Imaging Core Fees

Our Fees are an attempt to recoup a portion of the costs incurred in operating a microscopy facility. You can when appropriate save money by doing any specimen preparation in your laboratory, at your time, and with your supplies.

The following fees are for ECU personnel with grants in which microscopy fees have been budgeted for. If you do not have grant support, please contact us directly and we will try to accommodate your needs.

Fees for ECU personnel (a run involves specimens in one to six 3 ml vials)

SEM Specimen Preparation
  i. Fixation: $15.00/run, $30.00/run with technician
  ii. Dehydration:
    a. Critical Point Drying: $15.00/run, $45.00/run with technician
    b. Hexamethyldisilizane: $10.00/run, $20.00/run with technician
  iii. Sputter Coating: $10.00/run, $20.00/run with technician
  iv. Specimen mounting: $1.00/stub

Scope Time Per Hour (Quanta 200 SEM, Philips CM12 TEM, Olympus IX2-DSUConfocal: $30.00 unassisted, $55.00 assisted (includes training)

TEM Specimen Preparation
  i. Fixation, dehydration, infiltration, embedding: $50.00/run
  ii. Sectioning: $36.00/hour if we do it, glass knife cost if you do it.
  iii. Grid Staining: $5.00/grid if we do it, grid and chemical cost if you do it.

TEM Film and Developing: $3.00/picture: Includes film, developer chemicals, digital scanning

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Non-ECU personnel and Commercial: Please contact us for custom quotes of fees.