

Description of User Categories and Fee Structure

Equipment User Fees are scaled incrementally according to the following User Structure:

1. **Affiliated User**: This is a University of Houston Faculty member who pays the annual laboratory fee of \$500. This laboratory fee allows the use of all *General Laboratory Core Equipment* at no additional cost.
2. **Internal User**: Any University of Houston Faculty not paying the annual laboratory fee who has been granted access to the BMERCL to use the available equipment by paying its associated cost.
3. **External Academic/non-profit**: Any User from another Academic or Non-Profit Institution.
4. **External**: Any other type of User not defined above.

***NOTE: Check specific equipment for the associated user fees.**

BMERCL Equipment Billing Rates - Revised July 2010

Category	Instrument	Affiliated User	Internal User	External Academic/ Non-profit	External	Time Period
General	Distilled Water - Millipore ELIX 20	\$500.00 annual fee	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25	per liter
	Ultrapure Water - Milli-Q Synthesis A10		\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.50	per liter
	Autoclave - Consolidated Stills and Sterilizers		\$10.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	per cycle
	Cold Box (4°C) - GDM 49		\$3.00	\$4.50	\$7.50	monthly
	-20°C Upright Freezer - Sci-Cool SCGP210W1AR		\$3.00	\$4.50	\$7.50	monthly
	-85°C Upright Freezer - Harris SLT-25V-85D37		\$3.00	\$4.50	\$7.50	monthly
	Liquid Nitrogen Dewar - Thermolyne Locator 4		\$5.00	\$7.50	\$12.50	monthly/box
	Table top centrifuge - Fisher Scientific accuSpin 3R		\$5.00	\$7.50	\$12.50	per hr
	SuperSpeed Centrifuge - Sorvall RC-5B Refrigerated Superspeed centrifuge		\$5.00	\$7.50	\$12.50	per hr
	Beta and low level Gamma Scintillation Counter - Packard Tri-Carb 2700TR		\$10.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	per run
Cell culture	Biosafety Cabinet - Nuair NU-425-600	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$40.00	per month
	CO2 Incubators - Nuair Air-Jacketed DH Autoflow					
	VacuumPump, Centrifuge, Inverted Microscope, Water bath, Refrigerator/Freezer					
Microscopy	Upright EpiFluorescent Microscope - Olympus BX61	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$40.00	per hr
	Inverted Fluorescent Microscope - Olympus IX51	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$40.00	per hr
	Dissecting Microscope with Fiberoptic Ring Light - Olympus SZ61	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$11.25	\$20.00	per day
Histology	Parafilm Embedding Oven	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$11.25	\$20.00	per hr
	Microtome - Thermo Shandon Finesse E					
	Flotation Bath (Dr. Martinez)					
	Slide Warmer					
	Microm Programmable Slide Stainer DS50					
Spectroscopy	Cryotome - Thermo Shandon Cryotome SME	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$40.00	per hr
	Nanodrop ND-1000 Spectrophotometer	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$11.25	\$20.00	per hr
	Nanodrop ND-3300 Spectrofluorometer	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$11.25	\$20.00	per hr
	BMG LabTech FLUOstar OPTIMA Multimode Plate Reader	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$32.00	per hr
	HP/Agilent UV-Vis Diode Array Spectrophotometer	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$11.25	\$20.00	per hr
Genomics	Horiba Nanolog Spectrofluorometer	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$40.00	per hr
	Stratagene MX3005p Real-Time Q-PCR	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$33.75	\$60.00	per run
Imaging	Alpha Innotech AlphaScan Microarray scanner	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$33.75	\$60.00	per hr
	Alpha Innotech FluorChem SP Gel Documentation System	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$40.00	per hr