

From: Faculty Research Development Office
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards

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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. Full-time assistant professors within two years of their initial tenure track appointment (Jan. 1, 2022-Jan. 7, 2024) at the time of application at an ORAU member institution are eligible. The project must be in one of the following seven disciplines (*6 & 7 are new*): 1) Engineering & Applied Science, 2) Life Sciences, 3) Mathematics/Computer Sciences; 4) Physical Sciences; 5) Policy, Management, or Education; 6) Augmented Reality in the Workplace; and 7) Supply Chain Innovation.

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 (cost share).** This is a 1-year grant (June 1-May 31). Applications are to be submitted to ORAU by noon EST (10am MST) on **January 8, 2024**. Applications are reviewed in February/March, and awards are announced in late April. For more information, visit the ORAU website: [Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards | ORAU](#).

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to two (2) applications each year. Due to the minimal requirements for the final proposal, the Limited Competitions Management Team has abridged the requirements for internal review.

This limited competition will have a two-step process:

1. By NOON on **November 7, 2023**, please submit a **required** 200-word statement of interest with a brief description of your project via UNM's [InfoReady Review Portal](#). This will help us to arrange a review committee in advance to expedite the process and maximize the amount of time the selected submitters will have to prepare their final submissions to ORAU. This is a required step; *no late submissions will be considered*.
2. By NOON on **November 15, 2023**, please submit your 2-page pre-proposal (plus budget overview which includes the **required cost share arrangements** and abbreviated CV) via UNM's [InfoReady Review Portal](#). The pre-proposal must address the following:
 - Research goals and objectives and relevant background
 - Expected research outcomes and relevance
 - Research design and methodology
 - Competence of the applicant to perform the proposed research
 - The available research facilities and resources
 - A budget justification

The budget 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.**

Pre-proposals will be evaluated using the criteria below:

- **Scientific/technical merit:** Likelihood that research will add to scientific knowledge base
- **Proposed method/approach:** Appropriateness of proposed methods to achieve results
- **Applicant's previous research performance:** Appropriateness of applicant's research experience to successfully complete the proposed research

- **Adequacy of facilities and resources:** Reasonableness of available facilities, equipment/instrumentation, research staff, and any support staff requirements
- **Likelihood research will lead to fundable research and/or publishable work**
- **Inclusion of reasonable cost share arrangements**
- **Overall quality of application**

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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