

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 Academic users and Industry users.

1. Academic User Fee

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

When the total cost spent in BIF exceeds \$5,250, a 40% discount for all the BIF fees within the same fiscal year will be applied retroactively, and the group will receive a 40% discount on the BIF usage fees for the rest of the fiscal year.

When the BIF monthly invoice is sent to the grant holder/group manager, BIF manager will include a total amount spent so far in the BIF in the email so that each faculty will be able to track if they are close to get Volume discount during the fiscal year.

2. Industry Client Fee

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

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