

ORAU Peer and Merit Review

For more than 30 years, ORAU peer review specialists have provided comprehensive review and scientific meeting solutions to federal agencies, state governments, academic institutions, and international organizations. Our long-standing support is backed by expert peer review project managers and specialists, recruiters, and certified meeting professionals to ensure confidence and accountability in decision making.



Review Design, Execution and Support

ORAU's proven and respected peer and merit review processes are designed to help our customers make informed decisions on how best to invest their research dollars throughout every step of the review cycle. ORAU supports competitive reviews, progress reviews, and final program reviews.

Why Choose ORAU

- 30+ years of peer review performance
- Nonprofit status offers independent, external and objective review management
- Team of 40+ dedicated review professionals
- Reviewer recruitment and expert matching of reviewer expertise to review materials
- Secure information protection for documents and evaluations, reviewer information, travel and fee collection and payments
- Streamlined contracting options

ORAU Review At-A-Glance

In a typical year, ORAU:

- Receives more than 3,000 documents and proposals for review
- Manages reviews ranging in size from 1 to 375+ proposals/documents
- Recruits more than 11,000 potential reviewers
- Assists more than 4,000 reviewers
- Negotiates more than 150 facility contracts
- Coordinates more than 135 scientific meetings and workshops
- Processes more than \$89K in meeting fees

Capability Snapshot

Confidence & Accountability in Decision Making

“The FY 2016-2017 Zika Research Grant Initiative funding cycle went extremely smoothly thanks in no small part to the work of the ORAU team.”

– Teresa Mathews,
Advisory Council Liaison

Integrity in Review Design. ORAU project managers work individually with customers to design the review based on their requirements and desired outcomes. Review criteria, scoring needs, conflict of interest guidelines, and reviewer requirements are all evaluated to assure they meet organizational, regulatory and policy requirements.

Risk Mitigation. ORAU has rigorous non-disclosure, conflict of interest and personally-identifiable information protections, procedures and processes at each stage of review. Contingency plans assure timely delivery of review outcomes.

Expert Identification and Recruitment. ORAU offers unmatched access to more than 15,000 subject matter experts in our database backed by a team of scientific recruiters who are specifically trained and qualified to identify and recruit needed expertise.

Secure Execution. ORAU has secure document intake and uses PeerNet™, our proprietary web-based evaluation system to securely distribute review materials, collect reviewer comments and scores, and create customizable review reports.

Responsive Support. ORAU provides in-person, over the phone, or virtual customer and reviewer support before, during and after reviews. Our dedicated review specialists provide reviewer travel assistance and reimbursement; and process reviewer honorarium payments. We also have experienced review panel moderators.

Commitment to Continuous Improvement. ORAU uses Google Analytics™ and regularly surveys customers and reviewers for feedback as part of our commitment to continuous improvement.

Additional Services. ORAU’s Research Services Team is available for special reports and studies, science writing and editing. Certified Meeting Professionals provide complete meeting planning services.

Review Process Tools

- PeerNet™ – web-based and mobile-optimized evaluation system for 24/7 reviewer and customer access that is compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Subscription Databases – access to scientific, policy, financial, governmental and commercialization experts and information
- Zix® – auto-encryption software for identity protection
- Chrome River™ travel system
- Reg-Online™ – meeting registration statistics and secure fee collection software
- Novi™ – survey software
- ThinkTank™ – facilitation software

Past Performance Customer List

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- State of Florida
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- University of Texas, San Antonio
- Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation



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