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Authorized User Policy

Basis for Policy

Mass Spectrometry and Proteomics Core Facility (MSPCF) have designated a system where principal investigators can gain independent access to equipment, providing support for their research efforts (equipment being defined as mass spectrometers, auto digesters, etc). Various means will be utilized to help monitor and control this equipment for the protection of researcher's data and also the equipment itself. This includes identifying necessary criteria for authorized users.

Authorized User Policy

The Core Facility director has the final say to authorize or prohibit independent usage of mass spectrometers and other equipment.

Criteria for authorizing independent access shall include but not be limited to:

- UNMC full-time employee or full time graduate student excluding rotating students working for a principal investigator.
- Staff appropriately trained on the usage of the system.
- Staff tested by designated Core Facility member.

Training is given by a core member but in some cases an experienced authorized user may give training provided core members are notified in advance and the trainee is approved.

University of Nebraska Employees outside UNMC

Employees from UNO, UNL, and UNK may have direct access to instrumentation offered by the Core Facility provided they are assisted by either a collaborating authorized user or core facility member. Fees per hour will be applied in both instances but an additional fee of $50 per hour will be applied in the latter case. Use of the instruments on weekends or non-peak hours requires special arrangements.

Other Users

Exceptions may be granted for visiting colleagues and/or experts of the particular equipment. Temporary students may be trained by authorized users with the condition that ALL work performed by the student on the equipment will be directly supervised by an authorized user.

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