

Beckman Institute call for proposals Outreach and Engagement grant proposals

The Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology announces an open call for proposals to provide outreach and engagement funding for Beckman Institute researchers. This call aims to support items not covered by grants that goes beyond existing research to foster education, outreach, and internal and external community building (internal and external descriptions below). Beckman full, part-time, and affiliate faculty are eligible, as are postdocs and graduate students.

The expected support level will be up to \$7,500 and can be used over a two-year period. Funds must be spent within two years unless an extension is granted.

Funding can be used for printing, graphic design, materials and supplies, rental fees, catering, advertising, travel, student stipends, speaker series expenses, technical or non-technical workshops, etc. Funding cannot be used for faculty salaries. Activities and purchases must take place or be in support of the Beckman Institute's outreach and engagement goals:

- Shows interdisciplinarity
- Demonstrates inclusivity
- Improves visibility
- Builds trust
- Builds scientific literacy

Internal community building is categorized as activities that consist of on-campus individuals and aims to bring together new collaborators to generate new research ideas.

External community building is categorized as activities that consist of off-campus individuals and aims to increase awareness and personal connection to the research ongoing at the Beckman Institute. Anyone submitting a proposal for an external outreach project should first consult with Beckman Outreach Specialist Lexie Kesler (lkesler@illinois.edu) to help develop the idea.

Proposals are to be no longer than two pages in length and should include:

- A title
- The names of all involved
- A description of request
- An explanation of how the request supports advances Beckman's outreach goals
- Information about how success will be measured
- An outline of an up to two-year budget

Proposals should be received by the Director's Office via email to: director@beckman.illinois.edu.

Evaluation criteria for selection will be: an assessment of how the activity or idea supports or advances the stated outreach goals; and presentation of a credible plan for community interaction and for raising the profile of science and the Beckman Institute.

