



वातावरण, उर्जा तथा जल अनुसन्धान केन्द्र

Center of Research for Environment, Energy and Water

Harmonize Research and Development with Nature

Call for Proposals

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18th CREEW Research Grant Program (2026/2027)

1. Background and Objectives

Center of Research for Environment, Energy and Water (CREEW) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to scientific research and development in Nepal. It has been successfully conducting self-initiated and collaborative research since its establishment in 2009. Within the strategic objective of CREEW to promote scientific research and research-based development interventions, the [CREEW Research Grant Program \(CREEW-RGP\)](#) has been one of its regular programs since its establishment with the financial support of the Kurita Water and Environment Foundation (KWEF), Japan. Through this program, CREEW has actively supported Master's students for their graduate degree thesis in water, environment, natural resources, and related fields.

The CREEW-RGP not only provides financial support but also offers mentorship by providing valuable input and feedback from various CREEW-associated scientists, experts, senior researchers, and professionals. Throughout the grant period, three presentations are scheduled to facilitate comprehensive engagement: the research proposal presentation, the mid-term presentation, and the final presentation. [Grant recipients](#) will collaborate closely with CREEW's team of technical experts to refine their research proposals and engage in discussions to further enhance their findings.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To apply, candidates must meet all the following conditions:

- Must be a citizen of Nepal.
- Currently enrolled in a second year Master's degree program at a recognized university/college and actively developing a thesis proposal.
- The proposed research must directly align with CREEW's thematic areas (**Annex 1**).
- The research study must be conducted within Nepal and address local or national context-specific challenges.

3. Required Application Documents

Combine all application materials (**items:1-4 serially**) into a **single PDF**:

1. **Cover Letter:** Maximum 1 page outlining the research and its alignment with CREEW thematic areas.
2. **Research Proposal:** Formatted strictly according to CREEW guidelines (see section 4 of this document).
3. **Academic Documents:** Scanned mark sheets and certificates starting from 10+2, undergraduate, and ongoing master's levels (first and second semester).
4. **Student ID:** Scanned copy of a valid student identity card.
5. **Supervisor Recommendation:** A signed consent letter and brief CV (1–2 pages) sent **directly by the supervisor** to info@creew.org.np with the **subject line: CREEW Grant 2026/27 Recommendation and Consent Letter for Students Name** (*Note: A supervisor can recommend a maximum of two students*).

4. Proposal Formatting Guidelines

The proposal should strictly follow the following structure and formatting:

- **Structure:**
 - Cover page (containing research title, name of the applicant address contact address, institutions and Date)
 - Table of content
 - **Main proposal** (not more than 9 pages):
 - Summary of the proposal (within 250 words)

- Introduction (Background; Statement of Problem; Research question; Objectives)
 - Materials and methods (Description of study area; Methods of data collection; Data analysis; Methodological flow chart; Research matrix)
 - Expected Result (outputs and outcomes)
 - Research plan with schedule
 - Budget required for research (detail breakdown)
 - References
- **Formatting Style for Main Proposal:** Times New Roman (Heading 1: 12pt bold; Heading 2: 11pt bold; Heading 3: 11pt italic; normal text: 12pt, line spacing 1.5).
 - **Citations:** APA 7th Edition format for in-text citations and reference lists.

5. How to Apply

Submit your application online at: <http://www.creew.org.np/apply-research-grant/>

File Naming Convention: Name your attached PDF file as <first name_family name-CREEW Grant 2026/27>.

7. Terms and Conditions

- CREEW reserves the exclusive right to disqualify any proposal that does not strictly follow the guidelines provided.
- Upon selection, grantees must complete their research within the CRGP duration (January – June 2027).
- Grantees, along with their supervisor, must appear in person to present their research proposal, mid-term progress, and final findings as per CRGP requirements.
- CREEW reserves the right to request and allocate a co-supervisor for the grantees if deemed necessary.

Note: Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

Annex 1: Priority Thematic Areas

Research proposals should preferably focus on the following core areas (other relevant topics are considered on a case-by-case basis):

Thematic areas	Sub-thematic areas
Groundwater and Surface Water	Quantity and quality, pollution and treatment, demand and supply, conjunctive water use, snow and glacier, groundwater-surface water interactions, managed aquifer recharge, hydrogeology, groundwater potential zoning, groundwater exploration, groundwater induced land subsidence, groundwater vulnerability and risk mapping, water resource assessment and management, sustainable hydropower development, policy and practice and, regulation
River Basin and Ecosystems	Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), hydrology, hydraulics, modeling, water-energy-food-nexus, watershed health, river basin management, river health and restoration, sustainable management of ecosystems and biodiversity, *ecosystem-based management, land and soil management, policy and practice <i>*Ecosystem and biodiversity mainly include agriculture, pastures, lakes and rivers.</i>
Integrated Waste and Resources Recovery	Waste types, generation and characteristics; 3R principle and practices, resource recovery from waste, waste treatment technologies, waste governance, waste management financing, waste and climate change, special waste management (healthcare, hazardous and e-waste management, fecal sludge management), waste to energy, waste burning, GHGs emissions, air pollution, circular economy, waste disposal and landfill engineering, life cycle assessment (LCA)
Climate Change and Resilience	Climate change impacts of various sectors, adaptation and mitigation; climate resilience, climate change modeling, climate finance, climate policy and practice, disaster risk management (DRM), disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience, Clean Development Mechanisms (CDMs), EbA and IKT for climate change adaption
Green Energy	Types of green energy: solar energy, wind energy, biomass, biogas, and hydroelectric energy; energy-mix, sustainable hydropower development, waste to energy, green economy, air pollution, carbon footprint
Environmental Health and WASH	Water quality and household water treatment, WASH in schools, WASH + emergencies, WASH + maternal and child health, WASH + nutrition, menstrual hygiene, behavioral change, health risks (chemical and microbial), emerging pollutants, cross-border and transboundary pollution, environmental footprint