

Kirk Endowment Exploratory Research Recharge Grants

As a consequence of the generosity of Mary Jo and Robert L. Kirk in endowing the Birck Nanotechnology Center Director position, funds are available to explore new avenues of research in the BNC. A typical scenario would involve a faculty member or a group of faculty members who would like to acquire preliminary results for a new unfunded line of research that has potential to enhance the prospects for sustained external funding. These grants are only to be used to cover BNC recharge and lab access fees, and cannot be used to support salaries, materials and supplies, travel, etc. (see "Seed Grants" at: <http://www.purdue.edu/dp/Nanotechnology/membership-policies.php>).

To apply, contact the BNC Director with an estimate of the funds required (typical period not to exceed one year), a brief description of the research, and a statement describing the expected outcomes; for example, an outcome might be the acquisition of preliminary data to strengthen a multi-investigator proposal. Each request will be considered on an individual basis, and a decision will typically be made within one week of the receipt of a request. To maintain flexibility, there will be no fixed dates for submission, and grants may be approved at any time, pending availability of funds. No lead PI may have more than one grant at a given time. To be eligible for a subsequent Kirk grant, the lead PI must include a statement describing the outcomes from the prior Kirk grant.

In summary, a request for a Kirk grant should be made by e-mail (tsands@purdue.edu) to the BNC Director and should contain the following information:

- PI, Co-PIs and their affiliation (all PIs and their respective school or department heads should be cc'd on the request)

- Brief synopsis of proposed research (no more than one paragraph)

•Proposed Start and End dates (duration not to exceed 1 year)

Start date:

End date:

•Proposed research is not currently funded

•Anticipated application of funds (e.g., lab fees, usage of Scifres Nanofabrication Laboratory, usage of Surface Analysis Lab, etc.)

•Amount requested (typically \$3K - \$15K)

•Anticipated outcomes (e.g., preliminary data for a multi-investigator proposal to NSF)

•If the lead PI has received a prior Kirk grant, a statement describing the outcomes of that prior grant must be included.