

Proprietary Research at the Center for Nanoscale Materials (CNM)

This handout provides details on the mechanism for carrying out proprietary user research at the CNM at Argonne National Laboratory (ANL).

- Access to the CNM User Facility is granted via a peer-reviewed proposal system.
- Users provide sufficient information to ensure that each planned experiment can be performed safely. Argonne personnel provide appropriate safety training and oversight.
- Users are charged for "instrument time" and limited support services (non-collaborative) "staff time" from Argonne personnel on a full cost recovery basis.
- Users may keep their research results private.
- Users may retain title to their inventions; Government rights are extremely limited.

Please note:

- 1) If your user proposal contains proprietary information please contact the user office **prior** to submitting your proposal and a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) will be put in place before the proposal is peer-reviewed by ANL staff. Otherwise the NDA can be requested after the proposal is submitted or allocated.
- 2) On the Argonne User Facility Agreement Questionnaire ensure that you check "Proprietary" under *User Agreement Details (#8)*.
Link: http://www.aps.anl.gov/Users/User_Agreements/ua_request.php
- 3) Estimate needed tool time for each tool that will be used. The tool time includes the necessary staff time to train the user and give basic support. If extra staff time is requested, e.g. for help with data processing / interpretation please list the estimated hours separately. This information will be used to determine the cost of the proposed research.
- 4) Set-up of a pre-paid account. Before any research activities can start a pre-paid account has to be established. This process takes usually between 6-8 weeks and should be started early enough to prevent any delays.

Please contact the deputy division director Dr. A. Roelofs (aroelofs@anl.gov, ph: 630 252 2504) or the user office (cnm_useroffice@anl.gov) for detailed information on the cost structure. Further information can be found on the CNM website: (<http://nano.anl.gov/users/index.html>)