Appalachian State University internal competition guidelines for the 2015 Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards program

Funding opportunity for junior faculty

Appalachian State University is an associate member of Oak Ridge Associated Universities (http://orau.org), which means that two junior faculty members are eligible to apply for the 2015 Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards. The Powe awards are intended to enrich the research and professional growth of young faculty in these five technical areas:

- Engineering and applied science
- Life sciences
- Mathematics/computer sciences
- Physical sciences
- 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). This award can include funds for faculty summer salary, graduate student salary, travel, equipment, or other assistance relevant to the faculty member’s research.

Each ORAU member institution may submit up to two applications. Full-time assistant professors are eligible if (1) their first tenure-track appointment was at Appalachian State, and (2) that appointment began no more than two years before ORAU’s deadline for 2015-16 Powe Award applications. Applicants who held previous tenure track appointments at other institutions are not eligible to apply, even if they are within the first two years of their tenure track appointment at Appalachian State.

Internal review process

**Deadline:**
Complete application materials (research proposal, résumé and department chairperson letter of support) are due to orsp1@appstate.edu by 12 p.m., October 28, 2014.

**Format:**
All applications must conform to the following format: 1 in. margins and at least 12 point type, in Microsoft Word, ODF, or PDF format. Paper submissions will not be accepted.

**Process and required content for applications:**
Applicants should prepare the following application materials:

1. A research proposal (2 pages) which contains the following information:
   a. Selection of one of the five technical areas for the project
   b. Research goals and objectives
   c. Relevant background information
   d. Expected research outcomes and relevance
e. Research design and methodology
f. Competence of the applicant to perform the proposed research
g. Available research facilities and resources
h. Budget justification (including the $5,000 from ORAU and the $5,000 in matching funds from the institution)

References, if needed, should be incorporated into the two-page proposal as footnotes or short-form citations. A separate list of references is not permitted for the internal competition.

2. An abbreviated résumé (2 pages)
3. A letter of support from the department chair (2 pages). Applicants should send the research proposal and abbreviated résumé to their department chairpersons well in advance of the internal deadline to allow sufficient time for the letters of support to be written. Letters should document the source of the $5,000 in matching funds and should be addressed to ORAU Member Councilor Dr. Alan Utter.

Calendar:
- 12 p.m., October 28, 2014: application materials due to orsp1@appstate.edu
- 12 p.m., November 10, 2014: internal review completed by faculty reviewers
- 5 p.m., November 12, 2014: all applicants notified of status
- 5 p.m., November 19, 2014: selected applicants confirm intent to apply
- 5 p.m., January 5, 2015: complete proposals and all supporting materials due to Sponsored Programs via AGrants
- 12 p.m., January 12, 2015: complete proposals due to ORAU

Criteria for review:
- Scientific merit: The contribution of the proposed project to the field, alignment of the project with one or more of the five technical areas of interest to the sponsor, and promise of the project to lead to publications and/or research grants.
- Project design: The quality of the project design, soundness of the proposed methodology, appropriateness of the budget, and feasibility of the project timeline.
- Expertise and resources: The extent to which the applicant’s experience and expertise prepares him/her to successfully implement the proposed project, and the availability of any resources (instruments, facilities, expertise, etc.) necessary for completion of the project.

The following proposals will be rejected WITHOUT review:
- Proposals received after the deadline
- Proposals that do not adhere to the guidelines.

Useful URLs:
- Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award guidelines: http://www.orau.org/university-partnerships/faculty-student-programs/powe/default.aspx
- PDF version of this call for applications: http://orsp.appstate.edu/sites/orsp.appstate.edu/files/ls_orau-powe_2015.pdf
Previous Appalachian State University awardees:

- Dr. Brooke Hester, Physics & Astronomy (Physical Sciences), 2014
- Dr. J. Rosie Tighe, Geography & Planning (Education, Policy and Management), 2012
- Dr. Brad Conrad, Physics & Astronomy (Physical Sciences), 2011
- Dr. Mike Madritch, Biology (Life Sciences), 2011

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