Q&A

Water Resources and Policy Initiatives Pilot

What is Fresca? Fresca is a California State University (CSU) system-wide project designed to increase the visibility of the work of faculty and research affinity groups. Water Resources and Policy Initiatives (WRPI) is participating in a pilot launch. This comprehensive easy-to-use web-based profile system allows faculty to:

- Assemble and publicize their professional work
- Manage publications and specify whether a publication is refereed
- Find CSU colleagues with similar research or scholarly interests across campuses and disciplines
- Use profile data to produce custom curriculum vitae, NSF or NIH biosketches, or custom reports*
- Automatically import citation data from various sources for easier publication management
- Make profile data available to campuses, colleges, departments, and groups for reports or listing links to faculty profiles on their own websites*
- Apply additional citation styles, including APA and MLA*
- Discover and join research or scholarly groups within the CSU system

* Coming soon.

Who is Fresca for?

CSU faculty and research affinity groups create profiles in Fresca featuring their professional and scholarly work. Your profile, and that of the WRPI community, will be available to colleagues within the CSU as well as to department chairs and deans for tracking productivity.

How do I get started?

You will be sent an email from the Fresca team with a direct link to your profile when your account is ready. Click on the link to create a password, customize your profile, and update your list of publications and awards.

How often will I know about changes to Fresca?

During the pilot, you can expect some changes as we roll out new features, collect your feedback, and implement enhancements. We will publicize these changes via our blog on the Fresca home page.

What if I have a problem?

The WRPI liaison for Fresca is Laura Ramos (lramos@csufresno.edu, 559.278.2066). If you discover any bugs, you can file a bug report by clicking the "Report a bug" link at the bottom of any page on Fresca, or by going to http://fresca.sfsu.edu/bug/report.

Can I send suggestions?

We'd love to hear from you! You can send feedback directly to csu.fresca@gmail.com.

Who else is participating in the Fresca pilot?

California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB), and Council on Ocean Affairs, Science and Technology (COAST) have been participating since Spring 2008. Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC), Water Resources and Policy Initiatives (WRPI), Council for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (CEMHS), San Francisco State University (SFSU), and Cal Poly Pomona are beginning in Spring 2009, along with SDSU.