

# NEHA NEWS

## NEHA Staff Profile

As part of tradition, NEHA features new staff members in the *Journal* around the time of their 1-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know the NEHA staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. This month we are pleased to introduce you to one NEHA staff member. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on page 47.



### Reem Tariq

Eager to move out of my childhood home in Kuwait, I relocated to America at the cusp of adulthood to venture out on my own. Frolicking from one city to the next, I finally settled upon the idyllic rolling hills of Pullman, Washington, to get my bachelor's degree in genetics and cell biology at Washington State University. Upon graduating, I explored a spectrum of vocational experiences ranging

from teaching at a local college of nursing in South India to corporate photography in Texas. I decided to enroll in graduate school

at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) based on my quest for a meaningful career in environmental health sciences.

I learned about NEHA through my experience of participating in the National Environmental Public Health Internship Program in summer 2017. That year I attended my first NEHA Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition and fell in love with the way the association operated. Soon after graduating from ETSU, I joined NEHA in February 2018 as a project coordinator in NEHA's Program and Partnership Development department. As a project coordinator, my work is primarily focused on developing and maintaining projects in private water, environmental public health tracking, and undertaking student and academic outreach. My work at NEHA is everything I expected and more. Above all, I enjoy building programs and relationships with partners with the collective goal of providing a healthful environment for all.

In my spare time I enjoy cooking complex recipes and failing to get them right, undertaking the esteemed hikes of Northern Colorado, reading fantastical fiction and historical accounts, and writing poetry to make sense of it all. If you have any questions about the work I do at NEHA, please feel free to reach out to me at [rtariq@neha.org](mailto:rtariq@neha.org). 🐾

# STUDENTS Don't Miss This Opportunity!

**A**pplications for the 2019 National Environmental Health Association/American Academy of Sanitarians (NEHA/AAS) Scholarship Program are now available.

Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in an accredited college or university with a dedicated curriculum in environmental health sciences are encouraged to apply.

## VISIT

[www.neha.org/scholarship](http://www.neha.org/scholarship).

Application and qualification information are available online.

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