Frequently asked questions

Q: What is the purpose of the OCR Award?
A: The goals of the OCR are to:
  • Study highly complex topics that require significant collaboration;
  • Enable IBM and university participants, to forge deep relationships through multi-year collaborations;
  • Provide collaboration results freely to the public through open source and open standards communities.

Q: What is the nature of the Award?
A: The OCR Award provides access to IBM research personnel and/or cash donations (average of $100,000 USD) donated for 2 years.

Q: Who might be eligible for an OCR Award?
A: Faculty at leading universities worldwide are eligible.

Q: How is the process initiated?
A: IBM initiates the process. Projects must be nominated by an IBM employee with common interests who will serve as a collaborator with the university faculty. If you are interested in pursuing a nomination for an OCR Award, we recommend that you speak with your IBM contacts in IBM Research.

Q: When does the nomination process run?
A: The OCR process runs throughout the year.

Q: What are some examples of open collaborative research?
A: We have several examples of research collaborations between IBM and universities.

Q: Whom should I contact if I have additional questions regarding IBM’s collaborative research program?
A: You can send an e-mail to:
  • Dianne Fodell, Program Director, Faculty Awards and Open Collaborative Research Program (dianne@us.ibm.com)