

Research FAQs

Commonly Asked Questions about Research Suggestions at NHDOT

- **Who can submit a research suggestion?**
 - Research suggestions can be submitted by anyone at any time. The Department periodically solicits for new research topics; however, it is not necessary to respond to a solicitation in order to submit an idea.
 - Research suggestions submitted by non-NHDOT personnel require identification of an NHDOT Sponsor prior to submittal. The Sponsor is typically a Bureau Administrator, Section Chief, District Engineer, or other manager.
- **What happens when I submit a research suggestion?**
 - The NHDOT Research Section confirms receipt of the suggestion form and informs the submitter of the status of the suggestion. Suggestions for research are normally subject to review and prioritization by the NHDOT Research Advisory Council (RAC).
 - Suggestions that are considered appropriate for one or more of the pooled-fund programs in which the Department participates (NCHRP, NETC) may be inventoried and submitted under the procedures of those programs.
- **My research suggestion is selected by NHDOT for funding. What happens next?**
 - A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is formed for each project conducted by or sponsored by NHDOT. The TAG is made up of experts in the field of study and may include personnel from outside NHDOT. The group develops a Work Plan and preliminary budget for the project and recommends whether the work should be conducted in-house or under contract.
 - The TAG includes a project Champion who is often the person submitting the research idea. For contracted studies, the TAG identifies potential researchers, reviews proposals, monitors the research, and reviews reports.
 - The TAG and the project Sponsor are actively involved in implementation of promising research results.