



# Water Resources Research Act Program

The **Water Resources Research Act Program**, authorized by section 104 of the [Water Resources Research Act of 1984](#), is a Federal-State partnership which:

- Plans, facilitates, and conducts research to aid in the resolution of State and regional water problems
- Promotes technology transfer and the dissemination and application of research results
- Provides for the training of scientists and engineers through their participation in research
- Provides for competitive grants to be awarded under the Water Resources Research Act

The state water resources research institutes (WRRI) authorized by the Act are organized as the National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR). WRRI cooperates with the USGS to support, coordinate and facilitate research through the Annual Base Grants, National Competitive Grants, Coordination Grants, and in operating the WRRI-USGS Student Internship Program. Visit the [Application Information](#) page to learn more about these grant opportunities.

**If you're looking for a USGS collaborator or want to talk more about our ongoing science in your area, please [contact us!](#)**

## The Institutes

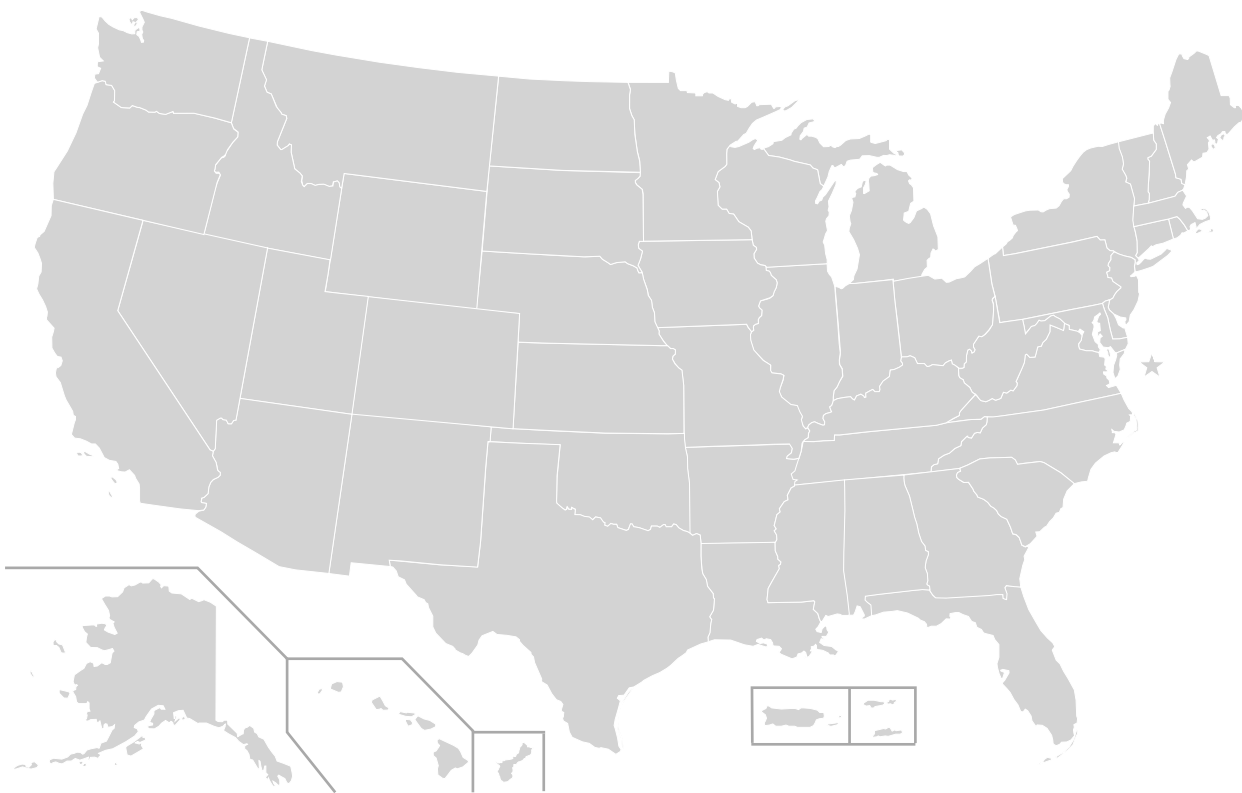
There are 54 Water Resources Research Institutes or Centers, one in each of the 50 states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam.

The Water Resources Research Institute for each state or territory is located at its "1862" land-grant university or at another college or university designated by the governor or state legislature. The Institute in Guam is a regional institute serving Guam, The Federated States of Micronesia, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Institute in Hawaii also serves American Samoa.

The National Institutes for Water Resources Directory is [available for download in pdf format](#).

You can also look up an Institute's contact information by clicking on the map below or selecting a state or territory from the menu.

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## News and Events

### Matching Funding Verification due December 10, 2024

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**November 14, 2024**

Per the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the WRRRA program must report on federal and non-federal matching funds for Institute research projects each year. The matching verification form for Fiscal Year 2023 [is now available to download](#) and is due on December 10, 2024. Please send your completed forms to [gs-w.wri.web.team@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-w.wri.web.team@usgs.gov).

### Fiscal Year 2023 SF-425 due November 30, 2024

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**November 13, 2024**

Please note that FY23 SF-425 forms are due on November 30, 2024. Forms should be sent to [sf425@usgs.gov](mailto:sf425@usgs.gov) and copied to [gs-w.wrri.web.team@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-w.wrri.web.team@usgs.gov).

## Sponsored Research of the National Institutes for Water Resources

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The [latest issue of the Journal of Contemporary Water Research & Education \(JCWRE\)](#) features important water research by researchers and students studying at The National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) and The Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR) institutions of higher learning. This research was supported by USGS WRRRA 104b and 104g grants.

## The USGS Water Resources Research Act Program (Fact Sheet 2023-3031)

The [U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Research Act Program Fact Sheet 2023-3031](#) was released in December 2023. The fact sheet covers the history, goals, and capabilities of the program. Check it out to learn more about the WRRRA program.

## Status, Opportunities, and Priorities for 2020-2030 (Circular 1488)

[Water Resources Research Act Program—Current Status, Development Opportunities, and Priorities for 2020–30 \(Circular 1488\)](#) was released on 24 November 2021. This report presents a 10-year vision for the WRRRA Program that the USGS Water Resources Mission Area and 54 State water resources research institutes can use to help solve the Nation’s water problems.

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