

Call for Papers: Transatlantic Workshop on Nanotechnology Innovation and Policy

March 24-26, 2010, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, USA

INVITATION: We invite contributions to the interdisciplinary *Transatlantic Workshop on Nanotechnology Innovation and Policy*, to be held March 24-26, 2010 at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The workshop will engage early career scholars from the US and Europe with senior scientists, private sector and governmental representatives, public policy and international affairs experts, and other stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic to discuss the development and implications of nanotechnology research and commercialization.

WORKSHOP CONTEXT: Through the manipulation of molecular-sized materials to create new products and process with novel features due to their nanoscale properties, nanotechnology promises to be a leading driver of future technology-based business and economic growth. Nanotechnology is already appearing in textiles, electronics, and other consumer and industrial products, and is expected to be increasingly used in medical, energy, and environmental applications. The US and Europe, along with many countries elsewhere, are investing billions of dollars annually in nanotechnology development. Yet, there are many challenges to be addressed as nanotechnology moves out of the lab into widespread use, including issues related to the companies and locations that will lead nanotechnology innovation, how potential risks can be addressed prior to commercialization, and how governance and policy for nanotechnology innovation should evolve.

EARLY CAREER ELIGIBILITY: We seek contributions from early career scholars at US or European institutions. Graduate or postdoctoral students and researchers and faculty members near the beginning of their careers (e.g. in first 3 years since first appointment) are encouraged to participate. **SENIOR SCHOLARS:** Expressions of interest to present research and serve as discussants are invited. **STIPENDS:** A number of stipends are available to cover registration, airfare and accommodation expenses for the workshop. **PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS:** Papers (c. 4000-8000 words) should be available for workshop presentation and online proceedings. Selected papers may be invited for special journal submission or an edited volume.

TO APPLY: Send (1) a proposed paper title and 100-150 word abstract related to nanotechnology research and commercialization and (2) a short curriculum vitae (1-2 pages) by email to Jan Youtie at jan.youtie@innovate.gatech.edu. Indicate (in email) if workshop stipend funding is requested. **Apply by February 5, 2010** to receive first consideration.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP. The *Transatlantic Workshop on Nanotechnology Innovation and Policy* is sponsored by Georgia Tech's Program in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) (www.stip.gatech.edu), with support from the Georgia Tech European Union Center of Excellence (www.euce.gatech.edu). The Center for Nanotechnology in Society (CNS-ASU) (cns.asu.edu) is a workshop co-sponsor. Prof. Philip Shapira (Manchester Institute of Innovation Research and Georgia Tech School of Public Policy) and Dr. Jan Youtie (Georgia Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute) are co-organizers of the workshop.