Beckman Institute call for proposals

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 go beyond research, and foster education, outreach, and community building. Beckman full-time and part-time faculty are eligible, as are staff, 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 goals:

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

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.

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.

Proposal requirements:

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
- explanation of how the request supports or advances Beckman’s outreach goals
- information about how success will be measured
- an outline of an up to a two-year budget
Proposals should be received by the Director’s Office via email to: director@beckman.illinois.edu.

Proposals will be evaluated monthly, on a rolling basis.

Any questions should be directed to the Beckman Outreach Specialist Lexie Kesler (lkesler@illinois.edu).