

Call to action: Nature-based Future Student Challenge



Objectives

Aligned with its ambition to promote nature-based solutions worldwide, in November 2023 Wageningen University & Research launches international student competition, [the Nature-based Future Challenge](#). In this competition, inspired by the project [the Netherlands in 2120](#), multidisciplinary student teams visualise the potential of nature-based solutions to respond to the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss in Bangladesh delta.

Assignment

Teams will develop a vision for Bangladesh in 2120 in the form of adaptive spatial planning maps and renderings & transformation pathways.

Target groups

The Challenge is open to BSc, MSc and PhD students worldwide, relevant study backgrounds include, amongst other, Landscape architecture, Spatial planning, Forestry, (Organic) Agriculture, Nature Conservation, Environmental Sciences, Land, Water, Urban and Marine Resources Management.

Benefits for students

Participation in the Challenge is a unique opportunity for students to boost their professional skills, learn from and network with industry leaders, and to meet and exchange ideas with students from universities worldwide. Top teams receive participation certificate and travel & accommodation budget to attend the Grand Finals in the Netherlands. The prize for the winning team is 9000 EUR.

Challenge timeline

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| Registration deadline | 19 November'23 |
| Start Challenge | 29 November'23 |
| First milestone | 4 February'24 |
| Second milestone | 21 April'24 |
| Grand Finals | 19 June'24 |

Registration process

Teams should be interdisciplinary and consist of 4 to 10 students and 1 supervisor from their own university.

Registration is open from 1 September until 19 November, via nbfchallenge.nl

More information

You can find more information about the Challenge in the info-kit, including the [flyer](#), the [poster](#) and a [short ppt presentation](#) including the details of the assignment and a timeline and [on the website](#).

Background information on WUR Student Challenges

[WUR Student Challenges](#) is a dedicated team of professionals that specialize in organizing extra-curricular student competitions on behalf of the Wageningen University and Research. All our activities are interdisciplinary and open to bachelor, master and PhD students worldwide. The topics of the Challenges align with the strategic themes of Wageningen University and Research as well as current important societal issues, such as protein transition, (urban) food production, nature-based solutions or biobased economy. Every academic year we organize one signature Challenge, that runs over a period of 6-9 months. In the academic year 2022/23 it was the [ReThink Waste Challenge](#) (open-innovation competition in the field of biobased economy), in the academic year 2023/24 it will be the [Nature-based Future Challenge](#).