

Scientific Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Co-Chair Position Description

The Co-chair provides strategic guidance towards advancing STAR's purpose: *"Increase collaboration among science providers to provide monitoring, modeling, and analysis needed to update, explain, and communicate ecosystem condition and change to support the CBP Goal Teams"*.

[STAR](#) holds monthly meetings, that include the representatives from the CBP Goal Implantation Teams (GITs) and STAR leadership, to advance progress on a variety of functions (see below). The STAR leadership team includes: (1) Co-chairs, (2) Coordinator, (3) Two Staffers, and (4) STAR monitoring coordinator. The roles of Co-chair, in collaboration with the STAR leadership team includes:

- Working with the STAR coordinator and staffers to conduct strategic planning of the topics to be addressed by STAR for the year to meet its purpose and provide recommendations for presentations.
- Providing input on monthly STAR meeting agendas, and work with Coordinator and Staffers to conduct the monthly meetings.
- Interact with STAR workgroups during quarterly coordination meeting.
- Support STAR coordinator and staffers in managing and coordinating the [Strategic Science and Research Framework](#) to identify, track, and address the CBP science needs based on discussions with GITs. Science needs are tracked in the [CBP Science Needs Database](#).
- Represent STAR at selected CBP meetings including the Management Board, quarterly meetings of GIT Chairs, and selected GIT meetings.
- Assist STAR in advancing new CBP efforts including (1) diversity, equity, inclusion, (2) climate resiliency, and (3) enhancing CBP monitoring.
- Support STAR coordinator and STAR monitoring coordinator in CBP [Strategy Review System](#) for the [Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome](#) by assisting with [materials](#) and presentations.

The time commitment of the STAR co-chair is a minimum 10 hours per month (2-3 hours for STAR meeting, 1-2 hours of planning time, some months may require more commitment). The STAR Co-Chair may also decide to be involved in projects that take more time (such as [implementing monitoring recommendations](#) and [targeting CBP resources to achieve multiple outcomes](#)).

The functions of STAR include:

- Manage CBP-funded monitoring networks and collaborate with monitoring organizations to utilize and enhance additional networks to address the outcomes in the-Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
- Ensure data comparability and integrity.
- Update, and deliver, the status and trends (indicators) of ecosystem conditions.
- Explain ecosystem condition and change.
- Expand modeling to better understand and predict ecosystem response.
- Coordinate science support for climate change activities.

- Enhance information management, access, and GIS support.
- Produce synthesis products and reports to better communicate scientific results and aid in science informed management decisions.
- Manage and coordinate the Strategic Science and Research Framework to identify, track, and address the CBP science needs.

The functions of STAR are carried out by different workgroups, each having its own chair to lead their activities. There is a quarterly meeting to share efforts and needs among the STAR works groups.