



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### The Water Center at Penn Graduate and Undergraduate Student Research Support Program

#### Application Deadline: November 15, 2022

**Program summary:** The Water Center at Penn encourages Penn graduate and undergraduate students to apply for this competitive student grant program to promote research in the Center's core value areas. The grant also aims to recognize academic excellence and prepare students towards leadership by encouraging applied research and community engagement.

**About the Water Center:** The Water Center at Penn supports communities in meeting their critical water challenges by identifying resilient and sustainable solutions, combining natural and built systems, and based on equitable principles that reflect community voices.

We support the development of future water leaders in these communities and the larger water sector so that water decision-makers reflect the communities they serve, continue working in the water-sector field, and have a network to support them to advance their leadership skills.

Our vision is to be a global water research and policy hub based on community, equity, science, resilience, and justice values.

Students from across the University are encouraged to apply for this grant if they can demonstrate a meaningful nexus between their work and the following areas:

- Water Infrastructure Research
- Community Capacity Building and Equity
- Integrated Watershed Planning and Governance
- Drinking Water Treatment and Source Protection
- Fresh Water Law and Policy
- Water Infrastructure Financing and Affordability
- Water's Role in Environmental Health

Examples of proposals could include support for existing research, such as capstone projects and senior thesis research, or travel expenses related to research.

Grants will be in the amount of \$500 - \$1,500 and will be awarded to up to 2 graduate and 2 undergraduate students. The selection committee will consist of WCP Staff and Senior Advisors.

**Eligibility:**

- Currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate student from any Penn school; all majors are welcome to apply
- Student must have identified a faculty mentor for their research

**Application Requirements:**

- Students must submit a completed application form no more than 2 pages in length that includes:
  - Research approach; context for project; and types of analysis and/or deliverables in 1,000 words or less
  - Budget and budget justification for requested funds
  - Other funding sources for this project
  - Signature or other form of approval from research mentors

**Deliverables:**

- Deliverables may include:
  - Submitting a technical report to the Water Center at Penn;
  - Submitting a short whitepaper suitable for communicating their research to a general audience;
  - Presenting research at a suitable conference or event;
  - Writing a blog post on behalf of the Water Center at Penn

**Timeline:**

- Applications due November 15, 2022
- Recipients will be notified by December 9, 2022
- Grant period begins January 2023 will run through either May 2023 or December 2023