



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, 2020 to Jan. 7, 2022) at the time of application at an ORAU member institution are eligible. The research project must be in one of the following five disciplines: Engineering and Applied Science, Health Disparities/Equity, Life Sciences, Mathematics/Computer Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Policy, Management, or Education.

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). You can find more information on the following [link](#). Applications are to be submitted to ORAU by noon EST on January 7, 2022. Applications are reviewed in February/March, and awards are announced in late April.

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.

If you anticipate that you will be submitting a preproposal for this internal competition, please send a statement of interest via UNM's [InfoReady Review Portal](#) by **November 18, 2021**. This will help us to arrange a review committee in advance to expedite the process and maximize the amount of time the selected submitters have to prepare their final submissions to ORAU.

Please submit your 2-page pre-proposal (plus budget overview which includes the required [costshare arrangements](#) and abbreviated CV) by NOON on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 using UNM's [InfoReady Review Portal](#). No late submissions will be considered. The pre-proposal should 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.**

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

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