

2024 MENTOR APPLICATION

The University of Tennessee-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute (UT-ORII) is seeking 15-20 mentor teams, consisting of 2-4 principal investigators each, for the 2024 Student Mentoring and Research Training (SMaRT) summer internship program.

In partnership with the UT Center for Advanced Materials & Manufacturing (CMM) and the UT Knoxville Graduate School, UT-ORII is recruiting ~60 undergraduate interns from across the country to participate in a 10-week interdisciplinary research experience with UT and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Students will be placed in ~3-4 person cohorts and jointly mentored by a group of PIs, for a team science experience that highlights both institutions.

This year, projects will be advertised during the application period to promote more efficient matching of student interns with research teams. Therefore, we are asking each mentor team to provide basic details about their team and a short project description that will be shared with applicants.

HOW TO APPLY? - Please send the following to oriismart@utk.edu by November 3, 2023:

- 1) Cover letter, including:
 - Names of PIs
 - Location of activities
 - Links to PI websites
- 2) A 500-word description that describes:
 - Research that will be conducted
 - Partnership with ORNL
 - Skills the intern will learn/develop
 - Goals of the research project

Successful teams will receive \$5,000 per intern to cover:

- \$1,000 in supplies
 - \$4,000 to fund additional summer salaries for graduate students and postdocs
- Note: Alternative use of these funds can be proposed to UT-ORII for consideration.*

Mentors are expected to provide an inclusive environment that will introduce undergraduate students to graduate-level academic research by providing:

- An intensive research experience that highlights joint activities between ORNL and UT
- An effective peer and PI mentoring experience
- A work schedule for interns that holds them accountable for attendance and progress
- Assistance with preparing an end-of-internship poster and power point presentation that will be used at the final symposium

Submission by November 3 is greatly appreciated to facilitate recruitment.
Questions? Email us at oriismart@utk.edu