

CDRF Annual Subscription Plans



The Intro Plan \$500 / year (one time per PI)

- Introduction to the Scanning Electron Microscope, confocal microscope or BD Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorter (flow cytometer).
- Trial run of user provided samples for one of the above.
- Use of light microscopes (excluding confocal) and digital cameras.
- Option to upgrade to Explorer or Expert Plans retroactively with deduction of this plan's cost.



The Explorer Plan \$2200 / year

- Unlimited* use of Phenom Scanning Electron Microscope.
- Unlimited* use of all light microscopes and digital cameras.
- Unlimited* use of Nikon A1R confocal microscope.
- 15 samples paraffin embedded, H&E stained, sectioned to 1 slide and digitally scanned per year.
- \$25 of equipment specific consumables.
- 2 hours of RA time for training, workshops or assisted runs as needed.



The Expert Plan \$3100 / year

- Unlimited* use of Phenom Scanning Electron Microscope.
- Unlimited* use of all light microscopes.
- Unlimited* use of Nikon A1R confocal microscope.
- Unlimited* use of BD Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorter (FACS / flow cytometer).
- 30 samples paraffin embedded, H&E stained, sectioned to 1 slide and digitally scanned per year.
- \$50 of equipment specific consumables.
- 5 hours of RA time for training, workshops or assisted runs as needed.

* Please see agreement terms for details.

Agreement Terms

Subscription terms refer to user operated use of the following equipment depending on the plan chosen:

- BD FACS
- Nikon A1R Confocal
- Phenom SEM
- Other optical microscopes (excluding the AxioScan slide scanner) in CD-2016
 - Eclipse Ti-S inverted microscope
 - SMZ1500 Stereomicroscope
 - Eclipse Ci-L
 - Digital microscope cameras

This use is limited only by the following rules.

- Valid for 1 calendar year (365 days) from and including the starting day. Use on weekends, after hours (5pm – 9am) or on holidays is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the CDRF Manager.
- Users must be trained by CDRF staff before using the equipment. Training by anyone other than a CDRF staff member does not qualify a person as trained.
- Subscribers must be the holder of the paying grant (Principal Investigator, PI) or directly under the supervision of the PI. All members from a home lab must be identified at the time of subscription and requests to add users must be submitted to the CDRF manager in advance of use.
- A subscription may be used by up to 5 additional members under the supervision of the PI.
- PIs will be invoiced for the full amount at the start of the user period. Credited period may not be put on hold or otherwise carried over beyond 1 year from the start date (with exception of equipment downtime, see below). Credit will not be refunded.
- Year includes provision for up to 10 days of equipment downtime (for each instrument) for maintenance and servicing. Use period will be extended by length of time beyond 10 days for equipment that is unavailable to the user for that piece of equipment. If equipment should become inoperable for an indefinite period of time, the PI's will have the option to credit their account for the balance equal to the proportion of the year for which the equipment was unavailable and return to per use fees or a reduced plan rate for the remaining equipment.
- H&E histological preparations included in subscription will be done in monthly batches, i.e. within 4 weeks of sample submission. Single tissue, simple samples that require no additional processing past grossing may be submitted. Multiple tissues per block or samples requiring advanced preparation may be included at the Manager's discretion or for an additional fee. This may be used in part (i.e. only slide scanning), but the total number of samples run remains the same.
- Additional RA time beyond subscription hours for training or assisted runs is an extra charge.
- Equipment must still be booked in advance. In order to discourage place-holding, time that is booked and unused beyond one hour in a day is charged at 1/2 the normal fee-per-use rate.
- Use of any one instrument is limited to 3 hours consecutive booking in one day per user, although users may continue to use the instrument if no other bookings require it that day.
- Use of any one instrument is limited to 60 hours in a month per PI, although those users may continue to use the instrument if no other bookings require it that month.
- Equipment used on the subscription may be booked up to one week in advance unless permission is otherwise granted by the CDRF manager. Priority is given by order of booking with direct Google Calendar bookings taking priority over requests submitted in person or by email (until they are added to the calendar).
- Equipment must be booked no later than 1 pm on the workday (M-F) prior to use. Use on shorter notice is at the discretion of the CDRF Manager or analytical RA.
- Consumables which total more than \$50 / year are charged extra (e.g. SEM stubs, flow tubes, FACS calibration beads).