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## Request for Proposal on Shoulder Pads Announced

The request is the first in NOCSAE's new RFP research funding program.

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan.** (February 22, 2021) — NOCSAE has announced a new Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding shoulder pads as the first request shared as part of its new RFP research funding program. The program, which calls for proposals on specific subject areas of current importance to NOCSAE, will accompany NOCSAE's existing research grants program to advance medical and scientific knowledge in sports injuries and prevention.

The shoulder pad RFP has a goal to determine if contact with the shoulder pad is a significant mechanism of injury to the shoulder/chest/neck/or head and whether such data is sufficient to support the development of a shoulder pad standard for injuries not limited to the shoulder.

**A copy of the full RFP can be found [here](#).** The budget for this will not exceed \$100,000. Proposals are due June 30, 2021 and should be emailed to Dr. Mueller at [Mueller537@nc.rr.com](mailto:Mueller537@nc.rr.com).

The submitted proposal should have the same content and detail as a full NOCSAE research grant application and will be graded or scored in the same manner as is done in the regular grant application process.

More information about NOCSAE's RFP program can be found [here](#).

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### **About NOCSAE**

*NOCSAE, the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment, is an independent and nonprofit standards development body with the mission to enhance athletic safety through scientific research and the creation of performance standards for athletic equipment. Formed in 1970, NOCSAE is a leading force in the effort to improve athletic equipment and, as a result, reduce injuries. NOCSAE efforts include the development of performance and test standards for football helmets, gloves and facemasks, baseball and softball batter's and catcher's helmets, baseballs and softballs, ice hockey helmets, soccer shin guards, lacrosse helmets and facemasks, and polo helmets. NOCSAE is comprised of a board of directors representing stakeholders from a number of groups – including consumer and end users, equipment manufacturers and reconditioners, athletic trainers, coaches, equipment managers, and academic and sports medicine associations. These diverse interests have joined forces in an attempt to arrive at a common goal of reducing sports-related injuries. NOCSAE is a nonprofit, charitable organization supported by individuals and organizations with an interest in athletics. For more information, please visit [www.nocsae.org](http://www.nocsae.org).*