

## Student Research Showcase

The AWA Water e-Journal Student Research Showcase gives current or recent students an opportunity to present a brief summary of their research projects directly to the water industry.

This is a low-effort, high-impact opportunity to get your research in front of the people who can actually apply it: utilities, councils, consultants and regulators across the water sector.

### *What you gain*

- Submissions will help AWA identify students to invite for a Student Research Showcase session at Ozwater'27 in Sydney, giving you the chance to present your work directly to conference delegates.
- Your summary (if accepted) will be published in the Water e-Journal Student Edition (open access) and promoted in AWA's [Current](#) magazine, giving your work national visibility in the water sector.
- The showcase is not treated as a peer-reviewed manuscript, so it won't block you from publishing a full paper later.
- It's an excellent way to build your profile and network with industry while you are still studying.

### *Submission Guidelines*

You don't need a full paper. The Showcase asks for a 250–500 word summary of your project (**in progress or completed in 2026**), which must be completed on the [Submission Template](#) covering:

- Project title
- Student name, affiliation (University & department)
- Contact details (email and phone numbers)
- Student supervisor(s)
- When the research was (will be) completed
- Research objective
- Problems or questions you are trying to address
- How your research will benefit the water sector
- Findings to date
- Papers arising from the work that have been published to date
- Acknowledgements (optional)
- Visual summary or supporting graphic

Please download and complete the [Submission Template](#) ready to upload on the [Submission portal](#).

Text should be presented in single spaced, size 11 Arial font. The submission should include a graphical presentation of the topic, where possible, to depict, for example, the R&D objectives, present key results etc.

### *Key details*

- Who can submit? Any student at any stage (undergraduate honours, Masters, PhD) with a project completed or in progress in **2026**.
- Deadline: **Friday 27 November 2026**

Submit Here for the [Water e-Journal](#) (you may need to create an account). Scroll down the page for Student Showcase instructions (we do not have a separate portal for the Student Showcase).

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

Would this be a special issue on students' summaries, or would a few be published in a number of different issues of the journal?

- Yes, this is a special student edition of the Water e-Journal and published submissions will also be promoted in the AWA's official magazine - Current

How many projects are you looking for? Could we provide you with a list for you to short list suitable ones?

- We welcome Student Research Showcase submissions from students across Australia and encourage eligible students to submit their work directly. AWA will review all suitable submissions and work to facilitate publication, either in the Student Edition or at another appropriate time, depending on the number of submissions received and editorial scheduling.

Would the Student Research Showcase need to undergo peer review?

- No. It is not the intention for these summaries to be considered as peer reviewed manuscripts. Hence, they will not be subject to the usual peer review process. An Editor from the Water e-Journal Technical Committee will read over your submission and provide feedback if necessary.

May I submit a full paper?

- Absolutely! This can be done in addition to or instead of the Student Research Showcase. Papers should be submitted via [Scholastica](#). Please note that full papers will undergo the usual peer review process required by the association (refer to the "For Authors" information on the platform).

I'm in my first year, can I submit?

- Yes, you can submit your project to the showcase at any stage of your student journey. Please note that if your project features in the showcase one year, it may not be submitted to the Showcase the following year, or thereafter, unless there is a significant change to the scope of the project.

I have already completed my research. May I still submit?

- We will accept work completed in calendar year 2026, however, any work completed in previous years will not be accepted. Please ensure that your submission states when the work was (will be) completed.