

CBRS Microscopy & Imaging Facility

New User Training:

Training is scheduled on an individual basis and must be completed before unassisted access is granted to any instrument. All training time will be billed at the training rate. After training, the unassisted rates will accrue each time you reserve the instrument. You may be required to attend re-certification training at the discretion of the Microscopy & Imaging Facility (MIF) at no additional cost. If you fail to attend, you will lose access to this instrument and may be required to pay for re-training.

Biosafety:

Much of our facility is housed in a BSL-1 space, and you may not bring any potentially infectious and unfixed human or primate samples into rooms that are not BSL-2 approved. The following instruments are in BSL-2 rooms: Zeiss LSM 710, Nikon A1R, multiphoton, Nikon HCA, spinning disk, TIRF/STORM, BD Fortessa, and FACS Aria Fusion. You must consult with MIF staff and provide them with your IBC approval letter before bringing any BSL-2 samples to our lab. Follow all appropriate containment protocols to transport the sample to and from our space and during all instrument use. Do not dispose of any biohazardous samples in our lab.

Publication Policy:

In the acknowledgments or methods section, please cite any use of our facility as follows: “[Instrument or service] was performed at the Center for Biomedical Research Support Microscopy and Imaging Facility at UT Austin (RRID:SCR_021756).”

Required Instrument Training Request Information:

Instrument to be trained on (instrument list on pg. 2): _____	
Name: _____	
Email: _____	
UTEID _____	
Lab Phone Number: _____	PI/Group/Lab: _____
Lab Location: _____	Department: _____
Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Grad Student <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Doc <input type="checkbox"/> Research Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Undergrad <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty	
Expected Leave Date: _____	
Previous instrument experience: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please describe: _____	

User Signature:

Signing indicates that you understand and agree to the user policies listed above and will abide by any regulations outlined by the Microscopy and Imaging Facility regarding instrument use and access. You agree to provide an accurate and current account (grant) number each time you reserve an instrument after training.

User Signature

PI Signature:

Signing indicates that you agree for the Microscopy & Imaging Facility to train the above researcher. You also agree to pay the training and usage fees incurred and you authorize the researcher to provide an account (grant) number on your behalf for each session after training. Fees are collected monthly and refunds will only be issued in cases of instrument malfunction, regardless of data quality.

PI Signature

Account number for training fees

Microscopy & Imaging Facility Billing Policy:

After a user has been trained on an instrument, they will have access to the online calendar and may reserve the instrument any time (after-hours access must be requested if needed). When a user comes to the facility, they are required to log their use in an instrument-specific logbook.

Time will be billed for the time a user reserves on the calendar or the time from instrument logs - **whichever is greater**.

Users may cancel their reservations on the calendar up to 12 hours before the start time of the reservation. If a user cancels their reservation, they will not incur fees. If a user discovers with less than 12 hours of notice that they are unable to use the instrument reserved, they will be billed for the time booked.

Instrument Rates

	Training Rate (/hr)	Unassisted Use Rate (/hr)	
		M-F, 8-5pm	After-hours
BD Accuri C6 Plus Flow Cytometer	\$80	\$45	\$40
BD FACS Aria Fusion Cell Sorter	\$97	\$62	\$58
BD Fortessa Flow Cytometer	\$80	\$45	\$40
Critical Point Dryer	\$53	\$18/run	\$18/run
Cryostar NX50 Cryostat	\$45	\$10	\$6
Cytek Aurora Spectral Flow Cytometer	\$80	\$45	\$40
Cytek Northern Lights Spectral Flow Cytometer	\$80	\$45	\$40
Electron Microscopy sample prep	\$70	Free	Free
Fluorescence Stereoscopes (MZ16 & SMZ25)	\$60	\$25	\$23
Leica Ultracut Ultramicrotome	\$45	\$10	\$6
Nikon A1R Confocal	\$88	\$53	\$46
Nikon Compound Microscope and Stereoscope	\$35	Free	Free
Nikon High Content Analysis Microscope	\$60	\$25	\$23
Nikon Multiphoton	\$97	\$62	\$55
Nikon Ni-E Upright Microscope	\$60	\$25	\$23
Nikon TIRF/STORM	\$88	\$53	\$46
Nikon Ts2R Inverted Microscope	\$60	\$25	\$23
Nikon W1 Spinning Disk Confocal	\$88	\$53	\$46
Sony MA900 Cell Sorter	\$97	\$62	\$58
Sputter Coater	\$42	\$7/run+metal	\$7/run+metal
Tecnai Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM)	\$107	\$72	\$65
Vibratome & Paraffin Microtome	Free	Free	Free
Zeiss Axiovert 200M Inverted Microscope	\$60	\$25	\$23
Zeiss Elyra S.1 SIM Super Resolution	\$88	\$53	\$46
Zeiss LSM 710 Confocal	\$88	\$53	\$46
Zeiss Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)	\$93	\$58	\$54

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will be billed at
the training rate

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After training, all
reservations will be billed
at the unassisted rates