



# Membership Agreement

## Benefits

**Free sampling of FabLab and NispLab.** Upon joining the Maryland NanoCenter, Members will receive 10 free hours of usage as they wish in the FabLab and/or the NispLab. This benefit is intended as a welcoming introduction to these valuable resources.

**Discounted rates for FabLab and NispLab.** Members will also receive a 20% discounted rate for use of the FabLab and NispLab, as compared to normal rates for UMCP faculty (and as compared to significantly higher rates for other university, government, and industry users). This discount is intended to encourage faculty to participate in and utilize fully what the NanoCenter has to offer, and to regard it as a central focus for their research at UMD.

**Enhanced external interactions.** Members' research, expertise, and capabilities will be preferentially featured in NanoCenter interactions with external entities, including meetings with industry, government laboratories, and representatives of Federal and state government, presentations on behalf of the NanoCenter and to funding agencies, and public relations venues. The 2+ years of the NanoCenter's existence have included many such interactions, with direct benefits to faculty in terms of research funding, collaborations, and visibility.

**Enhanced web presence.** Members will be given prominence in the NanoCenter website through an enhanced faculty webpage that includes productivity data (publications, patents, etc.) derived from public information in the Faculty Activity Reports (FAR). They will also be able to submit material (documents, reprints, presentations, images, lab information) which will then appear in and be accessible from their webpage.

**Participation in governance.** Members will have the right to participate in NanoCenter governance, for which processes and a Plan of Organization will be developed over the coming year.

## Responsibilities

**NanoCenter-URC designation on proposals.** Members have a responsibility to route their nano related proposals such that they are officially designated as "NanoCenter-URC" proposals. This routing is important because it confers significant financial benefits to the NanoCenter, an established University Research Center. Please note that it does *not* affect indirect cost return (DRIF) to your home department/unit(s) or to you as a PI in those units. Because the NanoCenter-URC designation is very important to the NanoCenter, your future membership beyond the initial period will be based on having fulfilled this responsibility.

**Access to public information through FAR.** Members agree to allow the NanoCenter to capture selected information (publications, patents, etc.) from the Faculty Activity Report database for use in promoting their profile on the NanoCenter website. The NanoCenter will only use data which is publicly accessible through other routes (Web of Science, patent databases, etc.) and specific data supplied by the member (reprints, images, etc.).

**Feedback.** Members are expected to provide feedback on NanoCenter status, operations, and

opportunities. Commendations and suggested improvements provide guidance for NanoCenter priorities and processes, as well as tangible evidence of benefits that influence the support the NanoCenter receives from the campus and other entities.

**Intellectual environment and community.** Members have a responsibility, in a general sense, to contribute and help foster an exciting and highly professional community of nano science and technology researchers, educators, and entrepreneurs, and to convey this to their external colleagues.

I accept this invitation to become a formal Member of the Maryland NanoCenter for an initial two-year term.	
Signature:	Date:
Print name:	

Return form by campus mail to:

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