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## NNIN SEI Seed Grant Program

- The National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NNIN) is pleased to announce its new Seed Grant program to assist and stimulate the conduct of research on social and ethical issues (SEI) at NNIN sites. Our grant competition provides one-time funding of up to \$20,000 to initiate research projects, collect data, run conferences, or travel to meet with collaborators. Priority will be given to projects that capitalize on the unique characteristics of the NNIN user community, thus taking advantage of the nation's most diverse, dynamic, and ambitious nanoscale research enterprises.
- To be eligible, one or more applicants must be affiliated with one of the 14 universities partnering with NNIN (see <http://www.nnin.org>). Funds will be awarded to the university hosting the NNIN site and will incur normal indirect costs at the university.
- The deadline for proposals is **April 1, 2010**. An external review panel of SEI researchers will review submitted proposals and select projects for funding.
- Recipients are asked to acknowledge the support of NNIN in any relevant papers, presentations, or publications resulting from the project. They will also be asked periodically to submit a brief report and highlight slide of the results of their work. We would also appreciate hearing about any subsequent external funding you apply for or receive relevant to this research.
- Proposal format
  - Proposals must be no more than 5 pages, double-spaced, and should include:
    - a one-paragraph abstract of the project (250 word limit)
    - a comprehensive description of proposed activities and their significance, including some description of the research design (if applicable)
    - plans for future research
    - plans for pursuing additional funding, if any.
  - In addition to the proposal, investigators must submit a:
    - budget and detailed budget justification, including the specific total requested
    - 2-page bio-sketch of all investigators following NSF guidelines
    - Institutional Review Board approval, where necessary
  - We prefer proposals in PDF format with all the parts of the application compiled into one document, or as few documents as possible.
  - Questions and finished proposals should be directed to the NNIN's SEI Coordinator, Dr. Katherine McComas, [kam19@cornell.edu](mailto:kam19@cornell.edu).