**FY2026-2027 Research, Extension, and Engineering:**

**Water Research Investment Program Application**

**Title**: *Enter full title of the project.*

**Keywords**. *Enter keywords of your choice descriptive of the work.*

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**Amount Requested $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_FY26 $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_FY27**

**Proposal Requirements**

* Maximum of FIVE pages, including the above information. Qualifications for each investigator and budget template are not part of the five-page limit. Proposals should be single-spaced, 12-point font with 1-inch margins.
* \*\*If you have previously requested funding through the Water Research Investment Program, explain how this project is different than those proposals.\*\*
* Please submit 1) a **single PDF** containing the full proposal, additional information required and the budget and budget narrative, and 2) the **budget as an Excel file** using the provided template.
	+ Both file names should start with lead PI’s last name followed by item type.
* Italicized instructions including this section can be deleted from final proposal.

**Introduction –** *A brief overview of the issue being addressed and how the proposed research will impact this major issue and provide new opportunities.*

**Background –** *Pertinent literature review (published manuscripts, patents, etc.) and prior work by team members that help identify the issues to be addressed and the potential solutions being proposed.*

**Plan and scope of work** – *A comprehensive description of the proposed work with associated timelines and corresponding responsibilities of tasks within the team. Include the* ***statement of water management problem***. *Explain the need for the project, and how the proposed project will advance water management in Texas.*

**Anticipated source(s) of extramural funding planned to be pursued and project fit**. *Please provide the agency, name of the program within the agency, anticipated release date of the request, maximum total amount of the request and relevant information about the program(s) you anticipate submitting to, such as a web link to more information about the program(s). Recipients can change the program(s) they submit to, but dollar amounts should be similar, and awardees will first consult with TWRI and TEES. Proposals developed as part of this program should not already be in progress but will be new proposals developed by the project team during the performance period that aligns with the project work. In addition, describe how your proposal will fit the priority area(s) identified in these source(s) of extramural funding. How will successful acquisition and submission of externally funded grants advance water management in Texas?*

**Statement of results or benefits**. *Specify how a successful project will position the team for leveraging large, competitive state and federal grants. How will the results of the completion of this project advance water management in Texas?*

**Milestones and deliverables**. *Provide a description of the project goals, objectives, milestones and deliverables as well as the approach that will be used to achieve them, including a timeline of activities. Bullet format is preferred.*

**References cited.** *Please list any references cited within your proposal.* (*Does not count toward the 5-page limit.*)

**Additional Information** *(Does not count toward the 5-page limit.)*:

1. **Investigator’s qualifications**. *Include resumes of the principal and co-investigators. Limit each resume to two pages including no more than five relevant publications. (2 pages maximum per investigator)*
2. **Investigator Current and Pending.** *Include a table of current and pending support for each principal and co-investigator to include: 1) project dates; 2) project title; 3) project sponsor; and 4) amount awarded/requested.*
3. **Leveraging on-going research activities**.*If these funds will leverage an on-going research activity, please provide a single paragraph statement summarizing: the existing project title, amount of funding for the existing project, the agency funding the existing project and a brief narrative of how this research activity links to the existing project. (1 page maximum)*

**Project budgets**. ***Budgets should NOT be routed through SRS as these are internal funds***. *Requested project budgets should be prepared using the* [*Excel Budget and Narrative Template*](https://scholarships.twri.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2025/05/Budget-Justification-Template.xlsx) *linked here or on our* [*webpage*](https://scholarships.twri.tamu.edu/water-seed-grants/)*. Each principal investigator and co-investigator should provide an individually-completed budget and budget narrative in their respective tab. The Summary tab will automatically populate from the details entered on the individual tabs.*