Call for Applications

5th annual Winter School on Responsible Innovation and Social Studies of Emerging Technologies
hosted by
The National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure

January 3-10, 2017

The Winter School is designed to give junior scholars an introduction to and practical experience with methods and theory for better understanding the social dimensions of emerging technologies. The National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure Coordinating Office is now supporting the winter school, previously run by the Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University.

What to expect
Presentations describing various tools, concepts and methods that guide social science research into emerging technologies will be supplemented by practical activities and rigorous discussion. Ample work time and breaks are built into the Winter School schedule to encourage participants to guide their own learning experience throughout the week. Mentorship sessions with available faculty will also be offered.

Why apply
The Winter School is an immersive experience for scholars that want to share their own unique research and learn from peers and experts with diverse approaches to investigate the human and social dimensions of emerging technologies. The faculty at the Winter School will offer theoretical framings, analytical tools and hands-on lessons in responsible innovation, anticipatory governance and other approaches. Participating in the Winter School will enrich your network of peers and mentors and all participants will present their research at the Research Symposium on January 9th.

Who should apply
Applicants should be advanced graduate students and/or recent PhDs (post-doc or untenured faculty within 3 years of PhD at time of application) with an expressed interest in studying emerging technologies such as nanotechnology, robotics, synthetic biology, geoengineering, artificial intelligence, etc. Applicants may come from any discipline, but priority will be given to those whose research focuses on societal questions and must be demonstrably proficient in English.

Where
The program will spend its fifth consecutive year at Saguaro Lake Ranch in Mesa, AZ with access to Sonoran Desert hiking, kayaking on Saguaro Lake, horseback riding, and relaxing by the Salt River. (http://www.saguarolakeranch.com/)

Program Cost
The program fees for accepted students will be covered by the NNCI including 7 nights stay at the Saguaro Lake Ranch, all meals, and local transportation from Tempe, Arizona. Participants will be responsible for securing their own travel to Phoenix, Arizona and should arrive before 1pm on January 3rd.

To Apply
Visit http://sfis.asu.edu/winterschool to download an application and learn more about the 2017 Winter School program.

Deadline for applications is Friday, October 14, 2016.