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Microscopy and Analysis Rates 2027

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 a per hourly rate 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 hours.
 - 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 expected to calculate their microscopy and analysis budget based on the base rate hourly charge (do not incorporate subscription discounted rates into the budget).

All prices are current as of 1 January 2027. 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 – Category 0 and 3*		
HOURS	CATEGORY 0	CATEGORY 3
Hourly	\$11	\$100/sample

* Subscription purchases are unavailable for Category 0 and Category 3.

MICROSCOPY & ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT INTERNAL RATES – Category 1 and 2						
HOURS	CATEGORY 1			CATEGORY 2		
	Annual Subscription Cost	Hourly Rate	% Hourly Base Rate Discount	Annual Subscription Cost	Hourly Rate	% Hourly Base Rate Discount
Hourly	-	\$21	-	-	\$42	-
50	\$817	\$16.34	22%	\$1,635	\$32.71	22%
100	\$1,443	\$14.43	31%	\$2,889	\$28.89	31%
200	\$2,560	\$12.80	39%	\$5,120	\$25.60	39%
400	\$3,525	\$8.81	58%	Not available	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	\$73 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 base rate hourly charge (do not incorporate subscription discounted rates 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
Hourly	\$12	\$63	\$125	\$100/sample
50h Subscription	Not available	\$2,484	\$4,923	Not available
100h Subscription	Not available	\$4,388	\$8,695	Not available
200h Subscription	Not available	\$7,776	\$15,410	Not available
400h Subscription	Not available	\$10,710	Not available	Not available

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	\$275	All users	\$275
All others <i>(PhD & Masters by Research, Post-docs & staff)</i>	\$686		
Staff Time	to be provided on request		



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