

Rate Structure for Materials Characterization Facility- 2008

Instrument Fee (TAMU users)

Instrument	User Fee	Off-peak	With training
AFM	\$20/hr	\$15/hr	\$35/hr
Confocal, Raman microscopes	\$25/hr	\$19/hr	\$40/hr
XPS	\$20/hr	\$15/hr	\$35/hr
Nanoindenter	\$15/hr	\$11/hr	\$30/hr
Cleanroom	\$20/hr	\$15/hr	\$35/hr
Evaporation Chamber	\$35/deposition (<200nm)	\$26/deposition (<200nm)	\$50/deposition By sample
Dicing Saw	\$15/hr	\$11/hr	\$30/hr
Dip Pen Nanolithography	\$25/hr	\$19/hr	\$40/hr
UV-VIS NIR Spectrometer	\$15/hr	\$11/hr	\$26/hr
PTI Spectrofluorometer	\$15/hr	\$11/hr	\$26/hr
Ellipsometer	\$20/hr	\$15/hr	\$30/hr
Silicon Wafer 3"	\$6/ea		
Silicon Wafer 3"	\$9.50/ea		
Silicon Wafer 2"	\$5/ea		
Silicon tip	\$22/ea		
Pyrex glass 3" wafer	\$16/ea		
MFM tip	\$28/ea		

These charges are the result of a rate study of user facilities at other Universities in the US and consultation with the MCF advisory committee.

These numbers are for unassisted users from the College of Science and Engineering during business hours. To streamline/simplify billing:

- All TAMU users will pay the fees listed above
- Users from other universities and other Non profit organizations will pay 150% of the fees listed above
- Companies pay will pay 300% of the fees listed above

Staff rates: To simplify billing as well as the fee structure staff time across instruments is a flat rate (\$30/h) *for all non-profit organizations*. The staff rate for corporate users is \$90/h

Fees for assisted use will be the User Fee plus the staff time fee (e.g. \$20 + \$30 = \$50/hr).

Training: To encourage student training staff time will be billed at 50% cost during training, i.e. \$15/hr as opposed to \$30.

Block time/off peak use: To encourage instrument use and accommodate research programs that heavily utilize the MCF, off peak usage rates and block purchases will be implemented. Specifically,

- Off peak rates (from 5 PM – 8 AM M-F, weekends) will be 75% of the rate listed above. Only “checked-out” users can run instruments after business hours.
- PIs can purchase “blocks” of off-peak measuring time in 100 hour intervals. These will apply to off-peak hours and will be priced such that the hourly rate is 50% of the rate listed above
- Fee cap: the issue of “capping” charges for very heavy users of the facility will be evaluated by the MCF/MIC director, associate director, manager, and advisory committee on a case-by-case basis.