Mountains of Puerto Rico and the suburban Lamprey River of New Hampshire. His research focus has been on understanding the fundamental interactions between nutrients and dissolved organic matter, and the ways in which land use, soils, hydrologic flow paths, and extreme events affect a wide range of ecological processes in inland waters. He has addressed the importance of inland waters to continental and global scale biogeochemistry with colleagues in many continental-scale collaborations, such as the LINX projects. Dr. McDowell is former Chairperson of the Department of Natural Resources at UNH, serves as Director of the NH Water Resources Research Center, and held a UNH Presidential Chair until his retirement from teaching in 2023. He was awarded the UNH Distinguished Professor Award in 2017 and is an elected Fellow of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Geophysical Union.

For more information on the SFS Fellows program and this year's new Fellows, visit <http://freshwater-science.org/awards-programs/fellows>

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