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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. If the funding is used for depreciation costs, this is only possible if used for the costs arising in the calendar year in which you receive the valued activity funding! In other words, the funding received within this scheme can *not* be extended over several years!

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 (2022)

- Member of the EI Nano steering group.
Currently 7 persons plus the director and co-director. Awarded with 200 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)! Applications for this support are not allowed to be submitted to other Areas of Advance for the same proposal coordination!
[Please hand in the submitted proposal together with your application.](#)
Awarded with 100 kSEK.
- Organizing the bi-weekly nano-seminar **SmallTalks [about Nanoscience]**
Currently granted to two organizers. Awarded with 100 kSEK.
- Coordinating Industrial Collaboration in the field of Nano.
The industry collaboration valued activity encompasses support for the coordination of projects that include multiple PIs at the national or international level and that are executed in close collaboration with at least one industry partner. The industry partner needs to be formally involved in the project and to make an active technical and financial (at least 250-1000 kSEK depending on the size of industrial partner) contribution to the project and to achieving its formal goals.
[The industry involvement has to be clearly described in the project description and/or agreement, which has to be supplied with the application for the valued activity.](#)
Awarded with 100 kSEK/year.
- Developing a PhD course in the field of Nano.
[Please submit the course program and link to the course webpage with your values activity application.](#)
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.