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 community members. 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, graduate students and staff members.

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:

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| * Shows interdisciplinarity | * Builds trust |
| * Demonstrates inclusivity | * Builds scientific literacy |
| * Improves visibility |  |

***I****nternal 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](mailto:lkesler@illinois.edu)) to help develop the idea.

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

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| * A title | * An explanation of how the request supports or advances Beckman’s outreach goals |
| * The names of all involved | * Information about how success will be measured |
| * A description of request | * 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](mailto: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.