What is a CESU?
The Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) Network is a national consortium of federal agencies, tribes, academic institutions, state and local governments, nongovernmental conservation organizations, and other partners working together to support informed public trust resource stewardship. The CESU Network is well positioned as a platform to support research, technical assistance, education and capacity building that is responsive to long-standing and contemporary science and resource management priorities. There are seventeen CESUs across the nation.

Chesapeake Watershed CESU
One of the seventeen CESUs is the Chesapeake Watershed (CHWA) CESU. Research institution partners within the CHWA CESU provide leadership in watershed science in addition to natural and cultural resources management across the mid-Atlantic states and encompassing the Chesapeake Bay. Emphasizing interdisciplinary and multi-scale approaches, the CHWA CESU addresses the complex and interconnected biological, physical, cultural, and social resources and issues within this landscape.

Established in 2001, the CHWA CESU is a partnership among forty-three university/research institutions and eleven federal agencies whose members strive to understand and protect the natural and cultural resources of the region.

How can the CHWA CESU help government agencies looking for research support?
CESUs help government agencies identify researchers from research institution partners with desired expertise.

Federal Agency Partners

Research Institution Partners

How can the CHWA CESU help researchers connect with partner institutions?
Researchers within the network may respond to Statements of Interest, connect their students with internship opportunities, and collaborate with other researchers across partner institutions. The network also has an Experts Database on its web page chwacesu.al.umces.edu/experts_database/ where researchers from affiliated institutions can upload their CV along with recent publications and work to be more easily identified by federal partners.

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