

Fees

Free access for UK, emerging market countries and EU-based users is available through Wellcome Trust and European Commission support. The standard academic fees for accessing our NMR systems are indicated below.

Access fees

The rates for accessing the NMR systems indicated below are available upon request:

- Frodo900 (5mm cold probe equipped)
- Gildor800 (5mm cold probe equipped)
- Bruker600 (1.7 mm cryoprobe, SampleJet equipped)
- DD600 (5mm cold probe equipped)
- Gamling600 (Nanoprobe optional)
- Galadriel500 (HyperSense optional)
- Gloin500 (5mm cryoprobe, BACS60 equipped)
- a maximum of 50 days/year of new non-UK user access to NMR services is paid for by the European Commission until Sept 2014, otherwise standard academic rates apply.

70% and 5% of the available 900 MHz NMR time is provided free of charge to UK-based and emerging market country-based academic users, respectively, from 1 Dec 2012 – 30 Nov 2017, thereafter the rate may revert to the standard academic rate.

Notes

1. Dedicated technical assistance with NMR data processing, spectral analysis or sample preparation is available, as is collaborative support.
2. User training courses for new users are offered at no charge.
3. Software for NMR data analysis is available, as is computer disk space from Christian Ludwig.
4. Supplies including DVDs, tapes, NMR tubes, D₂O, etc. are available from Sue Rhodes.

Background

HWB•NMR was principally established to support peer reviewed academic research through generous funding from the Wellcome Trust, HEFC and University of Birmingham. Additional equipment was purchased through awards from Birmingham Children's Hospital, BBSRC, Cancer Research UK, European Commission, NERC and Wellcome Trust, and through partnerships with Oxford Instruments and Varian Inc.

Full economic costs (fEC)

The full cost of running a spectrometer at HWB•NMR covers the cryogenes and other consumables, service contracts and repairs, NMR staff time dedicated to running the facility, building charges and depreciation of some equipment.

Standard Academic Rates

Academic users are expected to contribute to some of the critical costs associated with operating the facility. However, it should be understood that the stated academic access fees cover only a fraction of the total costs of operation.

Special rates

The Wellcome Trust is providing academic users in the UK and emerging market countries (e.g. Africa, Brazil, China, India) with free access to 70% and 5% of the available 900 MHz NMR system time for internationally competitive research through a Biomedical Resource Award from Dec 2012 – Dec 2017. The Bio-NMR network is covering all the NMR and travel expenses of non-UK EU-based users until Sept 2014, with a focus on metabolomics, DNP and membrane proteins. Collaborative rates are also available through the University of Birmingham (please enquire for details).

Historical rates will be honoured whenever possible, although the expectation is that new grants and applicants will take the rates listed above into account.

Any concerns or questions should be directed to the HWB•NMR staff members including Michael Overduin or Ulrich Günther, or if necessary can contact the HWB•NMR Financial Management Group which includes Julie Cope, Sue Rhodes, Sue Rookes and Daniel Swaine.