

## **Convergence of Capacities in the NISE Net is Leading to Expanded Informal Educational Outcomes**

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While continuing to encourage nanoscale informal science education and expand it from museums and universities to community and youth-serving organizations, two networks that emerged from ten years of nano education and societal research are expanding their domains to new areas of current research. NISE Net has rebranded itself as the National Informal STEM Education Network and taken on new projects funded by NSF and NASA. And a partnership born out of NISE Net and CNS concurrent awards, has created the ECAST Network (Expert and Citizen Assessment of Science and Technology) which has developed citizen engagement and consultation projects funded by NASA, NOAA, and DOE.