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PHMSA Launches First Pipeline Research Program for Colleges and Universities *Agency will offer \$500K to spur new pipeline safety solutions*

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has announced an academic research program that will offer a total of \$500,000 to non-profit institutions of higher learning as part of the agency's pipeline research and development program.

Through PHMSA's Competitive Academic Agreement Program (CAAP), it will provide up to \$100,000 to five colleges or universities to research innovations and technologies that will improve pipeline safety.

The goal of CAAP is to introduce graduate and PhD research students to subject matter common to pipeline safety challenges and to demonstrate how their engineering or technical disciplines would contribute to the pipeline safety field. CAAP is modeled after programs at other federal agencies and non-profit organizations that aimed to increase the pool of applicants in technical disciplines that have experienced low recruitment activity.

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2. To locate the full announcement and application, search by CFDA number, 20.724, or by Funding Opportunity number DTPH56-13-SN-000002.
3. Read the full announcement, then download and complete the application.

PHMSA will award the agreements during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2013.

If you have questions about CAAP, contact Jackie Naranjo at jackie.naranjo@dot.gov or (202) 366-4429. Warren Osterberg is the secondary contact for CAAP-related questions, and can be reached at warren.osterberg@dot.gov or (202) 366-6942. If you have technical questions about Grants.gov, please call (800) 518-4726 or send an email to support@grants.gov.

PHMSA conducts and supports research to support regulatory and enforcement activities and to provide the technical and analytical foundation necessary for planning, evaluating, and implementing the pipeline safety program. Recent R&D projects include leak detection; detection of mechanical damage; damage prevention; improved pipeline system controls, monitoring, and operations; and improvements in pipeline materials. To learn more, visit the [Research and Development](#) section of the PHMSA website.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration develops and enforces regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's 2.6 million mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. Please visit <http://phmsa.dot.gov> for more information.