

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER HANDBOOK OF OPERATING PROCEDURES

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SHARED FACILITIES

Overview

The mission of shared facilities at the Health Science Center is to support the research activities of investigators and their research partners through service, collaboration, and education. The Health Science Center's shared facilities provide access to specialized equipment and expertise not commonly available in individual laboratories. Funding to support the activities of the shared facilities may originate from the institution, individual departments, research center grants, and program project grants.

A comprehensive list of Health Science Center's shared facilities and centers may be found at: <http://research.uthscsa.edu/institutes-centers.shtml>.

Services

Services and technologies of Health Science Center's shared facilities are available to all researchers in all departments within the Health Science Center. Priority may be given to investigators who are members of organizations that support the individual facilities. Requests from outside the institution are welcome and accommodated as time is available.

Service Requests

Investigators must initially contact the facility Director or Manager to coordinate research needs with the available shared facility services. The investigator and their representatives must be prepared to comply with the operating procedures of the specific shared facility. These procedures include, but are not limited to, user registration, project approval, sample preparation protocols, screening protocols, user training, facility access rules, scheduling, data management and storage, appropriate citation in publications, and fees.

Cost of Services

A nominal/reasonable fee is charged to access the shared facility. The fees are used to offset the cost of operation of each facility.
