

Policy for BPB Cost-sharing Charges

UConn Botanical Conservatory, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

The rate for all users will be \$.30/sq ft of bench space per month. Invoices will be issued quarterly by the EEB Department.

Priority for Space Allocation in the BPB Research Greenhouses

Guidelines for establishing priority for BPB Research Greenhouse use are below, but should space become limiting, final allocation of space will be determined by the Greenhouse Manager in consultation with the Conservatory Committee.

Highest priority will be given to:

- Externally funded research programs, either graduate students, postdocs faculty, or Emeritus Faculty, with the latter at the lowest priority within this grouping.
 - New faculty with startup funds
 - Next highest priority will be given to research projects being conducted by EEB graduate students, postdocs, and/or faculty, but not externally funded.
- Other departments, e.g., MCB, can request space as it is available.
- Lowest priority will be given to requests from Emeritus Faculty actively engaged in research that is not grant funded.

Graduate Students/Postdocs

If graduate students or postdocs are working with PIs on grant-funded research, the PI will be expected to cover fees for greenhouse use.

If graduate students or postdocs are not able to fund greenhouse fees from grants, they can apply to the department for funding through the Bamford Award or other department accounts prior to the proposed start date for greenhouse use. The proposal should be accompanied by a short letter from the student's research advisor indicating support for the project, a statement that the advisor has no other way to cover the expenses, and willingness to comply with the Researcher's Service Agreement.

The proposal specifications are as follows:

- One typed page, 1.5 or 2X spacing.
- A brief description of the project.
- Anticipated length of time the space will be needed.
- A description of other student-generated funding that will be applied for to cover expenses, e.g., Sigma Xi grants, etc.

Faculty

New faculty will be asked to cover expenses with start-up funds if they do not have other sources of funding.

Faculty with grant funding have agreed to begin paying July 1, 2024.

All faculty planning to use the BPB Research Greenhouses are expected to include fees for the facility use in grant applications.

Faculty who do not have current funding for BPB Research Greenhouse use will be expected to approach the EEB department head for possible funding (eg., IDC accounts or Bamford) for a limited time period, to be negotiated with the department head.

Emeritus Faculty

Emeritus Faculty actively engaged in research but without external grant funding will be allowed to provide other funding (i.e. departmental, personal) if space is available.