

# IfM Space Leasing and Core Instrument User Fee Schedule

Effective January 1, 2026

## Space Leasing Rates

Space Type	Rate
Laboratory Space	\$3.75/square foot/month <sup>(1,2,3)</sup>
Office Space	\$1.25/square foot/month

## Core Instrument User Rates

Instrument	Internal & CUF <sup>(4)</sup>	Other Academic	External
Hitachi SEM w Bruker EDS	\$45/hr	\$70/hr	\$90/hr
ThermoFisher XPS	\$40/hr	\$60/hr	\$80/hr
Bruker AFM	\$35/hr basic imaging; users supply tips for specialty modes	\$50/hr basic imaging; users supply tips for specialty modes	\$70/hr basic imaging; users supply tips for specialty modes
Bruker XRD	\$35/sample unassisted; \$40/sample assisted	\$60/sample assisted	\$80/sample assisted
Bruker Nanoindenter	\$35/hr	\$50/hr	\$70/hr
Keyence Laser Confocal	\$35/hr	\$50/hr	\$70/hr
Nova BET Analyzer	\$60/sample	\$90/sample	\$120/sample
TA Differential Scanning Calorimeter	\$10/test	\$15/test	\$20/test
AJA Sputterer	\$65/hr	\$100/hr	\$130/hr
E-beam Evaporation	\$65/hr	\$100/hr	\$130/hr
Technics RIE	\$40/hr	\$60/hr	\$80/hr
Xactic XeF2 Etcher	\$65/hr	\$100/hr	\$130/hr
Denton Thermal Evaporator	\$20/hr (includes routine consumables)	\$30/hr (includes routine consumables)	\$40/hr (includes routine consumables)
Cressington Sputter Coater	\$5/use + consumables	\$8/use + consumables	\$10/use + consumables

## Professional Assistance Charge Rates

Assistance Type	Internal & CUF <sup>(4)</sup>	Other Academic	External
Instrument training	\$40/hr <sup>(5)</sup>	\$60/hr <sup>(5)</sup>	\$80/hr <sup>(5)</sup>
Sample preparation	\$40/hr <sup>(5)</sup>	\$60/hr <sup>(5)</sup>	\$80/hr <sup>(5)</sup>
Instrument assistance	\$40/hr <sup>(5)</sup>	\$60/hr <sup>(5)</sup>	\$80/hr <sup>(5)</sup>

## Consumable Charge Rates

(Not inclusive of all consumable charges. Other consumables at cost.)

Consumable Type	Internal & CUF <sup>(4)</sup>	Other Academic	External
Common evaporation/sputter	\$0.50/nm	\$1/nm	\$1.50/nm
Precious evaporation/sputter	\$1.00/nm	\$1.50/nm	\$2.00/nm
Mask blanks	\$30 per blank	\$45 per blank	\$60 per blank
Liquid nitrogen	\$3.50 per liter <sup>(8)</sup>	\$5.00 per liter	\$5.00 per liter
Unmetered house N2 in faculty labs	\$20/month	N/A	N/A

## Access Fee Rates

Access Type	Internal & CUF <sup>(4)</sup>	Other Academic	External
General lab	\$10/month/user	N/A	N/A (lease space)
Metrology <sup>(9)</sup>	\$30/month/user	\$45/month/user	\$60/month/user
Cleanroom <sup>(9)</sup>	\$25/hr/user <sup>(10)</sup>	\$40/hr/user <sup>(10)</sup>	\$50/hr/user
STL <sup>(9)</sup>	\$25/month/user <sup>(11)</sup>	\$40/month/user <sup>(11)</sup>	\$50/month/user

### Notes:

(1) Includes scan card access, video monitoring, access to house vacuum, DI water, and environmental health and safety services at levels to be discussed prior to leasing. Individual lab doors will be provided with a combination key box in agreement with current faculty and student access policies. Additional costs may be applicable depending on access and resource needs.

(2) Facility is open during official LaTech work days (schedule may vary during quarter and summer breaks).

(3) Facility daily hours are typically 8am-5pm; evening hours (6pm-7am) and weekend time must be scheduled and approved.

(4) IfM is a member of the statewide Core User Facilities (CUF) established with funding from the National Science Foundation. [More details can be found here.](#)

(5) There is a minimum 0.5 hour charge for professional assistance.

(6) All timed charges are in increments of 0.25 hours. Usage time will start when sample is loaded for analysis.

(7) All industrial requests must be made through the IfM Director and include a Scope of Work prior to starting usage.

(8) Liquid nitrogen delivery to BEC or other on-campus buildings other than IfM will be charged a \$25 delivery fee.

(9) Access fees for metrology/cleanroom/STL include any instruments located within that are not explicitly listed separately.

(10) For internal, CUF, and other academic accounts, there is a monthly billing cap of 10 total hours (e.g. \$250 for internal) per research group for cleanroom access.

(11) For internal, CUF, and other academic accounts, there is a monthly billing cap of 3 users (e.g., \$75 for internal) for STL access per research group.