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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.

- **Award amounts up to $300,000**

- **OARS awards nearly $4 million annually**

- **Over the last 25 years OARS has attracted more than $17.50 for every state dollar invested**

- **Third party validation of innovation**

- **Funds unproven, risky ideas and innovation**

Today's Innovations, Tomorrow's Jobs

Why OARS?

OARS can provide up to $300,000 in funding for innovative research to universities, non-profit research foundations, or businesses based in Oklahoma. The only criteria for funding are reasonable potential for commercialization, technical merit of research, and the ability to perform the research.

Funding Opportunities

Two Funding Cycles per Year

Proof-of-Concept
Supports early stage applied R&D
Yearly awards up to $45,000
1-2 years of funding

Accelerated
Supports later stage applied R&D
Total awards up to $300,000
1-3 years of funding

(Both opportunities require a one-to-one match)

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