**AINST Engagement Structure and Roles & Responsibilities**

**GENERAL**

The goal of AINST is to consolidate and support the University’s leading research in nanoscience and nanotechnology. Engagement with the AINST represents an important and strategic choice. It signifies your role in our cross-faculty, interdisciplinary research and education community and your willingness to connect with others, share knowledge and pursue exciting and innovative research and education outcomes within this strategic initiative of the University of Sydney.

Your engagement with the AINST will create opportunities to tap into a community of researchers which you would otherwise find it more difficult to connect with. As such, your participation in our research and education activities will expand your network of leading research collaborators who can provide additional knowledge and input into your current research programs, beyond your own immediate area of expertise. Our approach will ensure that you will have opportunities to connect with researchers across the University and other external partners. This will add value to the University’s research activities, as well as your own.

There are three levels of commitment you may choose from to engage with the AINST: as a Member, as a Participant, or as part of the Community.

**MEMBERS**

AINST membership is the highest level of commitment to AINST engagement. As an AINST Member, you will lead one or more relevant research projects and be pro-active in creating new opportunities for collaboration, high level funding applications, innovative education strategies, co-supervision of research students as well as engagement with industry, business and government.

As an AINST Member, you are welcome to use the facilities of the SNH. If you are coming into the building for the purpose of AINST business, you are welcome to book one of the meeting rooms in the research wing of the SNH. You are free to use the shared communal spaces and ‘hot desks’ on each floor. Wireless internet connection is available throughout the building.

**KEY PRINCIPLES**

1. Membership of the AINST is defined by engagement in an AINST research activity or academic leadership role, or in an AINST education and/or training activity. Some examples include:
   a. Research projects related to the AINST research strategy;
   b. Relevant grant applications;
   c. Regular use of AINST/SNH Core Research Facility (CRF);
   d. Contribution to AINST Domain and Theme networks.
2. AINST membership and governance are supported by the AINST Academic Support Unit (ASU);
3. As an AINST Member we request that you and your team acknowledge your affiliation in the outputs arising from the research work related to AINST (publications, presentations, grants, media, etc.). To assist you, the University of Sydney has provided guidelines on how to acknowledge the AINST as well as your Faculty and other affiliations;
4. As Member, your will be asked to lead AINST activities and propose new initiatives (e.g. seminars, industry networking events);
5. It is expected that a chief investigator conducting research in the Sydney Nanoscience Hub (SNH) will become an AINST Member.

PARTICIPANTS

AINST Participants are actively engaged with the AINST, but at a lower commitment level than Members. For example, Participants may be co-investigators or co-supervisors in an AINST related project. As an AINST Participant, you are welcome to use the SNH facilities. If you are coming into the building for the purpose of collaboration on AINST projects, you are welcome to book one of the meeting rooms in the research wing of the SNH. You are free to use the shared communal spaces and ‘hot desks’ on each floor. Wireless internet connection is available throughout the building.

KEY PRINCIPLES

1. Participation in the AINST is defined by being actively involved in an AINST activity. Some examples include:
   a. Collaboration on research projects related to the AINST research strategy;
   b. Occasional use of AINST/SNH Core Research Facility (CRF);
   c. Contribution to AINST Domain and Theme networks.
2. As an AINST Participant, you can request academic and professional mentoring by the AINST leadership team and AINST Members;
3. AINST participation and governance are supported by the AINST Academic Support Unit (ASU);
4. As participants, you support and engage with AINST activities (e.g. seminars, industry networking events);

COMMUNITY

As part of the AINST Community, you will receive information about AINST activities in your field of interest and general information about news in the nanoscience and nanotechnology world, as well as invitations to AINST events.