# 2018-2019 Call for Research Proposals

## Overview

To support the CSCRS mission to create and exchange knowledge to advance transportation safety through a multidisciplinary, [Safe Systems](https://www.roadsafety.unc.edu/about/safesystems/) approach, we are pleased to announce the third round of calls for innovative, cross-disciplinary research projects on key transportation safety issues and systems-oriented approaches. Research topics focus on a wide range of issues, such as:

* Applications of Safe Systems and systems science for transportation and health policymakers
* Evaluation and advancement of critical systems components, such as data and stakeholder networks
* Analysis of complex traffic issues using system tools and methods
* Planning and training in systems principles to improve transportation safety
* Pilot testing new transportation safety technologies, designs, or methodologies
* Collecting and analyzing data for Safe Systems applications or developing integrated data systems
* Community-engaged research, support, and evaluation of implementing Safe Systems approaches

Visit the [website](https://www.roadsafety.unc.edu/research/projects/) to see a complete list of previously funded CSCRS projects.

## Funding Amount and Use

CSCRS funds projects of various size and duration, but grants average one year and around $100K each. The grants are intended to support the [mission](https://www.roadsafety.unc.edu/about/) of CSCRS and may be conducted between consortium member institutions and with private partners. Multidisciplinary teams that transcend traditional silos of transportation research are encouraged. Grant applicants are encouraged to think creatively about strategic opportunities, tangible project deliverables, cross-disciplinary collaborations, and direct and indirect project impacts or outcomes that the proposed activities can support.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for a research grant, proposed teams must:

* Identify one Principal Investigator (PI), who is employed at a University that is a CSCRS consortium member (e.g., UNC, FAU, UC-B, UT-K, or Duke)
* Notify the CSCRS Associate Director (AD) at your PI’s institution of your intent to propose
* Identify a source of non-Federal matching funds; a 100% match for the requested budget is preferred, but not required
* Submit a letter of intent and full proposal by the posted deadlines (see below) that demonstrates the requisite experience to conduct the proposed research

## Deadlines and Selection Process

A pre-proposal concept statement (max 500 words) is due by ***end of day on Friday, November 16, 2018***. Please use the forms found [here](https://www.roadsafety.unc.edu/reporting/) and submit to info@roadsafety.unc.edu. These will be reviewed by CSCRS leadership to screen for mission-compatibility and provide high-level feedback. Full proposals must be submitted by the proposed project PI by ***end of day on Friday, January 18, 2019***. Alternatively, shorter-duration (i.e., 9 months or less) projects meeting the criteria for the Rapid Response funding mechanism can be submitted at any time through the CSCRS Rapid Response submission process, found [here](http://www.roadsafety.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/CSCRS-Research-Project-Selection-Process-Overview.pdf). All proposals will be evaluated based on:

* Strength/quality of the project need statement and clarity of stated outcomes
* Technical quality, creativity, feasibility, and potential impact of the proposed work
* Soundness of the proposed team, and breadth of disciplines and partners involved
* Potential for sustained partnerships, impact on research or practice, and future funding opportunities

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