The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award provides seed money for research by junior faculty at ORAU member institutions. These awards are intended to enrich the research and professional growth of young faculty and result in new funding opportunities.

Note: The University can only submit two proposals in response to this solicitation. Therefore, the following procedures will apply prior to the submission of final applications, which are due to ORAU on 10 January 2014 by close of business.

Eligibility: Full-time assistant professors at ORAU member institutions within two years of their initial tenure track appointment (1/10/2012 through 1/10/2014) at the time of application are eligible. As per ORAU guidelines, if there is a question on eligibility the ORAU Councilor for UAHuntsville will make the final decision, in close consultation with the Provost.

UAHuntsville Internal Due Date: 16 December 2013, 5:00 PM CST

Submission Method: A single PDF electronic file emailed to the OSP Contract Administrator.

To maintain fairness for all eligible faculty, applications not received in OSP by 5:00 PM on 16 December will be returned without review.

NOI Contents

1. Cover Page:
   a. Include the title “ORAU Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award”
   b. Technical Area applicable: Research project must be in one of the following five disciplines:
      (1) Engineering and Applied Science
      (2) Life Sciences
      (3) Mathematics/Computer Sciences
      (4) Physical Sciences
      (5) Policy, Management or Education
   c. Names, departments/centers, campus address and email address for each PI, Co-I, and key personnel proposed, and date of tenure track appointment.
   d. List of Collaborators (government, private-sector, other academic researchers). Please note that the ORAU Powe solicitation explicitly states that substantive partnerships will increase chances for success.
2. Project Description (Page Limit: 4 pages, double-spaced, 12 point font): Describe the proposed research project, to include any collaboration with government, private-sector, and other academic researchers, including:
   - 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
   - (optional) an additional, single page of references relating to the proposal.

Note: Interaction with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is strongly encouraged. Substantive interdisciplinary research and inter-instructional research partnerships will be considered as very positive factors in the review process and will increase chances for success.

3. Preliminary Budget:

   Please note that the period of performance for this award is June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015. ORAU does not allow overhead charges or indirect costs on the award from ORAU or the university match. Also note that the Provost will compensate the College as appropriate for one course release, up to $3,500 in the Colleges of Business Administration, Engineering, Nursing and Science, and $2,250 in the College of Liberal Arts). This will be provided with the expectation that PI’s course load would be reduced by 1 course for the year of the award. Total budget should reflect that total funds available for award.

   ORAU: $5,000
   UAHuntsville Match:
   OVPR: $5,000 cash
   Provost: $2,500 cash
   College: $2,500 cash

4. One page abbreviated CV with a second page listing publications and/or presentations for the PI, and current and pending sponsored research awards/proposals.

Selection Process: NOIs will be reviewed by the VP for Research and the Provost. Two applicants will be selected to represent the university. The two applicants and their respective Deans will be notified. A third applicant will be offered the opportunity to serve as an alternate PI, should one of the two selected applicants find it necessary to withdraw from the competition prior to proposal submission to ORAU.

Important additional information about the ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards is located at:

Point of Contact: For additional questions regarding this NOI, contact Susan Phelan at 256-824-3747 or susan.phelan@uah.edu.

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