

Foundation Name: Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU)

Opportunity: Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards Program

Website: <https://www.orau.org/partnerships/grant-programs/powe/index.html>

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Submission Limitation per Institution: Two (2)

Focus: The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards Program offers seed funding to support research initiatives by junior faculty at ORAU member institutions, including Notre Dame. These awards are intended to enrich the research and professional growth of young faculty and result in new funding opportunities.

Proposed research projects for the 2026 awards are being accepted in the following five discipline areas:

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

Eligibility: The Powe Awards are available to full-time assistant professors at ORAU member institutions, such as Notre Dame, who are within two years of their tenure-track appointment at the time of application.

Required Internal Application Materials: Upload the documents to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/6BvbkuW1phnmn4yv5> by the internal deadline.

- Name of Principal Investigator (PI)
- Start date of your tenure track appointment.
- Elements 1, 2, and 3 -- [What do you need?](#) Note: All documents must be in PDF format. There are no general formatting requirements (e.g., font, margins, etc.) other than page lengths stated below. Please ensure you have all documents before proceeding to the ORAU PeerNet intake system.
 - o Element 1: One-page abbreviated resume
 - o Element 2: One-page listing publications and/or presentations
 - o Element 3: Two-page research proposal that 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
 - Available research facilities and resources
 - Budget justification
 - Additional single page of references relating to the proposal (optional)

Internal Interest Date: 2025-09-30

Sponsor Deadline Date: 2026-01-07, at 12 p.m. (noon) EST.

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Limited will interact with the ORAU Councilor on behalf of the institutional nominees.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.