The American Water Works Association Intermountain Section has selected USU/UWRL graduate student Adel Abdallah to receive their 2018 Diversity Scholarship. This scholarship "was created to encourage education and training in the field of conservation, water quality, supply, resources, reuse and treatment among minority students" and is presented to one outstanding minority student pursuing education in one of these areas.

Adel is a PhD Candidate in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. With a research emphasis on hydroinformatics, Adel designed the Water Management Data Model (WaM-DaM) to enable water managers and researchers to use one database management system to organize, interpret, and compare multiple water resources datasets for study areas. He is also designing data workflows to automate preparing input data and reusing output data for multiple water management models. He demonstrates these methods in the Bear River Watershed, Utah. You may follow Adel's research repositories on GitHub @ https://github.com/amabdallah.

Adel is pursuing a career in academia to advance cutting-edge informatics methods and applications and teach them to the next generation of engineers. He looks forward to improving the understanding and management of water resources systems by advancing the science and practice of managing and publishing data and models. Adel has a passion for cooking, loves skiing and hiking, and likes to read about history, leadership, and effective teaching methods. Adel is married to Allia and they have a son, Kareem.