

## **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 will submit their completed applications to their institution's ORAU Councilor. The ORAU Councilor will transmit the institutional submission to ORAU. All applications must be received electronically in the ORAU University Partnerships Office. Fax submittals will not be accepted.

### **Deadlines**

The UTC internal competition deadline is **5pm on Monday, November 12**. Applications for the full competition are due to UTC's ORSP office by **noon on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019**. 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**

Each ORAU member councilor may submit up to two applications 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 particularly 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.