Cost recovery:
User fee levels are used to support service contracts and associated director/staff time. They are not used to recoup the cost of an instrument or to support the purchase of new instrumentation. Depending on circumstances, individual Cores may require a subsidy to break even. User fee structures that project need for a subsidy must be approved by the HSC Cores Director with input from the Faculty Advisory Committee and administrative staff.

Circumstances during which Cores should be subsidized from central funds include: (i) When building new capability in advance of anticipated high demand, as justified by assessment of scientific trends and emerging scientific opportunity. (ii) Where a Core Director provides high-level expertise that is not amenable to a charge-back system but enables impactful science by U of U investigators.

In consultation with the Faculty Advisory Committee, the value of user fees will be assessed at least annually to ensure optimization between access, excellence, and cost recovery. A default expectation is that user fees will increase each year in line with inflation.

Although the primary function is to enable U of U investigators to perform excellence science, the Cores may also serve external users. These include academic users who would pay user fees at the same rate as U of U investigators but with the addition of current U of U F&A. They also include commercial users who would pay at a higher rate, as determined by the market.