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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATE FOR RFP4!!

The LA-COE will be releasing its fourth Request for Proposals (RFP4) in early January 2027! It is anticipated that approximately $5.2 million in funding will be available to support up to 15 projects with an August 1, 2027-August 31, 2029, period of performance. Research Awards and Graduate Assistantship Awards will both be available.

The LA-COE, in collaboration with CPRA and the LA-COE Executive Committee, has updated the **LA-COE Research Needs** to better align with the research, modeling, and monitoring needs of the **Louisiana Coastal Master Plan** and the **CPRA Strategic Research Plan**. Those interested in applying for funds should anticipate Letters of Intent due in late February with full proposals, for those invited to submit, due in late April 2027.

For more information, please visit the LA-COE Funding Opportunities webpage.

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LA-COE Updates



The LA-COE would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Final Presentations Meetings in August! All four were successful meetings of more than 40 total participants, including RFP3 PIs, Co-PIs, graduate and undergraduate students, CPRA Liaisons, Water Institute Technical Points of Contact (TPOCs), LA-COE Executive Committee Members, and the LA-COE team. These smaller meetings, held in place of a larger All-Hands Meeting, allowed for longer and more detailed presentations on the outcomes of each project, and resulted in fantastic, collaborative discussion.





In September, the LA-COE also hosted a virtual Executive Committee meeting to discuss the RFP3 cycle successes and challenges, finalize the 2026 Research Needs update, and review the upcoming RFP4 timeline. As always, Executive Committee members provided valuable input and great suggestions on how to broaden awareness of LA-COE-funded research that we are excited to implement.

LA-COE Partner Spotlight

Congratulations to our LA-COE partner and RFP3-funded project co-PI, Dr. Abby Eckland, for her recent publication, "Reservoir sedimentation diminishes water storage and coastal delta resiliency"! The article, published in Nature Communications in August 2026, connects reservoir sedimentation to delta resilience by analyzing over 50,000 reservoirs across the US.

Dr. Eckland is a postdoctoral research associate at Louisiana State University New Orleans, one of the LA-COE's Executive Committee partners. She serves as co-PI with Dr. Madeline Foster-Martinez on the RFP3-funded project, "Determining Vegetation Establishment Thresholds with Custom-Build Sensors," which aims to identify the environmental conditions necessary for vegetation establishment on newly formed coastal land to inform restoration planning and design.

Read the article here!



Above: Dr. Abby Eckland working in the field for the LA-COE RFP3-funded research project.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RFP3 PIs

End of RFP3 Award Period of Performance: December 31, 2026
Final Reports Due: February 1, 2027
RFP3 Data Deadline: December 31, 2027

Final reports for your RFP3-funded research are due February 1, 2027. The Final Report Template and access to the LA-COE portal system where the report is to be uploaded are

available below.

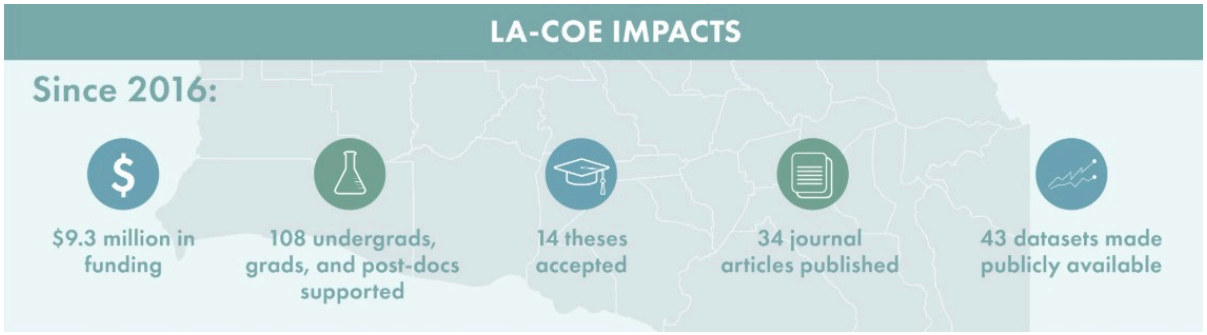
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