



ORAU / Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards

The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards provide seed money to junior faculty for research at Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) member institutions (including **Southern Miss**). Full-time assistant professors at member institutions **within two years of their initial tenure track appointment (2/1/2006 through 2/1/2008)** at the time of application are eligible. Only **two (2) applications per institution** are allowed, and they must be submitted electronically by Vice President Cecil Burge, our institutional representative.

The research project must be in one of the following five disciplines: **Engineering and Applied Science**; **Life Sciences**; **Mathematics/Computer Sciences**; **Physical Sciences**; **Policy, Management**, or **Education**. Winners of this prestigious award receive \$5,000 from ORAU and a \$5,000 institutional match.

Applicant Instructions:

1. Read the guidelines: <http://www.orau.org/consortium/programs/powe/powe-awards.htm>.
2. Prepare application packet per ORAU instructions at <http://www.orau.org/consortium/programs/powe/instructions-faculty.htm>
 - a. Prepare a one page abbreviated resume with a second page listing publications and/or presentations (Word or WordPerfect).
 - b. Compile a two (2) page research proposal in Word or WordPerfect addressing each item listed in the Powe Award application instructions.
 - c. Complete and save online application form in HTML; print hard copy
3. Complete a SPA [Internal Approval Form](#) with appropriate authorizations.
4. Have chair or dean prepare a letter of support and send as attachment via e-mail to syd.conner@usm.edu. The nomination letter should be a Word or WordPerfect file addressed to Dr. Cecil Burge, Vice President for Research and Economic Development.
5. Submit completed **PRINTED COPIES** of Internal Approval Form (with appropriate signatures), resume, research proposal, and completed application form to **SPA (ATTN: Syd Conner), campus box 5157**, no later than **Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.**
6. Applicants must retain electronic versions of all forms, as the two selected proposals will be forwarded to Dr. Burge for electronic submission.

Deadlines:

- **Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 5:00 pm:** application packets due to SPA (Attn: Syd Conner); evaluation committee selects maximum of two (2) applicants to go forward
- **Friday, February 1, 2008:** Electronic application must be submitted to ORAU by Dr. Burge

Direct any questions concerning this competition to the SPA Information Specialist at Syd.Conner@usm.edu or 601-266-4119.