

Affiliating Projects with the Michigan Tech Center for Water and Society (CWS)

The advantage of affiliating projects with the Center is enhanced incentive overhead return for the PI(s) and the generation of funds for the Center. Incentive overhead return is equal to 60% of the indirect costs generated by CWS proposals. The distribution formula for incentive overhead return will be PI: 10%; Dept. 12%; CWS: 20.7%; College: 7.3%; SFI: 10%.

In order to affiliate a project with CWS, you must “register” yourself as a participating member of the Center. If you would like to do so, please email Carol Asiala (cjasiala@mtu.edu) and we will send you the form (it’s very simple) that you need to sign and return.

There are three types of project statuses that you can affiliate with CWS:

- Grant proposals that you will be submitting: Indicate affiliation with CWS on the MTU transmittal sheet, in the “DEPT/CENTER/INSTITUTE(S)” line, along with your department or other administrative unit; as in the following: “Dept./CWS/SFI.” Of course, if you wish to affiliate projects with CWS, the project goals need to be consistent with the goals of CWS (please refer to the [proposal establishing the center](#) for a description of CWS goals). You will also need to get the CWS director’s (Alex Mayer, asmayer@mtu.edu, for now) signature on the transmittal sheet.
- Grant proposals that you have already submitted but are still pending: As long as the project goals are consistent with the goals of CWS (please refer to [proposal establishing the center](#) for a description of CWS goals), we can “backdate” the CWS affiliation. Send the proposal number, PI and co-PI names, and potential sponsor, along with a project summary or abstract to the CWS director (Alex Mayer, asmayer@mtu.edu, for now). The project summary or abstract can be lifted right out of the proposal. But, please do not submit proposals/projects that are already affiliated with another center or institute.
- Ongoing, funded projects: Again, as long as the project goals are consistent with the goals of CWS (please refer to [proposal establishing the center](#) for a description of CWS goals), we can “backdate” the CWS affiliation. Send the proposal number, PI and co-PI names, sponsor, and index number, along with a project summary or abstract to the CWS director (Alex Mayer, asmayer@mtu.edu, for now). The project summary or abstract can be lifted right out of the project proposal. The enhanced overhead return would start accumulating as of the beginning of this quarter. But, please do not submit proposals/projects that are already affiliated with another center or institute or projects that are scheduled to end this quarter.

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