

Microscopy and Analysis Rates 2025

PRINCIPLES OF THE RATES MODEL

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

Options:

1. Users can pay for equipment access by the hour.
2. Users can pre-pay for a capped subscription in advance and receive a discounted rate, if available.
 - Capped subscriptions come in 50, 100, 200 and 400h blocks.
 - Subscriptions can be used on any instrument within a category.
 - Subscriptions must be used by a single user and are NOT transferrable (no shared subscriptions).
 - Subscriptions expire 12 months from the date of purchase.
 - When you run out of hours, you can buy a new subscription or switch to paying by the hour.

Microscopy & Analysis		
CATEGORY 0	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2
Sample Prep (on application)	NMR	Electron Microscopy
	Light Microscopy	Advanced Light Microscopy
Compute and software	^Slide Scanner	X-ray Microscopy
		Scanned Probe Microscopy
		Flow Cytometry
		Cryo Electron Microscopy
		Benchtop SEM

Note: The Microscopy Australia Ion Probe and ICP-MS facilities have separate charging models. ^Subscriptions are not available for Slide Scanner facility (pay by the hour only).

Internal UWA rates

Eligibility: Subsidised internal rates apply to UWA staff, Students, Visitors and Affiliates, when the project grant funding is administered by UWA. Eligibility excludes industry supported projects.

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). For grant schemes where UWA will provide in-kind support, the Internal rate for example: \$18p/h, \$36p/h should be requested from the funding agency and the in-kind contribution from UWA should be included as \$36p/h, \$72p/h, respectively to reflect UWA's two-thirds in-kind support for your access to CMCA facilities.

All prices are current as of 1st January 2025. For grant applications please add a 3% increase per year to cover future price rises. If indirect costs are allowed in the research budget please ensure you include them as outlined. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Competitive Neutrality

Internal users should note that undertaking commercial work at the UWA internal rate is considered to be a breach of CMCA policy and may also be illegal under the Trade Practices Act 1974 administered by the ACCC. 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 UWA rates

HOURS	CATEGORY 0	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2
Pay by the hour	\$10	\$18	\$36
50h Subscription	Not available	\$592	\$1,185
100h Subscription	Not available	\$888	\$1,777
200h Subscription	Not available	\$1,185	\$2,369
400h Subscription	Not available	\$1,481	\$2,961

Membership fee

(paid on initial registration – includes training in one platform)

Honours & Masters by Coursework \$119

All others
(PhD & Masters by Research, Post-docs & staff) \$297

Training fee

(per additional platform or instrument type)

All users \$118

Associate rates

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

Advice for grant applicants

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Competitive Neutrality

Associate users should note that undertaking commercial work at the associate rate is considered to be a breach of CMCA policy and may also be illegal under the Trade Practices Act 1974 administered by the ACCC. 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.

HOURS	CATEGORY 0	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2
Pay by the hour	\$10	\$54	\$107
50h Subscription	Not available	\$1,800	\$3,567
100h Subscription	Not available	\$2,700	\$5,350
200h Subscription	Not available	\$3,600	\$7,133
400h Subscription	Not available	\$4,500	\$8,917

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		

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.

Authorising this form confirms the CMCA user will not undertake any commercial work, as this is a breach of CMCA policy and may also be illegal under the Trade Practices Act 1974 administered by the ACCC.

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	
Category 0 (included complementary in Category 1-2)						

Payment option (please select <u>one</u> only):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hourly payment (invoiced monthly in arrears)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-paid 50 hrs subscription
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-paid 100 hrs subscription
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-paid 200 hrs subscription
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-paid 400 hrs subscription

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