



# INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS RESEARCH (IMR)

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

# IMR FACILITY GRANTS

The purpose of IMR Facility Grants is to make campus research facilities more accessible to researchers wishing to demonstrate materials-related research results with the goal of **strengthening near-term research proposals for external support**. Each Facility Grant provides **\$2,000** to offset the cost of user access fees and related minor charges such as materials and supplies.

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be regular faculty of The Ohio State University *and* a member of the OSU Institute for Materials Research to be eligible to apply for an IMR Facility Grant. Proposed research already receiving IMR user facility support through existing cost-share mechanisms will not be eligible for this call for IMR Facility Grants.

### DEADLINES

Facility Grant competition deadlines for fiscal year 2009-2010 are: **Thursday, October 15, 2009** with an anticipated project start date of January 1, 2010; and **Monday, March 15, 2010** with an anticipated project start date of June 1, 2009.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

OSU faculty interested in applying for an IMR Facility Grant should submit a 1-2 page (maximum) application to the IMR office with the following information:

1. General Information: the names, titles, and departments of the Applicant and any Co-Applicants and contact information for the Lead Applicant only (mailing address, email, phone and fax numbers)
2. Project Description: a brief summary of the proposed research including the objective, scope of work, methodology, and research facilities that may be used to conduct the research
3. Relation to Planned External Proposal(s): a short statement listing the external agency(ies) and program(s) targeted by the Applicant with deadlines, if known, and how the Facility Grant is expected to strengthen the proposal
4. Budget Information: a listing of proposed expenses and a brief explanation of the proposed \$2,000 budget. Applicants should detail their planned expenses in the grant application. Facility Grants are intended for facility user fees, materials, and supplies and *cannot* be used to pay for travel, personnel, or communications expenses.

All applications should use a minimum 11-point font size. All Facility Grants awarded will have a twelve-month project period and a total budget of \$2,000. Applications longer than two pages or omitting information requested above will not be reviewed. Please submit your application as an email attachment in PDF or Microsoft Word format to Layla Manganaro, IMR Program Manager, at [manganaro.4@osu.edu](mailto:manganaro.4@osu.edu) by **5:00 PM on Thursday, October 15, 2009 or Monday, March 15, 2010**.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. IMR Facility Grants must be fully expended **within twelve (12) months** of award. Any unused funds at the end of the twelve-month award period must be returned to IMR.
2. A brief technical and financial report will be due at the end of the award cycle.
3. Facility Grant recipients will be expected to share their research findings at future IMR events, including seminars and workshops.
4. IMR requests that all researchers inform IMR of external proposals and/or awards the result from IMR-funded projects.
5. Recipients of IMR funds shall acknowledge IMR support in publications resulting from IMR-funded research projects. The acknowledgement shall read as follows: *This work was supported in part by The Ohio State University Institute for Materials Research.*
6. Submission of a proposal to this IMR Facility Grant competition constitutes an agreement to follow the above terms and conditions.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Potential applicants may contact Layla Manganaro, IMR Program Manager ([manganaro.4@osu.edu](mailto:manganaro.4@osu.edu) or (614) 247-4685,) with any administrative or procedural questions. IMR Director Steven Ringel ([ringel.5@osu.edu](mailto:ringel.5@osu.edu) or (614) 688-3924) is the primary contact for technical questions related to potential research activities.