

CSCRS Research Project Selection Process Overview

This document summarizes the overall CSCRS research project selection process. For specific questions/issues, please contact Laura Sandt, Director, sandt@hsrc.unc.edu, 919-962-2358.

CSCRS Annual Call for Proposals vs. Rapid Response Submission Process

CSCRS-affiliated researchers located at consortium member universities (Duke, FAU, UC-Berkeley, UNC-Chapel Hill and/or UT-Knoxville) can apply for dedicated research project funding by submitting project ideas through: 1) the **CSCRS Annual Call for Proposals**, and/or 2) the **CSCRS Rapid Response Process**.

This table maps out the key differences between the two processes and (potential) projects.

	CSCRS Annual Call for Proposals (annual)	CSCRS Rapid Response Submission Process (ad hoc)
<i>How to Submit Ideas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit required proposal information during regular call for proposals (instructions at www.roadsafety.unc.edu/reporting) - Must be submitted by due date for current call (e.g., December 2017) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit Rapid Response project info sheet at any time (e.g., out of cycle) - Email to info@roadsafety.unc.edu and to CSCRS Director, Laura Sandt, sandt@hsrc.unc.edu, to initiate official discussion/consideration
<i>Review Process</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and decision process takes an average of 3 months - Peer reviewed by 2 external reviewers and one CSCRS Associate Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and decision made within one month (30 days) - Peer reviewed by CSCRS director, one CSCRS Associate Director (outside of UNC-CH), and CSCRS research program coordinator
<i>Project Funding Level</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Varies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less than \$75K
<i>Project Duration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Varies, usually 1-2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short-term projects (e.g., 6-9 months) - All aspects of the project must be completed within 12 months.
<i>Project Eligibility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must show relation to CSCRS Strategic Roadmap goals and/or objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must show relation to CSCRS Strategic Roadmap goals and/or objectives - AND demonstrate time-sensitivity (i.e., related to when data collection is needed, response to agency request, etc.)
<i>Required CSCRS Project Materials*</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work plan - Data management plan (and project final dataset(s)) - Draft and final report - Summary PowerPoints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work plan - Data management plan (and project final dataset(s)) - Draft and final report - Summary PowerPoints
<i>No-Cost Time Extensions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible, on a case by case basis - Must be requested 30 days before the initial project end date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No, not possible

*See CSCRS Project Closeout Guidance document, www.roadsafety.unc.edu/reporting, for more information.