

ORAU's The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award

The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards provide seed money for research by junior faculty at Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) member institutions. These awards are intended to enrich the research and professional growth of young faculty and result in new funding opportunities.

How to Apply

Junior faculty members selected through UTC's internal competition will submit their completed applications to ORAU through ORAU's submission portal, using a link in an email from UTC's ORAU Councilor. All applications must be received through this portal.

Deadlines

Notify ORSP of your intent to apply by Friday, November 15th. The UTC internal competition deadline is **5pm on Monday, November 23**. Applications for the full competition are due through ORAU's portal by **Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2020**. Applications are reviewed by ORAU in February/March, and awards are announced in late April.

Eligibility

Full-time assistant professors at ORAU member institutions within **two years** of their initial tenure track appointment at the time of application are eligible. If there is a question on eligibility, the ORAU Councilor makes the final decision.

Technical Areas

The research project must be in one of the following five disciplines:

- Engineering and Applied Science
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics/Computer Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Policy, Management, or Education

Number of Submissions

Up to two eligible faculty from each ORAU member may submit an application each year.

Funding Source and Duration

Funding is provided exclusively from non-federal monies by ORAU. The award amount provided by ORAU is \$5,000. **The applicant's institution is required to match the award with at least an additional \$5,000.** This is a one-year grant (June 1 to May 31).

Funding Restrictions

This award can include funds for faculty summer salary, graduate student salary, travel, equipment, or other assistance relevant to the faculty member's research. **ORAU does not allow overhead charges or indirect costs on the award from ORAU or the university match.**

Research Collaborations

Applicants are encouraged to develop research collaborations with government, private-sector, and other academic researchers. Such alliances enrich and extend not only the reach of your efforts, but the nation's research enterprise, overall.

Because of the close working relationship between ORAU and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the Award Committee strongly encourages collaborative interaction with ORNL. Thus, substantive interdisciplinary research and inter-institutional research partnerships will be considered as very positive factors in the review process, and will increase chances for success.

Diverse Participant Population

ORAU is committed to the promotion of underrepresented groups in science and engineering.

Selection Process

Application reviews will be coordinated by ORAU councilors and conducted by scholars with expertise in the discipline of the application. Each application will receive three independent reviews. Final selection of awardees will be made by the ORAU Policy Committee.

Reporting

A final one- to two-page report must be submitted within one year of receipt of the award.