

**Research Clusters** operate with Center sponsorship to support informal relationships and active research activities keyed to subject areas where there are contemporary developments with both important social implications and intellectual interest.

These research clusters are partly formalized within the Center to serve several purposes:

1. Provide additional collaborative opportunities for Center Faculty Fellows.
2. Provide a venue for Center students seeking active involvement with the Center and its Faculty Fellows.
3. Provide a vehicle for the participation of appropriately qualified experts and legal practitioners from outside the College of Law who seek to collaborate with the Center and its Faculty Fellows.
4. Provide potential foci for outside funding (e.g., grants, donations).
5. Generate useful research and publications addressing cutting-edge developments in areas at the frontiers of science and technology.

Research Cluster to meet several times per semester (or more or less often based on the need of the particular cluster). Each cluster is open to Center Faculty Fellows, law students, and invited outside experts. Each cluster discusses recent developments in its subject area and plans possible collaborations including research projects, co-authoring papers or coordinated sets of papers (usually by a subset of the participants), exploring grant ideas, proposing a conference or speaker series, etc. The research clusters are informal and fluid; they form, meet, and dissolve as needs and interests ebb and flow. Each Cluster appoints a Chair responsible for convening the meetings.

There are presently Research Clusters focused on:

1. Nanotechnology and the Law
2. Personalized Medicine
3. Sustainability and the Law
4. Neuroscience and the Law
5. Law, Science & Technology Dynamics (e.g., pacing law with science & technology, incorporating ethics into law, etc.)
6. Virtual Worlds and the Law

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