



Science Outside the Lab: Nanotechnology & Policy

Faculty: May 28-30, 2025 | Graduate Students: June 1-7, 2025

In 2025 the Nanotechnology Collaborative Infrastructure Southwest (NCI-SW) and the NNCI Coordinating Office will sponsor two Science Outside the programs: a three-day program for faculty and a one-week program for graduate students. These programs bring small cohorts of scientists and engineers to Washington, D.C. to explore the relationships among science, innovation, and policy.

The programs will investigate the context of science and technology decision-making with a focus on the US Federal Government. Participants will meet and interact with congressional staffers, funding agency officers, regulators, journalists, museum curators, and others to learn how and why nanotechnology and other emerging technologies are funded, regulated, shaped, critiqued, and publicized. Student participants will also design and prepare engagement projects to share what they've learned with their home institutions. The ultimate goal is to empower participants to extend the impact of their research beyond their labs.

Faculty and graduate students affiliated with [National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure universities](#) are especially encouraged to apply to this program. We are looking for candidates interested in how decisions are made about science and innovation funding, regulation, and policy.

Applications are due on February 17, 2025

[Student application](#) | [Faculty Application](#)

More information: nci.net/science-outside-lab

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NCI-SW and the NNCI Coordinating Office will cover all program fees, housing, most meals, local transportation, and transportation to and from Washington, D.C. for students. For faculty, we will offer a modest stipend to help offset some of their housing and transportation costs to and from DC.