

**Attachment C**  
**Application Form**

**National Aquatic Resource Surveys Data Analysis Innovation 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-challenge@epa.gov](mailto:nars-challenge@epa.gov) by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on September 30, 2022. Additional information on requirements included on page 2.*

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position / Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Team Members:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name/Title of Project

Describe how you used the NARS data

Did you use population weights or estimates in your project? Yes  No

Which Prize Category are you submitting your project in?

- Category 1: Climate Change
- Category 2: Environmental Justice/Equity
- Category 3: Nutrient Assessment
- Category 4: Innovative Water Quality Assessment Approaches

Identify which NARS data were used in your project:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NLA 2007       | <input type="checkbox"/> NRSA 2013-2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NRSA 2008-2009 | <input type="checkbox"/> NCCA 2015      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NCCA 2010      | <input type="checkbox"/> NWCA 2016      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NWCA 2011      | <input type="checkbox"/> NLA 2017       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NLA 2017       | <input type="checkbox"/> NRSA 2018-2019 |

Are you submitting as a student or student team?

Yes  No

If yes, proof of current enrollment in a graduate program or postdoctoral position is required.

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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 10 double-sided pages (including graphics/figures) plus an additional 3 pages for references/citations**. If applicants developed a tool or application, it must be in a format EPA can access/review and does not count as pages.

**Additional pages** can be added to submit faculty support letters. Research projects/reports must:

- Include a title,
- Describe the research question(s)/hypotheses you are addressing,
- Detail the approach and data you used (including the NARS data),
- Clearly describe your results including applicability of the results, and
- Meet any other eligibility requirements of your selected Prize Category

We also require that applicants who are planning to submit a proposal send an email to [NARS-challenge@epa.gov](mailto:NARS-challenge@epa.gov) letting us know of your interest and the likely topic/research question(s) that will be addressed (see Attachment A for additional requirements)

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

Please see the **Challenge Announcement** and **Attachment B: Phase 2 Requirements and Evaluation Criteria** document for additional details and requirements.

**Please return this completed application form and  
all project attachments to  
nars-challenge@epa.gov by September 30, 2022**