

## 2025 EPRI University Global Research Award: Supporting a Clean Energy Future

### Frequently Asked Questions

For all applicants, please refer to the [Request for Proposals](#) document for the full application requirements.

- Who is eligible to apply?
  - Eligibility to apply extends to both academic institutions within the United States and those from around the world. This RFP encourages participation from a diverse range of institutions.
- Can a university outside the US apply independently or does it need to partner with an institution within the US?
  - International academic institutions are indeed eligible to apply independently, without the requirement of partnering with an institution within the United States.
- What is the deadline for proposal submissions?
  - Proposals for the 2025 Award will be accepted in three cycles. The submission deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- How will proposals be reviewed and evaluated?
  - Proposals submitted will undergo a thorough evaluation process conducted by a panel of highly qualified subject matter experts from EPRI. These experts possess extensive knowledge and experience in the relevant fields and are well-equipped to assess the merits of each proposal. SMEs will diligently review and evaluate each proposal, considering its relevance, potential impact, technical soundness, and alignment with the goals and objectives of the program. The evaluation process adheres to a rigorous and comprehensive methodology, ensuring fairness and impartiality in the assessment of proposals.

EPRI maintains confidentiality regarding the evaluation criteria to maintain the integrity of the process and avoid any potential bias or influence. This approach ensures that all proposals are evaluated objectively and on their individual merits.
- Will academic researchers have the opportunity to meet with EPRI SMEs prior to submitting a proposal?
  - EPRI will not facilitate any meetings between our SMEs and academic researchers prior to proposal submission. Our primary goal is to maintain a transparent and equitable evaluation process for all participants.
- Is there a deliverable requirement for awardees?

- Applicants must agree to provide a summary report or white paper showcasing scientific research within 365 days from award disbursement. This white paper is suggested to be a high-level overview. EPRI also encourages awardees to provide additional supporting materials that may help communicate your progress with the award.
- Does a university need to partner with EPRI?
  - While it is not mandatory for a university to partner with EPRI, it is highly encouraged. The collaborative nature of this RFP offers a unique opportunity to tackle complex challenges, drive innovation, and make meaningful contributions to the advancement of decarbonization technologies and solutions. While it remains optional, the advantages of partnering with EPRI make it a highly recommended avenue for students seeking to excel in the realm of energy research.
- Is there a maximum budget limit for each proposal?
  - Typical individual award size is anticipated to be approximately \$100,000 USD per annum. The maximum award size that may be requested is \$250,000.
- What would be the expected duration of a project?
  - This is a one (1) year, with the opportunity to renew funding on an annual basis.
- Where should proposals be submitted?
  - All candidates shall electronically submit their RFP response to [innovation-awards@epri.com](mailto:innovation-awards@epri.com).