



Bioimaging Facility (BIF) Fee Policy

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

The operational costs of the BIF are partially covered by the user fees the facility charges. The Equipment Usage and Technical Assistance fees are set to cover the cost associated with one or more of the following expenditures:

- Service contract(s) for that particular piece of equipment
- Consumable items necessary for imaging and/or processing
- Annual increase of consumable item costs (inflation)
- Coverage of ancillary equipment costs
- Equipment replacement or upgrading
- Coverage of a portion of a technician's salary
- Equipment is assumed to be used a half of the available total time.

We have separate fees for Bioimaging Facility Member Clients, Academic Clients, and Industry Clients.

1. Bioimaging Facility Member Client Fee

BIF Member Clients get a 40% discount off the academic price.

(A) UBC departments that contribute \$15,000/year or more to the BIF will be granted BIF membership and receive the 40% discount off the academic price.

(B) Individual Principal Investigators (PI) who are from departments that do not have BIF membership can purchase their own membership at a cost of \$1,500/fiscal year. This entitles the Principal Investigator's lab to receive the subsidized rate. The PI's lab members must be identified on the original UBC Journal Voucher.

Research projects using BIF equipment where the research project is a collaboration between multiple Principal Investigators, where one PI is a BIF member and one (or more) is not a BIF member, must be completed by a lab member from the PI with BIF membership and charged to the membership holding PI's research grant.

2. Academic Client Fee

University of British Columbia research departments and researchers from other academic institutions will be charged based on the Academic price.

3. Industry Client Fee

For-profit Industrial Corporations Fee rates reflect a competitive rate with other organizations performing similar technical microscopical work.

The Industry Client Fee rates are posted on www.imaginglabs.ubc.ca.