



## Call for Funding

# SustainFood Collaborative Learning School: Water-Energy-Food Nexus Collaborative Learning School, Chesapeake Bay Watershed, June 1-14, 2024

05 February 2024

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## SustainFood Network – Collaborative Learning Schools

This is the Call for Funding to join the Collaborative Learning Schools (CLS), organized by SustainFood Network. COST Action CA20138 [“Network on water-energy-food nexus for a low-carbon economy in Europe and beyond – NEXUSNET”](#) is going to offer six (6) positions and the amount of grants is awarded to 3,500€ (per grantee).

This year’s school focuses on **Water-Energy-Food (WEF) nexus dynamics within the Chesapeake Bay watershed** and will be held in Chesapeake Bay on 1-14 June 2024.

CLS is a field workshop led by U.S. and African experts that connects participants with farmers, policymakers, and other stakeholders at the community level to assess food security challenges and identify innovative solutions using the water-energy-food (WEF) nexus framework. The CLS is two weeks long and consists of participation with other U.S. and African students in field research, engagement with stakeholders, applying integrative systems modelling, and co-creating WEF solutions with the community and policymakers.

More information about the CLS and SustainFood can be found [here](#).

*NEXUSNET aims to empower collaborations between EU and international researchers and stakeholders, synthesize the existing empirical Nexus research and produce an intellectual toolkit, demonstrating a clear link to improved resource management and governance outcomes that underlie the value of Nexus.*

## Guidelines for applicants

### Who is eligible to apply?

- MSc and PhD students, researchers and innovators, **who have already applied through the official [Call for Applicants, initiated by the SustainFood Collaborative Learning School \(CLS\)](#).**
- Applicants should study or work on the dimensions of Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus.
- [NEXUSNET](#) membership is required for applications. Applicants may join the Action [here](#).
- List of visa exempt countries: <https://www.dhs.gov/visa-waiver-program-requirements>
- Applicants should apply for a B1 Business visa, and are solely responsible for securing the visa prior to travel. Additional information on the visa application process may be found at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourismvisit/visitor.html>
- Applicants must meet all the health, vaccination, and other requirements for entry into the United States. For health concerns, visitors should provide proof of full vaccination (if not vaccinated, then negative covid test).

### How to apply?

- All applicants must have an [e-COST profile](#). Applicants must use the e-COST management tool to register the request for funding under “STSM” activities.
- Application **mandatory** documentation:
  - ✓ **Acceptance letter from the SustainFood organizers**



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- ✓ [STSM proposal](#) (participation in the CLS2024)
- ✓ Detailed curriculum vitae
- ✓ Requested budget in €.
- For additional information on how to join [NEXUSNET](#) via the e-COST system, applicants may visit the [Grant Awarding User Guide](#) or [How-to-apply guidelines](#)

Applications should be submitted until **26 February 2024**. Decisions will be announced by **05 March 2024**.



### Questions/inquiries

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### Useful links & documents

- [NEXUSNET official webpage](#)
- [NEXUSNET COST page and documents](#)
- [Official COST guidelines](#)
- [SustainFood network](#)