

Division News

Applied NanoFluorescence, LLC Pledges Support for the FNCN Division Richard E. Smalley Research Award Fund



In August, ECS received a \$5,000 contribution to help fund the Richard E. Smalley Research Award of the Fullerenes, Nanotubes, and Carbon Nanostructures (FNCN) Division. This donation constitutes the first portion of a \$25,000 endowment pledge by Applied NanoFluorescence, LLC.

Established in 2006 with the intention to encourage excellence in nanocarbon research, the Smalley Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the understanding and applications of fullerenes, nanotubes, or related carbon nanostructures. It is named in honor of the late Richard E. Smalley, who in 1996 won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for the 1985 discovery of the soccer-ball shaped C₆₀ molecule, also known as Buckminsterfullerene. This

seminal discovery opened new branches of science and marked the birth of carbon nanotechnology.



R. BRUCE WEISMAN, Chair of the FNCN Division and President of Applied NanoFluorescence, LLC, commented, "All of the research encompassed by the FNCN Division has grown out of the pioneering work of Richard Smalley,

who is considered the founder of modern nanocarbon research. He is widely recognized as one of the greatest chemists of the 20th century, and it is an important function of the FNCN Division to memorialize him through

this prestigious award that recognizes major contributions of other researchers. Smalley was an important collaborator in the spectroscopic research on carbon nanotubes that now forms the basis of products sold by Applied NanoFluorescence. It is therefore highly appropriate for Applied NanoFluorescence to be the principal sponsor of this Award."

It is through such generous support from its individual, corporate, and institutional members that the awards programs of ECS and its Divisions may continue to provide students and researchers with the recognition that their achievements deserve. Continued contributions and assistance will ensure that ECS can sustain these services to the electrochemical and solid state science communities in the future.

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