

UT Southwestern Core Facility Rates

Current cost recovery rates in UT Southwestern core laboratories are set by the Dean's office at ~60% and do not recoup costs associated with the purchase of new equipment by individual facilities. Charges to UT Southwestern investigators are based on the actual costs of services plus supplies after correction for fractional cost recovery. Actual costs do not include overhead expenses such as space rental, utilities, administrative support, etc., which are borne by UT Southwestern.

The rates that individual core laboratories charge campus investigators are published and fixed; they cannot be negotiated by individual users. Quantity discounts may be available if and only if quantity of use reduces actual costs.

Charges to Off-campus Users

1. Customers from academic or other non-profit institutions are charged **2x** the rate levied on UT Southwestern investigators. This increased rate corrects for support given to each laboratory by the Dean's office and for overhead expenses. These customers thus get services "at cost."
2. Customers from for-profit businesses are charged **3x** the UT Southwestern investigator rate. This increase covers all costs (administration, contracting, accounting, and overhead) associated with running a core laboratory and ensures that UT Southwestern is not undercutting competing businesses through state subsidy. This rate is in general competitive with commercial services, when they are available, and UT Southwestern core laboratories usually provide higher quality service.
3. Customers who are UT Southwestern BioCenter tenants are charged **2.5x** the UT Southwestern investigator rate. This discount applies because BioCenter tenants pay rent/overhead fees. Furthermore, the discount provides an incentive to rent BioCenter space.