

Pipeline Safety Research Competitive Academic Agreement Program (CAAP)

PHMSA Funding Opportunity Number 693JK321NF0002

Q1. The solicitation mentioned a proposal's upper limit is \$1,000,000 and multi-institution collaborative application is encouraged. Does this mean PHMSA might prefer to fund two projects, each with not too much less than \$1,000,000? Or maybe ~\$500,000 for two universities is OK as well?

A2. PHMSA intends to fund up to \$2,000,000 worth of projects. Each project must be budgeted between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000 of federal funding.

Q2. I have a technical question on a potential topic: Will ultrasonic guided wave monitoring (<https://www.metengr.com/testing-services/non-destructive-testing/guided-wave-general/>) could be considered for the "Remote monitoring" topic?

A2. PHMSA would consider ultrasonic guided wave monitoring a form of remote monitoring if it were a system that could be installed in the right-of-way long term and could be monitored remotely. The utilization of a system for a distinct inspection and then removed would not be considered a form of remote monitoring.

Q3. Can applicants address more than one topic with their application?

A3. It is intended that all applications will address only one research topic area. Applicants that submit applications under more than one research topic will be asked to choose which topic they would like their application evaluated against.

Q4. Is there a preference for large vs. small projects?

A4. PHMSA does not have a preference for large vs small projects. Projects will be reviewed and selected in accordance with Section E.02 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity.