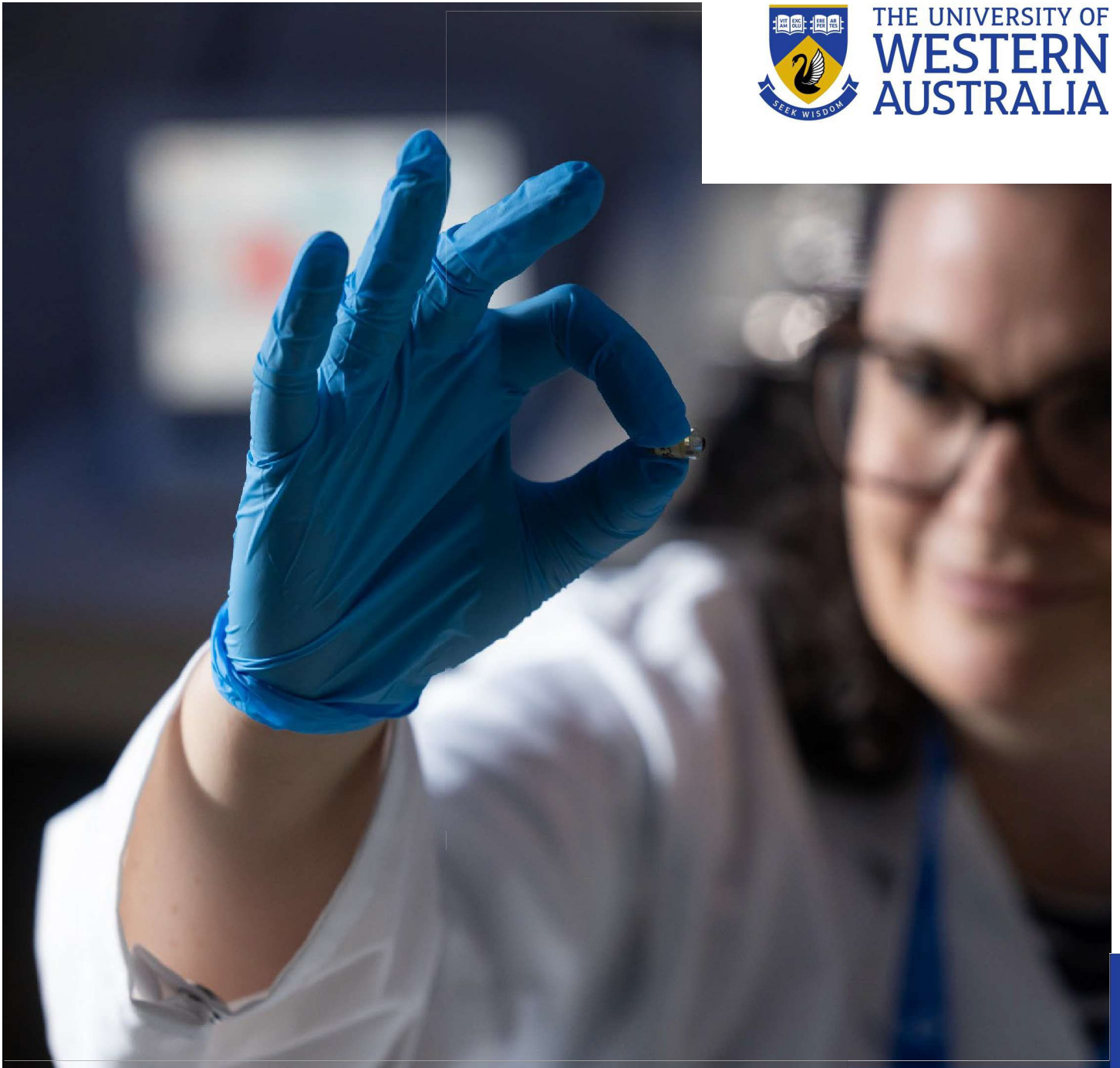




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Microscopy and Analysis Rates 2026

**Centre for Microscopy,
Characterisation and Analysis (CMCA)**

**Access
Pricing**

PRINCIPLES OF THE MODEL

Some Instruments are grouped into categories depending on their complexity and operating costs. Some instruments are offered at per hourly rates only.

CATEGORIES

MICROSCOPY & ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT		
CATEGORY 0	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2
Sample Prep (on application)	NMR	Electron Microscopy
Computer and Software	Light Microscopy	Advanced Light Microscopy
	Slide Scanner	X-ray Microscopy
CATEGORY 3		Scanned Probe Microscopy
Sample Prep Volume EM		Flow Cytometry
		Cryo Electron Microscopy
		Benchtop SEM

ACCESS OPTIONS

1. Users can pay for equipment access by the hour.
2. Users can pre-pay in advance for a capped number of hours, if available.
 - Capped blocks come in 50, 100, 200 and 400 hrs.
 - Pre-paid options are not transferrable and can only be used by a single user.
 - Pre-paid options expire 12 months from the date of purchase.
 - Once the balance gets to 0 hours, or /and the expiry date is reached, a new payment form must be submitted to re-activate the account.

INTERNAL UWA RATES

Eligibility: Subsidised internal rates apply to UWA staff and students, when the research funding is administered by UWA.

ADVICE FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

Researchers applying for grant funding are advised to calculate their microscopy and analysis budget based on the relevant hourly charge (do not incorporate subscriptions into the budget).

All prices are current as of 1st January 2026. For grant applications please add CPI increase per year to cover future price rises. If indirect costs are allowed in the research budget, please ensure you include them as outlined. For the Microscopy Australia grant advice guide, click [here](#).

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Internal users should note that undertaking commercial work at the UWA internal rate is a breach of CMCA policy. Internal users who need to undertake microscopy on behalf of a commercial client must discuss this with the relevant platform leader prior to commencing work.

INTERNAL RATES

MICROSCOPY & ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT INTERNAL RATES				
HOURS	CATEGORY 0	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3
Pay by the hour	\$11	\$19.50	\$39	\$100/sample
50h Subscription	Not available	\$681	\$1,363	N/A
100h Subscription	Not available	\$1,110	\$2,222	N/A
200h Subscription	Not available	\$1,600	\$3,200	N/A
400h Subscription	Not available	\$2,073	N/A	N/A

MEMBERSHIP FEE <i>(paid on initial registration – includes training in one platform)</i>		TRAINING FEE <i>(per additional platform or instrument type)</i>	
Honours & Masters by Coursework	\$119	All users	\$119
All others <i>(PhD & Masters by Research, Post-docs & staff)</i>	\$297		
Staff Time	\$68 p/h		

ASSOCIATE RATES

Eligibility: Associate rates are available to Australian publicly funded researchers and Government organisations. GST will be applied if applicable.

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Researchers applying for grant funding are advised to calculate their microscopy and analysis budget based on the relevant hourly charge (do not incorporate subscriptions into the budget).

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COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Associate users should note that undertaking commercial work at the Associate rate is a breach of CMCA policy. Associate users who need to undertake microscopy on behalf of a commercial client must discuss this with the relevant platform leader prior to commencing work.

ASSOCIATE RATES

MICROSCOPY & ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATE RATES				
HOURS	CATEGORY 0	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3
Pay by the hour	\$11	\$56.46	\$117	\$100/sample
50h Subscription	N/A	\$2,070	\$4,102	N/A
100h Subscription	N/A	\$3,375	\$6,688	N/A
200h Subscription	N/A	\$4,860	\$9,630	N/A
400h Subscription	N/A	\$6,300	N/A	N/A

MEMBERSHIP FEE <i>(paid on initial registration – includes training in one platform)</i>		TRAINING FEE <i>(per additional platform or instrument type)</i>	
Honours & Masters by Coursework	\$237	All users	\$237
All others <i>(PhD & Masters by Research, Post-docs & staff)</i>	\$592		
Staff Time	<i>to be provided on request</i>		

CMCA payment form

Complete PART 1 to identify the CMCA user, what instrument Category they want to access, and whether they want to pay hourly in arrears or pre-purchase a discounted subscription. Additional information on instruments is available on the CMCA Website.

Complete relevant section of PART 2 (A or B) to provide payment details and authorisation for payment.

PART 1 – SELECTION OF INSTRUMENT ACCESS OPTIONS:

Name of CMCA user:				
Grant ROAP No. or Student No.				
Other funding Source:				
Instrument Category (please select <u>1</u> only):	Category 0	☐	Category 1	☐
	Category 2	☐		
(per Sample) for Category 3	☐			

Payment option (please select <u>one</u> only):			
☐	Hourly payment (invoiced monthly in arrears)		
☐	Pre-paid 50h subscription	☐	Pre-paid 100h subscription
☐	Pre-paid 200h subscription	☐	Pre-paid 400h subscription (<i>N/A for Category 2</i>)

PART 2 – PAYMENT DETAILS:

A - For UWA researchers:

BU XXXXX (Business Unit):	
PG XXXXXXXX (Project Grant):	
Name of PG owner:	
Signature of PG owner:	

B - For all others (CSIRO & other govt agencies, other universities, industry):

Purchase Order		
Address		
Name of person responsible for payment:		
Signature		

Return the signed for to: admin-cmca@uwa.edu.au or mail to M010 CMCA 35 Stirling Hwy Crawley WA 6009
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