

We're so glad you're joining organizations across the country to develop museum and community partnerships using the *Explore Science—Zoom into Nano* Kit! The kit is designed to help partners engage students and families in hands-on science.

Collaborating

In your kit, there is a series of detailed guides to help you get started planning and implementing successful collaborations, programs, and trainings for your Explore Science programming. Collaborating allows you to share resources, expertise, and connections with your community partner, to build on existing strengths of each of your organizations, and to reach new audiences. We encourage you to try to work closely with your community partner (or partners) to develop a strong relationship.

Physical kit contents

Enclosed, you'll find a list of the materials contained in your Explore Science kit. The *Explore Science—Zoom into Nano* kits were created to engage diverse audiences in learning about nanoscale science, engineering, and technology in a range of different outreach and collaborative settings. They include materials that will work for out of school time programming, such as afterschool programs and camps, as well as special science events, such as family science nights. The kit includes hands-on activities, training materials for staff and volunteers, and promotional materials. We've also included Spanish translations for all of the educational materials, plus a bilingual promotional banner.

Additional materials online

Electronic copies of all the Explore Science kit materials are available online. You can download these individually or as a complete digital kit from www.nisenet.org/museum-community-partnerships.

The www.nisenet.org website also has many other resources you can use for your Zoom into Nano programs, including all of our educational programs, media, and training videos. The NISE Network public website (whatisnano.org) is a great place to send staff, collaborators, and volunteers for additional resources and information. Be sure to direct your visitors to www.whatisnano.org for further opportunities to explore nano after attending your event!

Reporting and evaluation

Each organization that receives a physical kit is **required** to fill out a simple report about their local partnership. You will be contacted with more details about this required report this summer. Additionally, NISE Network evaluators may contact you to ask for optional feedback about the Explore Science products, to learn about your experience using them, and to determine the impact of this project.

Please see the enclosed letter from the Museum & Community Partnerships evaluation team for more information about opportunities to participate in the evaluation of this project. We greatly appreciate your help and feedback.

Thank you for all your efforts to engage the public in nanoscale science, engineering, and technology! We look forward to learning about how you use the kit.

The NISE Network Museum & Community Partnerships team