



Nanotechnology and Society in the Center for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology

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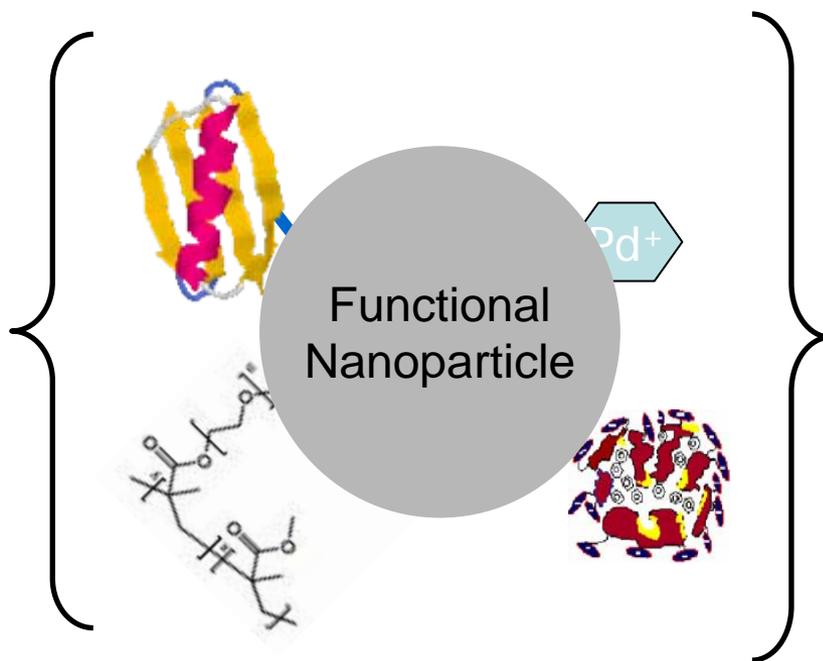


CBEN's Mission

To create sustainable nanotechnologies that improve human health and the environment



Theme 2: Nanoparticles for Bioengineering



Theme 1:
Nanoscience at the Wet/Dry Interface



Theme 3: Nanoparticles & Environmental Engineering

Addressing *applications* and *implications* since 2001

Project 1: Ethics and Politics of Nano

- Research goals
 - Investigate emergent social, ethical and political issues surrounding nanotechnology
 - Stimulate dialogue between anthropologists and nanotechnologists
- Type of grant
 - Supplement to NSEC
- Thematic areas
 - Nanotechnology, public spheres and public relations
 - Fundamental research into ontology
 - Research on “politics and ethics”



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Project 2: Public Trust/Perceptions of Risk

- Research goals
 - Identify public attitudes toward the risks and benefits of nanotechnology as compared to other technologies such as genetically modified organisms, stem cells, biotechnology and nuclear power.
 - Identify how the public weighs the risks and benefits of certain nanotechnology applications.
 - Identify how the public assesses the actions of regulators and manufacturers when deciding to use a new medical product containing nanotechnology.
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