## Spring 2010 Facility Grants Awarded by the OSU Institute for Materials Research (IMR)

Eight new research projects were awarded by the IMR in June 2010, for a total investment of \$16,000. The eight projects support faculty researchers from seven departments within the College of Engineering, the College of Biological, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and the College of Dentistry.

## **June 2010 IMR Facility Grant Awards**

FIB Characterization of MFM Probes

Lead Investigator: P. Chris Hammel, Physics; Co-Investigators: Gunjan Agarwal, Biomedical Engineering; Michael Page, Physics Undergraduate Student

Development of low work function metal "end-on" contacts to Si nanowires with high-quality Si/SiO2 interfaces

Lead Investigator: Jonathan Pelz, Physics

Lithium-ion Batteries, LiFePO4, Aging, High Resolution Characterization

Lead Investigator: Sudarsanam Suresh Babu, Materials Science and Engineering

Raman Microscopy of Poly-Diamond Films and Nanostructures Lead Investigator: Ezekiel Johnston-Halperin, Physics

XPS and Liquid AFM Facility Support for MIG Chemical Bonding and Conjugation on AlGaN Biosensors

Lead Investigator: Stephen Lee, Biomedical Engineering; Co-Investigator: Leonard Brillson, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Mobile Magnetic Traps for Cell Manipulation and Sorting

Lead Investigator: R. Sooryakumar, Physics; Co-Investigator: Jeff Chalmers, Chemical and
Biomolecular Engineering

Steep Sub-Threshold Quantum Tunneling Transistors
Lead Investigator: Paul R. Berger, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Characterization of Protein-Block Copolymer Interactions for Biomaterials Development Lead Investigator: Bharat Bhushan, Mechanical Engineering, Co-Investigators: Scott R. Schricker, Restorative and Prosthetic Dentistry, Manuel Palacio, Mechanical Engineering Staff