

Opportunity Title: Graded Property RF Structures Using Advanced Manufacturing

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Application Deadline 2/28/2025 6:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description **Research Topic Description, including Problem Statement:**

Problem: Radiated RF signals are vital to defense communications. Efficiently receiving or transmitting weak signals at low frequencies using small antennas is a persistent challenge. 3D printing of RF materials has made it possible to manufacture RF lenses/absorbers with gradients in properties, potentially advancing performance or reducing the size of antennas. This research should holistically study novel structures and novel manufacturing methods / materials for optimal performance.

Example Approaches:

- Fused filament fabrication with varying densities of the lattice of an RF polymer or conductive absorber
- Stereolithography of varying lattice densities using Ceramic loaded photoresin
- Actively mixed 2-component syringe extrusion of two materials

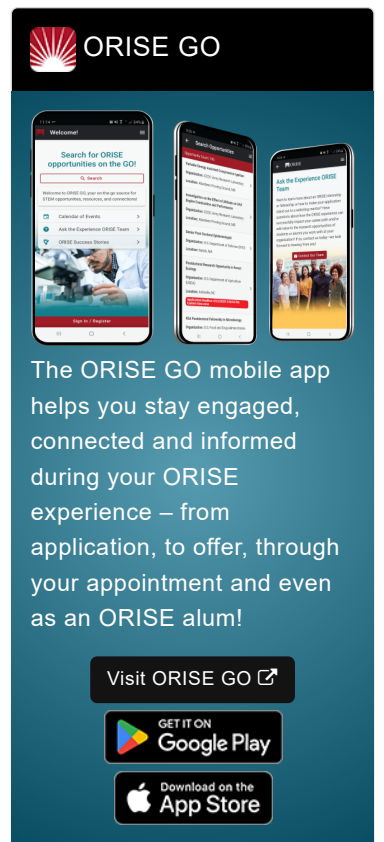
Relevance to the Intelligence Community:

2N 127 Develop/enhance means to periodically search broad regions for specific but low signals

Key Words: radio frequency, RF, graded index, 3D printing, advanced manufacturing


Qualifications **Postdoc Eligibility**


- U.S. citizens only
- Ph.D. in a relevant field must be completed before beginning the appointment and within five years of the appointment start date
- Proposal must be associated with an accredited U.S. university, college, or U.S. government laboratory
- Eligible candidates may only receive one award from the IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program




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Research Advisor Eligibility

- Must be an employee of an accredited U.S. university, college or U.S. government laboratory
- Are not required to be U.S. citizens

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Eligibility • **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only

Requirements • **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.

- **Discipline(s):**
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