NNCI: The Nanotechnology Collaborative Infrastructure Southwest (NCI-SW) (Grant Number NNCI ECCS-2025490)

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The NCI-SW is the southwest regional hub of the NNCI, supporting nanoscale science, engineering, and education to grow the manufacturing industries of the 21st century.

Nanoscience Research Centers

- ASU NanoFab: Nanofabrication facility for device processing and characterization tools.

- Eyring Materials Center: Materials characterization; surface, optical and structural analysis; high resolution microscopy.

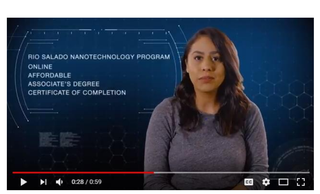
- Advanced Electronics and Photonics Core Semiconductor R&D for new technology demonstration and low-volume manufacturing

- User Facility for the Social and Ethical Implications of Nanotechnology: Integrating academic and societal concerns to better understand how to govern new technologies.
- Center for the Lifecycle of Nanomaterials: Developing assays to assess the environmental fate of nanomaterials.
- Center for Materials and Interfaces in Research and Applications: *¡MIRA! is* focused on the development of functional materials through the exploration of materials interfaces.

A collaboration between Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, Science Foundation AZ, & Rio Salado College

- Partner with community colleges and universities across the Four Corners region of the southwest to deliver nanotechnology-based STEM curriculum, including remote access labs.

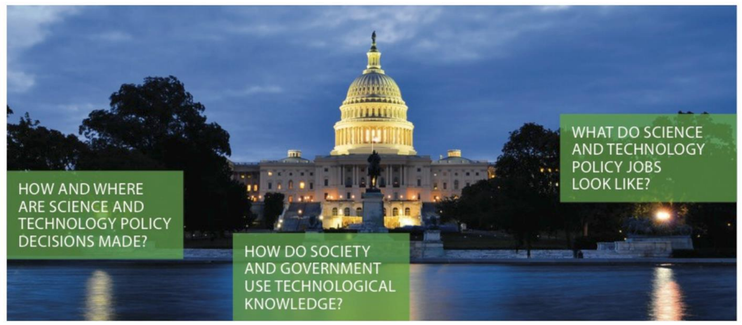
- Established a regional association of university nanotechnology lab managers to develop best practices for managing cleanrooms and associated multi-user facilities.
- NCI-SW is collaborating with Rio Salado College to host advanced laboratory curriculum for students enrolled in their two-year, AAS degree in Nanotechnology.



Intel is Hiring Manufacturing Technicians

Science Outside the Lab (SOtL)

- SOtL is a two-week policy immersion program in Washington, D.C. for graduate students in science and engineering.
- Policy analysts, lobbyists, business people and decision makers from across the political spectrum discuss their work with participants.
- SOtL presents the complex landscape around science policy.



Seamless access to technical, educational and outreach resources

- Disseminate best practices across the NNCI through webinars, workshops, and on-line training videos.
- Build user groups from non-traditional communities in the fields of geological and environmental sciences, biochemistry, and medicine.

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