

Washington Clean Energy Testbeds: Research Training Testbed Rate Structures for 2025 (Effective 8/17/25)

The WCET Research Training Testbed is classified as a UW Recharge Center and is mandated to charge time and materials on a cost reimbursement basis. Academic pricing is achieved through UW and state grants and subsidies. Industrial rates are set for cost recovery. Cost basis for rates is based on cost of operation divided by utilization.

User Classifications:

The following user classifications determine eligibility for specific rate plans:

University of Washington and Affiliates: University of Washington researchers or affiliate-sponsored researchers (e.g. UW APL). Candidates eligible for Academic Rates are not assessed an overhead rate as the UW overhead rates are already applied to the research grant or other internal UW funding. These users must pay with a UW budget number.

Non-UW Users: All users not affiliated with the University of Washington (researcher, government employee, or employee of a private company) will be charged an outside users rate that includes UW overhead charges reflected in their rates.

Remote: Entities that solely seek to conduct limited scope process work that is to be conducted by WCET staff provided on a best-effort, time and materials cost reimbursement basis that includes the pro-rated hourly equipment plus engineering rate (\$150/HR) and overhead (15.6%). Due to the experimental nature of work, WCET cannot guarantee quality assurance in meeting all remote work specifications, but will use best effort methods to attempt to obtain a satisfactory result for the client.

Policy Clarifications:

Fees: Requests for billing changes must be submitted to mcd13@uw.edu. Planned or equipment-related adjustments are complimentary. Adjustment requests due to repeated user negligence will be assessed an increasing change fee of $\$50 * N$ where N is the number of previous requests that calendar year. The lab systems are established in CORAL and on the exit status screen to remind users to log out of equipment. Forgetting to log off prevents other users from utilizing tools, resulting in loss of revenue. Due to some equipment being heavily in-use, all instrument use will be charged at the greater of either the reservation time or clock-in/clock-out time.

Cleans: Tools that require mandatory cleans are the responsibility of the user and should be factored in when considering the cost of operations. Users that do not follow the prescribed cleaning protocol will be assessed full tool plus staff time for running cleans.

Fee Schedule:

Effective August 15th, 2025. All rates are subject to change. All rates are per hour of use unless otherwise noted.

Staff rates:

Training	\$75 UW/ \$150 Non-UW
Assistance/Consultation	\$75 UW/ \$150 Non-UW
Engineering and Remote Usage	\$150*/\$150 Non-UW

*Or by prior arrangement with lab staff.

Instrument	UW Rate	Non-UW Rate
MTI 3-zone Tube Furnace	\$5	\$20
64-channel Maccor Galvanostat (4-channels per reservation, 16 qty, optional use of environmental chambers)	\$9.17 (Weekly \$250)	\$50 (Weekly \$2500)
Malvern Dynamic Light Scattering (Particle Analyzer)	\$18	\$125
Perkin Elmer LS 55 Fluorescence Spectroscopy	\$16	\$100
Perkin Elmer Lambda 950 UV/Vis Spectrophotometer	\$16	\$125
VeraSol-2 Solar Simulator (Open air)	\$16	\$125
VeraSol-2 Solar Simulator in Glove box*	\$16	\$125
Newport Quantum Efficiency Measurement System*	\$27	\$100
Spin Coater (Glove Box-integrated)	\$15	\$125
Laurell Spin Coater	\$15	\$125
Battery glove box	\$19	\$125

Schlenk Line	\$10	\$100
Angstrom Engineering NexDep PVD (Glove box integrated)	\$25	\$225
Perkin Elmer Nexlon 2000 ICP-MS	\$35	\$225
Agilent GC-MS with Diablo Analytical Real-Time Gas Analyzer	\$25	\$200
Kelvin Probe and Photoemission Spectrometer*	\$24	\$58
Autolab-IMP Potentiostat	\$15	\$100
Quantum Design 9-Tesla Dynacool PPMS with TTO, Heat Capacity, and Resistivity additions	\$10	\$200
Phenom Pharos Scanning Electron Microscope with EDS	\$45	\$144

*Instrument procured by STF Grant. This is free to all UW undergraduate and graduate students.

Storage space – First come, first serve basis. Rates are denoted in per month cost and billed monthly. There is no bench space available for renting in the RTT.

	UW Rate	Non-UW Rate
Glove Box Storage (10 inches of shelf space, one research group can only occupy 2 spaces at a time)**	\$27.39	\$27.39

** Storage and bench space access is limited during classroom activities in the RTT. Additional glove box storage must be discussed and approved in advance with the lab manager.

Drawer storage and chemical storage in our facilities is allowed on a first come, first serve basis and must follow the guidelines laid out in the RTT Chemical Hygiene Plan.

For UW users interested in using some of our basic equipment including fume hood space, hot plates, vacuum and annealing ovens, and balances, there is a yearly lab entrance fee of \$185.53 per UW person. Safety training is required. If at any point in the year you choose to train to use paid equipment, your lab fee will be refunded based on a prorated yearly rate.