

Utilization of The Rockefeller University Scientific Resource Centers

The Rockefeller University, either independently or in cooperation with the Tri-Institutions, operates the following scientific resource centers as a means of providing centralized, quality, accessible and affordable services and products for the support of research at the University:

- Antibody and Bioresource Core Facility
- Bio-Imaging
- Bioinformatics
- Comparative Bioscience Center
- CRISPR and Genome Editing
- Electron Microscopy
- Flow Cytometry
- Genomics
- Glasswashing Services
- High Energy Physics Instrument Shop
- High Performance Computing
- High Throughput Screening Resource Center
- Laboratory of Comparative Pathology
- Library
- Precision Instrumentation Technologies
- Proteomics Resource Center
- Reference Genome
- Spectroscopy
- Structural Biology
- Transgenic and Reproductive Technology

Centralizing these services allows the University to reduce overall institutional costs, reduce the need for duplication of equipment and expertise, provide services that are not available commercially or that are prohibitively expensive from commercial sources, recruit and retain personnel with specific technical expertise, and facilitate collaboration between researchers.

Operating funds for the scientific resource centers are drawn from the University's annual operating budget and are offset, to varying levels, by user fees. The University's subsidization of the centers' operating costs, while significant, is offset by the benefits described above.

User fees for center services and products are established by the centers' administration with input from the Office of Research Support and the centers' Scientific Advisory Committees, are generally designed to recover the cost of consumables, service contracts, and some labor, and are based upon the following considerations:

- Comparison to commercial sources, when available.
- Comparison to costs at other institutions' core facilities.
- Developmental stage of the center itself or its underlying technologies.
- Potential for overall institutional savings.
- Other funding opportunities.

Instrumentation for the centers is acquired principally through funds from the University's annual operating budget but also through donor gifts and grants. The University does not attempt to recover capital expenditures for the centers through user fees.

Center services and products are available to all University employees, to HHMI employees who are members of University Laboratories, to employees of the legal tenants of the University in accordance with the specific terms of the agreements between the University and the tenants, to researchers from the Tri-Institutional community, and to researchers from other not-for-profit research institutions. Priority for access is given to Rockefeller researchers. Fees for non-Rockefeller users are generally set at two times the internal cost rate. Based on capacity, the centers may be able to provide services or products to for-profit entities. Such service or products are provided under terms of separate agreements and at unsubsidized rates.

Rockefeller researchers are encouraged to use services and products from the scientific resource centers rather than commercial suppliers and to use scientific resource center equipment rather than duplicate it in their own labs. The University recognizes, however, that there may be compelling reasons for researchers to use commercially available sources even when the University provides the same through the resource centers. The University also recognizes that in the case of high volume demands on instrumentation available in the centers, it may be cost effective and appropriate to duplicate instrumentation within an individual Laboratory. Whenever possible, the University looks to accommodate researchers' needs through the centers.

The University reserves the right to deny individuals and institutions access to a center based upon failure to abide by center policies. While every effort will be made to schedule changes in usage fees to coincide with the University's fiscal year and to provide advance notification of such changes, the University reserves the right to modify usage fees at any time and without notice. The University also reserves the right to cease a center's operation and/or close a center based upon overall University operational needs. Again, every effort will be made to provide advance notification of such actions.