

Bridging the Gaps

Bridging Applied Nano Technologists

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Bridging ANTs

- Officially Launched on November 2009
- Spanning: 5 Schools2 Campus





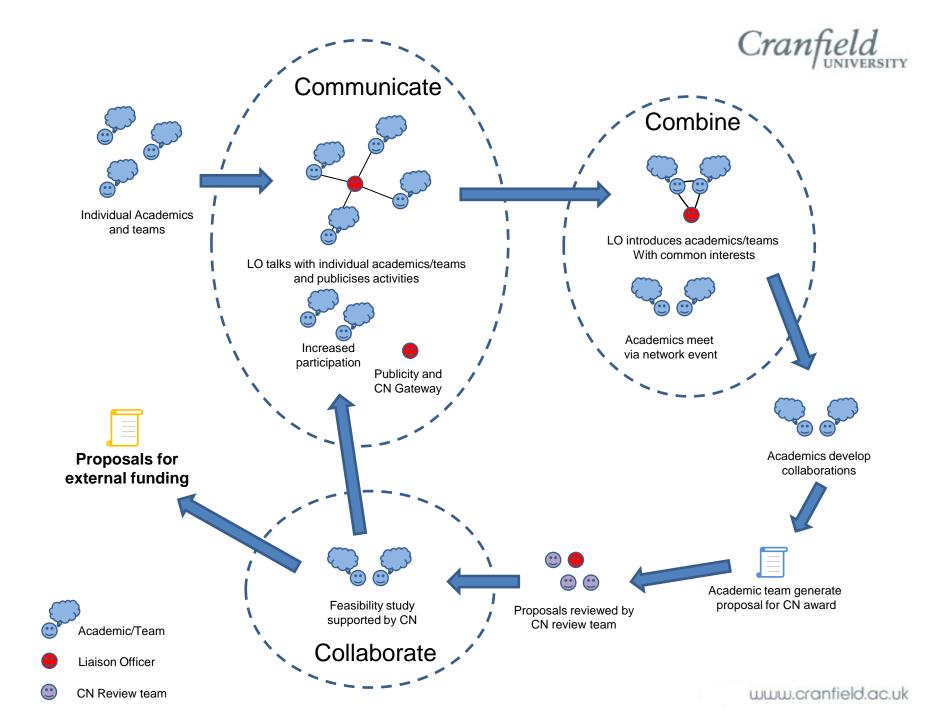


Aim

To position Cranfield as a world leader in applied nanotechnology across all its strategic research sectors and delivering to both industry and the research community.

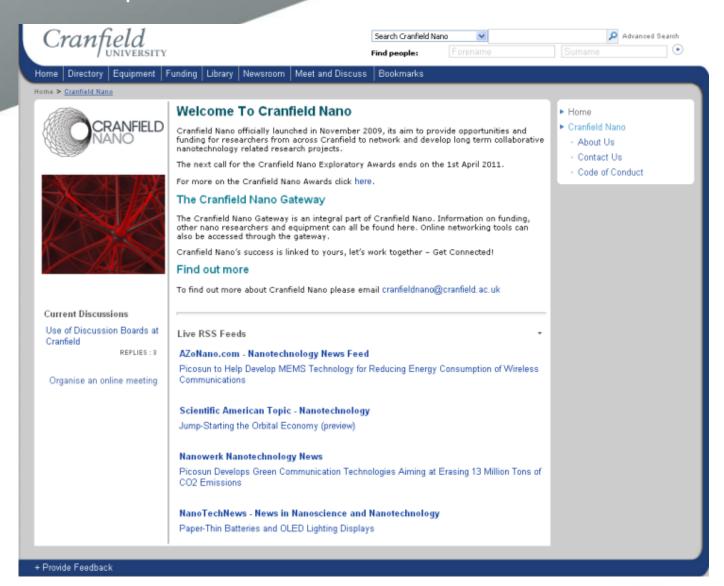
How

By providing opportunities and funding for researchers from across Cranfield to network and develop long term collaborative nanotechnology related research projects.



CN Gateway





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- Funding opportunities
- Directory of researchers
- Equipment database
- Library
- Newsroom
- Meet and discuss
- Bookmarks

CN Awards



Exploratory awards

Flexible grants awarded on a competitive bid basis, open quarterly. Up to £2500 for consumables and a maximum duration of 2 months

Express awards

Quick access awards designed to enable short term work to be undertaken. Up to £200 for consumable and a maximum duration of 1 month

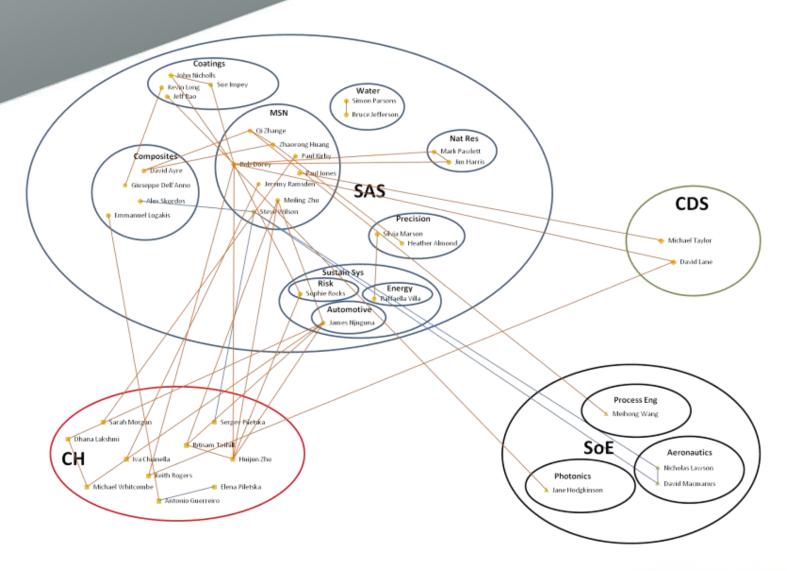
Accomplishments Year 1



- 4 out of 5 schools involved
- 23 proposals received
- 39 collaborative partners linked
- CN Gateway averaging 8 hits per day
- Number of follow-on proposals generated for external funding



Who and where



Where to from here?



- Organise more network events to bring people together.
- Organise focused meetings and target specific areas of research.
- Increase contacts within the individual schools who can act as a point of contact and spread the word.

Life beyond Bridging ANTs



- Nurture existing community
- Strengthen ties of expertise across university
- Grow the scale of projects
 - Larger awards
 - Defined Projects



Thanks to



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- York University
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