

Subject: Fwd: CARMEN+ UTC — Year 4 Call for Research Project Proposals

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Dear Faculty,

See below for a research funding opportunity from the CARMEN+ Center (of which we are a part). Note the **Stage 1 Deadline of Wednesday, May 13, 2026**. The Stage 1 process is designed to be completed in a single sitting and is expected to take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

Warmly,

Victoria

Dear CARMEN+ PIs,

On behalf of Dr. Kassas, CARMEN+ Center Director, we are pleased to announce the Year 4 Call for Research Project Proposals for the CARMEN+ University Transportation Center. We invite faculty and research staff at all consortium institutions to submit project proposals for the funding cycle beginning August 1, 2026.

PROPOSAL PROCESS

The Year 4 intake process consists of two stages:

Stage 1 — Abstract Submission (open now)

Submit a brief project abstract using the online form linked below. Stage 1 is designed to be completed in a single sitting and takes approximately 15–20 minutes. Leadership will review all abstracts and notify PIs whether to proceed to Stage 2.

Stage 1 **Deadline: Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

Stage 2 — Full Proposal & Budget (by invitation)

PIs whose abstracts are approved will receive a personal link to submit a 2-page proposal narrative and completed budget template. Stage 2 invitations will be sent following Stage 1 review.

KEY RULES

- PIs may submit **up to two (2) proposals** per cycle
- All proposals are **treated as new**; prior-year work must be framed as a new phase (e.g., Phase II) with a distinct scope and deliverable set
- **Collaborative** proposals involving multiple PIs are **welcome and encouraged**
- Work may not begin until formal USDOT OST-R Exhibit D approval is received — selection by CARMEN+ leadership is conditional on that approval
- Minimum **50% cost share** is required on all projects

SUBMIT YOUR STAGE 1 ABSTRACT >> https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3L5PVWcl2AsEbki

For questions about the proposal process, timeline, or eligibility, please reach out to Dr. Kassas and myself directly.

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