REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Chief of Naval Research (CNR) Fellows Program

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Solicitation Overview

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1.0 Description

This is a Request for Quote (RFQ) for non-personal services for the Chief of Naval Research (CNR) Fellows Program. This procurement is conducted under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures. The Government anticipates awarding five (5) Firm-Fixed-Price purchase orders as a result of this solicitation.

2.0 Background

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) is initiating the CNR Fellows program to bring up to five recently tenured academic research professors to ONR for a one-year fellowship. The program is designed to infuse state-of-the-art knowledge into ONR while providing leading academics with unparalleled insight into the Navy and Marine Corps' most critical research challenges. This initiative seeks to build a powerful bridge between academia and the Department of the Navy (DoN).

3.0 Scope of Work

CNR Fellows will be immersed in the naval Science & Technology (S&T) ecosystem, gaining firsthand experience with ONR program development, critical operational challenges, and the DoD's budget and planning processes.

CNR Fellow responsibilities include:

- Provide technical feedback on proposed and ongoing DON research efforts.
- Spend an average of four (4) days per month in person at ONR Headquarters (Arlington, VA), naval laboratories, and/or naval warfare centers.
- Submit a written report 330 days after contract award.
- Amplify ONR's Mission: Fellows will share their publicly releasable, unclassified knowledge of DON challenges with colleagues to inspire new or relevant research.
- Build the Talent Pipeline: Fellows will discuss, share, and connect students with employment and research opportunities within the Department of the Navy.

4.0 Period of Performance

The period of performance for each award will be one (1) year from the date of award.

5.0 Eligibility

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States Citizen or permanent resident.
- Be a tenured associate professor by September 1, 2026, **OR** be a full professor who was promoted to that rank within the last two (2) years.

6.0 Submission Instructions and Evaluation

This is a two-phase, down-select procurement process.

Phase 1: Initial Nomination Package (Due July 3, 2026, 1600 EDT)

Quotes shall be submitted in the form of a nomination package from the candidate's university department head or dean. The package must be emailed to Dr. Thomas C. Fu at thomas.c.fu2.civ@us.navy.mil and include:

1. **Letter of Nomination:** Outlining the candidate's qualifications, research acumen, and potential for high-impact contributions.
2. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** The candidate's full CV.

The Government will evaluate Phase 1 submissions based on the candidate's qualifications and alignment with the program's objectives. Up to fifteen (15) individuals will be selected as CNR Fellow Finalists and invited to proceed to Phase 2.

Phase 2: White Paper Submission (For Finalists Only, Due July 20, 2026)

Selected CNR Fellow Finalists will be notified on or about July 6, 2026, and invited to submit a white paper. The white paper shall address the following questions:

- How will you leverage your ONR experience in the future to benefit the DoN?
- How will your specific background and experience contribute to the ONR mission?

The Government will evaluate the white papers to select up to five (5) CNR Fellows for award. CNR Fellow selections will be made on or about July 31, 2026.

7.0 Award Information

The Government intends to issue up to five (5) Firm-Fixed-Price purchase orders. The total value of each award will not exceed $200,000.00. No fee or profit is authorized.

Funding Category	Maximum Amount
Stipend Allocation	$150,000.00
Travel-related Expenses (Reimbursable)	$50,000.00
Total Maximum Award Value	**$200,000.00**

8.0 Applicable FAR and DFARS Clauses

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) clauses are anticipated to be incorporated by reference in the resultant purchase orders:

- FAR 52.222-90 – Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors
- FAR 52.227-1 – Authorization and Consent
- FAR 52.227-2 – Notice and Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement
- FAR 52.227-10 – Filing of Patent Applications—Classified Subject Matter
- FAR 52.227-11 – Patent Rights—Ownership by the Contractor
- DFARS 252.204-7000 – Disclosure of Information
- DFARS 252.227-7028 – Technical Data or Computer Software Previously Delivered to the Government
- DFARS 252.227-7039 – Patents—reporting of subject inventions
- DFARS 252.227-7989 -- Rights in Technical Data, Computer Software, and Computer Software Documentation—Other Than Commercial Products and Commercial Services
- DFARS 252.227-7990 -- Technical Data—Commercial Products and Commercial Services

- DFARS 252.227-7991 -- Rights in Bid or Proposal Information
- DFARS 252.227-7992 -- Identification and Assertion of Use, Release, or Disclosure Restrictions
- DFARS 252.227-7994 -- Limitations on the Use or Disclosure of Government-Furnished Information Marked with Restrictive Legends
- DFARS 252.227-7995 -- Deferred Ordering of Technical Data or Computer Software
- DFARS 252.227-7996 -- Technical Data—Withholding of Payment
- DFARS 252.227-7997 -- Validation of Asserted Restrictions
- DFARS 252.246-7001 – Warranty of data

A full list of applicable clauses will be included in the final purchase order.