

**USU Microscopy Center Facility Agreement for
All For-Profit, Commercial Customers**

All work for commercial customers (including all For-Profit corporations) performed by the USU Microscopy Center Facility (USU-MCF, also referred to here as "*the facility*,") is subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. **Customers Defined:** Customers are individuals or corporate entities who are considered For-Profit by the Internal Revenue Service. USU faculty and staff performing work on behalf of For-Profit entities as collaborators or consultants are considered customers as well, unless the funds supporting this work (including salaries) are awarded to USU through the Sponsored Programs Office at full indirect cost rates. ONLY INDIVIDUALS who have been trained as certified users are allowed to use instruments in the facility; non-users may observe but are not allowed to touch or interact with the instruments at any time. In general, all commercial work will be carried out by Facility personnel at the posted rates.
2. **Commercial Work:** All commercial (i.e., for-profit) entities are required to pay the commercial rate for instrument time for all hours of use, unless the funds supporting this work (including salaries) are awarded to USU through the Sponsored Programs Office at full indirect cost rates. Commercial work is carried out by Facility Staff and published technician rates will also apply.
3. **Materials and Supplies:** Minor consumables such as basic solvents and gloves are provided, but more expensive consumables will be charged to the Users at cost. These includes but is not limited to sample mounts and gold coating of samples. A rate sheet will be available in the Facility detailing the cost of consumables. Expensive chemicals and supplies not available in the Facility must be provided by the User.
4. **Scheduling:** Commercial work will be scheduled by agreement with the Facility Manager.
5. **Sample Preparation** The Facility Manager must approve the prepared samples and may disallow samples that are not stable and could damage the instrument. The Facility staff will prepare samples for commercial customers at the posted rates for these technicians.

I acknowledge that I have read this Customer Agreement and agree to its terms and conditions:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____