



Re: Evaluation of Nanotechnology Programs

nanoFAB Community Members,

Alberta Innovates (AI) is conducting an evaluation of the nanoFAB as part of an overall review of AI Nanotechnology Programs. The AI Nanotechnology Program provides operational support to the University of Alberta's nanoFAB, as well as the University of Calgary's Microsystems Hub, the Cellulose Nanocrystals (CNC) Pilot Plant, and the Campus Alberta Small Business Engagement Program (CASBE). The support received by AI is critical to maintaining sustainable operations and competitive access fees. The evaluation comprises an outcomes and a formative evaluation of nanoFAB operations; as well as the identification of areas for improvement and suggestions to improve relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and options and suggestions for areas for future planning, execution, and directions. The scope of the evaluation is from 2015 to 2020, with an emphasis on April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020. The evaluation is being conducted by AI in collaboration with an external research and evaluation firm, PRA Inc.

In the coming weeks, due to your involvement with the nanoFAB over the last 3 – 5 years, you will receive an invite to participate in an online survey or telephone interview. Your input will be essential to our evaluation and long-term sustainability. We therefore hope you will agree to positively participate when you receive an invitation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important study. If you would like more information regarding the evaluation, please contact Shannon Cunningham, Alberta Innovates, at [Shannon.cunningham@albertainnovates.ca](mailto:Shannon.cunningham@albertainnovates.ca), or Paul Simpson, PRA, toll free at 1-888-877-6744 or [simpson@pra.ca](mailto:simpson@pra.ca).

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