Activities valued by the Excellence Initiative Nano

Since 2017, the Excellence Initiative Nano has a system of support for the EI Nano faculty via “valued activities”, which develop the Nano area at Chalmers. In order to be able to get this support, you have to contact the leaders of EI Nano and give a short motivation. This can happen both when the activity is ongoing or concluded.

If you send your application before the end of April, you can receive support during the same year. All requests which reach us after this date can still be supported during the following year. Note that activities that date back by more than a year at the time of your application can not be supported any longer.

The support which you receive via the “valued activities” can be used for salary costs, travelling and consumables, but not for investments owning assets.

On the next page we list the currently defined valued activities with their potential, typical support levels. This list will likely be updated in the future depending on the number of applications within the different categories during the upcoming year, and also based on your feedback and suggestions.

Sincerely,

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Suggested Activities and Budget (2021)

- **Member of the EI Nano steering group.**
  Currently 7 persons plus the director and co-director. Awarded with 250 kSEK/year.

- **Evaluator of EI Nano short-term project proposals.**
  Cannot apply for project funding that year. Awarded with 50 kSEK. Typically, six persons each year. (Appointed by the steering group.)

- **Coordination of a larger application in the field of Nano.** Large implies that the proposal involves in total more than three PIs and that these 3 PIs are not all at the same Chalmers department (or more generally the same institution). Furthermore, the application should be for more than roughly 10 MSEK. This includes e.g. KAW-projects, EU-projects (coordinated), or applications leading to the establishment of a centre at Chalmers. Note that you can receive valued-activity support even if the coordinated project does not get funded (but you can not receive valued-activities support twice for repeated, almost identical applications)!
  Awarded with 100 kSEK.

- **Coordinating the EI Nano Initiative Seminar.**
  Awarded with 150 kSEK.

- **Coordinating other Community Building Activities such as Conferences and Workshops, geographically in close proximity to Chalmers and topic-wise in close proximity to EI Nano.**
  Awarded typically with 100 kSEK/year, depending on size and effort.

- **Coordinating Industrial Collaboration in the field of Nano.**
  Awarded with 100 kSEK/year.

- **Coordinating larger ongoing Collaborations, Platforms, and Centres in the field of Nano.**
  (We currently support the leadership of three centres: SSF IRC Formula X, Graphene Centre, and WAQCT) Depending on size and effort 100-200 kSEK/year.

- **Developing a PhD course in the field of Nano.**
  Typically awarded with 100 kSEK. If the course is taught by up to 3 lecturers, the sum can be split. For courses with many lecturers, we support the examiner of the course with 50 kSEK.

- **Support for faculty sabbaticals focussing on Nano research.** Stays from 2 months to 1 year are supported.
  Support level is individual. Please contact the EI leaders for further information.