

Bioimaging Facility Fee Policy (updated June 2016)

All fees are set according to strict guidelines and are approved by the BIF Advisory Committee and are reviewed annually.

Academic Clients:

University of British Columbia research departments and researchers (Clients) will be charged a set fee to use the equipment and technical staff of the BioImaging Facility (BIF). The fee is set to cover the cost associated with the following criteria:

- a. Service contract(s) for that particular piece of equipment
- b. Consumable items necessary for imaging and/or processing
- c. Annual increase of consumable costs (inflation)
- d. Coverage of ancillary equipment costs
- e. Equipment replacement or upgrading
- f. **Coverage of a portion of a technician's salary
- g. **Equipment will be assumed to be used 1/2 of the total time (48 weeks allowable for a given year (total 24 weeks, or 960 hours). This is based on previous usage.

Example Hitachi H7600 TEM

- a. service contract \$29000
- b. TEM filaments \$1400, LN2 \$1500
- c. Estimate for increases at the current 2% inflation rate
- d. Ancillary equipment (staining reagents etc.) \$500
- e. One salary is approx \$50000 therefore 1/2 equals \$25000
- f. Resulting in an hourly rate of

Total cost/total hours
\$57,400/960hours=\$60/hour

The hourly fee for the Hitachi H7600 will be set at \$60/hour, not including technical assistance.

Academic institutions other than UBC will be charged the same rate as UBC Academic Clients.

Not for profit organizations will be charged the same rate as UBC Academic Clients.

Bioimaging Facility Member Client:

UBC departments that contribute \$15000/year or more to the BIF will be granted BIF membership. BIF membership entitles the Clients from those departments to a department subsidized rate that is calculated as follows: Academic price X 0.6 = Member price

Individual Principal Investigators (PI) who are from departments that are not granted BIF membership can purchase their own membership at a cost of \$1500/fiscal year. This entitles one Principal Investigator's lab to the subsidized rate and the PI lab members must be identified on an original UBC Journal Voucher. Research projects using BIF equipment where the research project is a collaboration between Principal Investigators where one PI is a BIF member and one (or more) is not a BIF member must be completed by the lab member from the PI with the membership and charged to the membership

holding PI's research grant. Any publications resulting from these collaborative efforts must reflect the names of all people working on the project, including the membership holding PI or the membership holding PI lab member. See the BIF general policies regarding publications and authorship.

Commercial (For Profit) Client:

For profit industrial corporations fee rate will reflect a competitive rate with other organizations performing similar technical microscopical work. The Commercial Client fee rates are posted on www.imaginglabs.ubc.ca.