



FLOWS Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the FLOWS Program?

The Field-Based Learning, Outreach, and Workforce Scholarship (FLOWS) Program is an interdisciplinary learning and workforce-development opportunity that brings together students from CSU San Bernardino, CSU Northridge, and CSU Los Angeles. Participants explore interconnected water, environmental, community, and resource-management issues across Southern California through webinars and field-based experiences.

Who is eligible to apply?

Students from CSU San Bernardino, CSU Northridge, and CSU Los Angeles are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be enrolled full time throughout the entire 2026–2027 academic year and remain in good academic standing.

Is FLOWS limited to environmental science majors?

No. FLOWS is open to students from all majors and disciplines. The program is especially valuable for students interested in environmental science, geology, geography, public health, public administration, business, hospitality, education, policy, community engagement, technology, communications, and related career fields.

What activities are included?

Selected students will participate in:

- Three online professional and academic webinars
- A Coachella Valley and Salton Sea Field School
- A San Bernardino Mountains and Mojave Desert Field School
- Hands-on field research and community-based learning
- Geospatial, research, and workforce-development activities
- Engagement with Tribal communities, water-resource agencies, faculty researchers, and regional partners
- Career, internship, professional networking, and graduate education exploration

What is the program schedule?

The 2026–2027 program includes:

- **Online webinar:** October 14, 2026, from 12:00–1:00 p.m.
- **Online webinar:** November 4, 2026, from 12:00–1:00 p.m.



- **Online webinar:** November 11, 2026, from 12:00–1:00 p.m.
- **Coachella Valley and Salton Sea Field School:** January 11–13, 2027
- **San Bernardino Mountains and Mojave Desert Field School:** May 19–21, 2027

Do selected students have to attend every activity?

Yes. Selected students are expected to participate in all three webinars and both field experiences. Applicants should review the complete schedule before applying to ensure they can meet the program's participation requirements.

Must students remain enrolled for the entire academic year?

Yes. Participants must maintain full-time enrollment throughout the entire 2026–2027 academic year. Students who anticipate graduating, taking a leave of absence, or dropping below full-time enrollment during the program period should contact the FLOWS team before applying to discuss their eligibility.

Are lodging and meals provided?

Yes. Student lodging and food will be provided during both field experiences. This support is intended to make participation more accessible and allow students to focus on learning, collaboration, and professional development.

Is prior field or research experience required?

No prior fieldwork, research, water-resource, or geospatial experience is required. FLOWS is designed to help students develop these skills through guided, hands-on activities.

What will students learn during the webinars?

The fall webinar series will introduce students to:

- The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- California water governance and policy initiatives
- Research and environmental challenges associated with the Salton Sea
- Connections among environmental resource conservation, security, equity, public health, policy, and management
- The relationship between local environmental challenges and statewide and global priorities

What skills can students gain?

Students may develop practical skills in:



- Field research and data collection
- Community-based research and engagement
- Geospatial technologies and spatial thinking
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Professional communication
- Environmental policy and resource management
- Career exploration and professional networking

How can FLOWS benefit students from non-environmental majors?

Water and environmental challenges involve more than the natural sciences. They also affect public health, government, infrastructure, education, business, tourism, community development, communications, technology, and social equity. FLOWS helps students understand how their own discipline can contribute to addressing complex regional challenges.

Will students interact with participants from other CSU campuses?

Yes. Students from CSU San Bernardino, CSU Northridge, and CSU Los Angeles will learn and work together. This intercampus structure allows participants to build relationships with students and faculty from different academic backgrounds and communities.

Will students meet professionals working in water and environmental fields?

Yes. Students will engage with faculty researchers, water-resource professionals, government and community partners, Tribal communities, and other regional experts. These interactions can help students learn about internships, careers, graduate programs, and professional pathways.

When is the application deadline?

Applications are due **September 16, 2026, by 9:00 p.m.**

Where can students apply?

Program details and application information are available on the [FLOWS Program website](#).

Who should students contact with questions?

Questions may be directed to IWR@csusb.edu.