



Greetings,

On behalf of Global Water Stewardship, I would like to introduce you to the Global Water Stewardship (GWS) Student Design Competition. The GWS Student Design Competition is a unique opportunity for students at the college level to demonstrate their engineering skills and practices by researching and preparing a design for a real-world sanitation project in a Costa Rican community and to present their project to water industry professionals. This year, the competition will be held as part of the Midwest Student Design Competition on **Monday, April 6, 2020** in Madison, Wisconsin at the Monona Terrace Convention Center.

GWS Student Design Competition: The GWS Design Competition requires teams of students to design and present a project meeting the requirements of the real-life problem statement titled “Global Water Stewardship: La Fortuna, Costa Rica”. Winning teams will receive a stipend of up to \$1,000/student for travel and lodging expenses to accompany GWS representatives and wastewater professionals on their August fact-finding trip to Costa Rica and to present their project to local community representatives.

Teams are encouraged to contact their local Water Environment Federation (WEF) Member Association (MA) to determine if any financial assistance is available for travel and/or lodging expenses. If teams are unsure of who to contact or would like help in facilitating this, please contact Mike Holland at [mholland@kishwrd.com](mailto:mholland@kishwrd.com). We understand it is hard to schedule students to participate and we’ll be as flexible as possible in working with students and professors to afford the opportunity to participate on the design competition date. Please read over the attached guidelines and let us know if you have any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or if you need additional information on how to participate in these events I can be contacted at [mholland@kishwrd.com](mailto:mholland@kishwrd.com).

Best Regards;

Mike Holland  
Global Water Stewardship