



OKLAHOMA APPLIED RESEARCH SUPPORT

What is OARS?

The Oklahoma Applied Research Support (OARS) program is a funding program of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) that invests in innovative technologies with commercial potential. This incentive funding is designed to increase investment in R&D of new technologies that will ultimately bring value to the state of Oklahoma.

If your project is in the area of

- Biotechnology

including animal and agricultural biotech

- Energy Diversification

including efficiency improvements in oil and gas

- Aerospace and

Autonomous Systems

including adv. manufacturing and materials, cybersecurity and sensors/electronic systems

and addresses an issue identified by a private sector business

APPLY FOR THE ACCELERATED OARS PROGRAM

Why OARS?

This program provides funding to assist the R&D of innovation in OK by supporting early stage and later stage applied research activities in technical areas in which the results:

- lead to innovation with a high probability of leading to commercially successful products or services
- are technically sound, produce a measurable result and have a commercial application
- are likely to enhance employment opportunities in OK

Funding Opportunities

Proof-of-Concept

Supports early stage applied R&D
Yearly awards up to \$90,000
1-2 years of funding

Accelerated

Supports later stage applied R&D
Total awards up to \$500,000
1-3 years of funding

Both opportunities require a one-to-one match.

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