



CSU-WATER (Water Advocacy Towards Education and Research)

(formerly WRPI; Water Resources and Policy Initiatives)

Things To Prepare Before You Complete The Faculty Incentive Program Application

The application software will NOT allow you to save and come back later to complete. Below is a list of the items/questions you will need to have ready before you start submitting the application online.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Completed Signature Sheet ready to upload (link)
- CV for *each* PI
- External Funding Proposal Information
 - Grant Title
 - Funding agency and program
 - Estimated amount to be requested
 - Expected grant submission date
 - Estimated grant award date
 - Estimated grant end date
- Be Prepared to Answer the Following Open-Ended Questions
 - **Intellectual Merit and Need** (25 points, up to 300 words). Within the context of previous work on this topic, describe the purpose, need, and originality of the proposed activity and how it fulfills the mission of CSU-WATER.
 - **Targeted Funding Agency** (10 points, up to 100 words). Describe the likelihood of funding of proposed project based on focus of agency and past funding of similar projects. Indicate whether this project breaks new ground or is part of continuing activity.
 - **Multiple CSU Campus** (20 points, up to 100 words). Collaborative applications involving faculty from multiple CSU campuses that promote interdisciplinary, integrative research and/or educational initiatives and that include regional and disciplinary diversity are preferred. Strive to establish your own inter-CSU campus team, but CSU WATER staff can also help to engage subject experts. Explain how the proposed work will strengthen CSU-WATER and collaboration among CSU and potentially UC campuses. If the application is from a single CSU, interdisciplinary projects utilizing multiple departments are



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encouraged. Clarify the nature of each participant's contribution to the project, making clear how the collaboration, if applicable, will increase the scope or importance of the proposed project and its contribution to addressing CA water issues.

- **Potential for Student Involvement in Research** (15 points, up to 100 words). Describe the nature and extent of involvement of undergraduate and graduate students in the project.
- **External Stakeholder Role** (10 points, up to 100 words). Describe the nature and extent of external stakeholders in the project.
- **Justification for funding** (10 points, up to 100 words).
Provide an explanation of why the assigned time summer pay/overburden/overload/student assistant is necessary for the development of the full proposal. Include a brief work plan describing the specific activities in which the PI or PI will engage. Include timelines and justify the feasibility of meeting designated goals within the prescribed timelines.