



The ORAU Councilor Support form is for faculty members applying for the FY26 Powe Junior Faculty Award grant. A copy of this form must be uploaded to PeerNet. Please note this is a different document than the nomination letter from the Dean or Chair.

Hello Dr.

Congratulations

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You have been nominated by _____ to apply for the 2026 ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards Program as one of only two representatives from our institution. To apply, you must access ORAU's PeerNet intake system (<https://peernet.orau.org/Intake/Submission/Index?id=edf951ed-60be-47fb-ecfe-08dde0b82733>). For step-by-step instructions and specific information on the required documents, visit the [Application Instructions for Faculty Members](#) on ORAU's Research and University Partnerships Office website. The deadline to submit your application is **Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 12:00 PM (noon) EST**.

The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards Program provides \$10,000 in seed money, \$5,000 from ORAU and \$5,000 from the university, for research by junior faculty at ORAU member universities. These awards are intended to enrich the research and professional growth of young faculty and result in new funding opportunities. 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

Sincerely,