# Funding Opportunity Announcement

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<td><strong>Mission of Funding Organization</strong></td>
<td>CPWR is a nonprofit research institution founded in 1990 to investigate the causes of illnesses, injuries and fatalities among U.S. construction workers and to test methods and procedures for reducing or eliminating the hazards. The organization is funded through a five-year cooperative agreement with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (CDC/NIOSH). CPWR serves as NIOSH's National Construction Center.</td>
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<td><strong>Funding Opportunity Title</strong></td>
<td>CPWR Small Study Program</td>
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<td><strong>Funding Opportunity Purpose</strong></td>
<td>A CPWR Small Study funds research studies limited in time and amount that focus on construction safety and health issues. Successful applicants receive up to $30,000 for a study on a discrete topic that must be completed within one year. The Small Study Program provides flexibility for initiating studies that are generally for preliminary, short-term projects and are non-renewable. The research plan proposed must be related to the mission and priority research interest of CPWR. Several Small Study projects have produced findings that led to additional research and funding.</td>
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| **Special Emphasis Areas** | • Getting best practices adopted – research to practice (r2p)  
• Addressing emerging issues and exploring new technologies  
• Safety culture and safety climate  
• Disseminating safety and health information to specific audiences  
• Exploring innovative or new directions in construction sciences  
• Reaching high-risk sectors: small employers, vulnerable workers, residential and light commercial construction |
| **Additional Program Information** | Review the CPWR Small Study Program information on CPWR’s website: http://www.cpwr.com/research/small-study-program  
View CPWR Small Studies Reports: http://www.cpwr.com/publications/cpwr-reports |
| **DETAILS FOR APPLYING** | |
| **Program Years Funded** | September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2019 |
| **Application Deadline** | Rolling submissions cycle, a study can be proposed at any time, **provided funding is available.** |
| **Scientific Merit Review** | All submissions are reviewed by experts within CPWR, NIOSH, university and institutional academics and, when necessary, leading professionals in the construction industry. They are selected based on their experience and knowledge of the applicant’s field of study and proposed project. As submissions meeting the standards are accepted, experts are chosen and the review process begins. |
Required Application Instructions
First: It is crucial that an applicant read and follow information found in the CPWR Small Study Guidelines, posted on www.cpwr.com. Applications that do not comply with these guidelines may be delayed or not accepted for review.

Second: To achieve consideration with an LOI and application, the project must address at least one goal and subgoal within the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) Goals in Construction.

A Letter of Intent (LOI) is required. If accepted, a full PHS 398 application will be requested. The PHS 398 serves as the application for a Small Study project. Instructions to ensure interested applicants provide required information for the LOI as well as the PHS 398 are in the Small Study Program Guidelines.

Achievements
• Papers from Small Studies are published in peer-reviewed journals, such as American Journal of Industrial Medicine, Journal of Construction Engineering and Management, Construction Management and Economics, Epidemiologic Reviews, Professional Safety, Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Safety Science, Applied Ergonomics, and others.

• Findings from these studies have been covered in trade, industry and consumer publications, including The Wall Street Journal, Unvision, Engineering News Record (ENR), Architectural Digest, EHS Today, ISHN, Dallas Morning News, and many more.

• Presentations on findings have been delivered at the International Symposium of the ISSA Construction Section on Occupational Safety and Health in the Construction Industry, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, and state, regional, national and international conferences.

More Information
CPWR Small Study Program Information:
http://www.cpwr.com/research/small-study-program

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Investigate CPWR’s construction safety and health research program at www.cpwr.com.

QR Codes:

Link to NORA Goals
Small Study Program Guidelines & Info

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