

Application Form
NWCA Campus Research Challenge

Please answer all questions applicable to your project as specifically as possible (print or type). The Application Form and supporting documents must be sent to NARS Campus Research Challenge by January 17, 2017 by midnight Eastern Time at nars-challenge@epa.gov

University/ College: _____

Primary Contact: _____

University Department or Program: _____

Position / Title: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Other Team Members:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Responses to the following items may be continued on a second page.

Name/Title of Project

Describe how the project benefits your educational and/or career goals

Describe what NWCA data you used

Describe how the population weights were used

Describe your approach for communicating results and information from the effort (e.g., inclusion in thesis, journal articles, presentation or poster at conferences, etc.)

If applicable, please identify which other NARS data were used in your project:

Wadeable Streams Assessment

National Lakes Assessment 2007

National Rivers and Streams Assessment

National Coastal Condition Assessment (2010)

2008/09

National Coastal Assessment (2000-2006)

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Project Submission: Applicants are to submit their proposal as a separate attachment to this application form. Submissions are **not to exceed 20 pages (including graphics/figures) plus an additional 3 pages for references/citations**. Additional pages can also be added to submit faculty support letters. Proposals must:

- Include a title,
- Describe the research question(s)/hypotheses you are addressing,
- Detail the approach and data you used, and
- Clearly describe your results including applicability of the results

We also request that students/teams who are planning to submit a proposal send an email to NARS-challenge@epa.gov by **November 15, 2016** letting us know of your interest and the likely topic/research question(s) that will be addressed¹.

Reminder, to be eligible to win, projects must meet the following requirements:

- Use NWCA data
- Use the statistical survey weights/population estimates
- Address a national, eco-regional, or for other defined subpopulation of interest
- Submission of this application and all project attachments by midnight Eastern Time on January 13, 2017 to NARS-challenge@epa.gov

EPA reserves the right to publish the submitted project(s)/papers(s) on its website.

A. Evaluation Criteria

Clarity and Significance of Research Question and Approach (40 points)

- Relationship of project and results to NWCA Campus Challenge objectives (15)
- Innovative nature of the project and results (10)
- Effectiveness of the technical approach used in the project/results (15)

Project Outcomes (60 points)

- Clarity and usefulness of specific results and/or products (25)
- Overall benefits of the results and ability to replicate in other communities, regions and/or nationally (20)
- How the results advance wetland research and knowledge (15)

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all project attachments to
nars-challenge@epa.gov by January 13, 2017**

¹ This is not an eligibility requirement.