Partnership agreements: Purchase of new equipment:
Where appropriate, it is encouraged that when departments purchase sophisticated instrumentation they do so through the Core Facilities and that the purchase includes an extended multi-year warranty/service agreement. This assumes that the Cores agree that there is a practical financial model for maintenance and operation of the instrumentation, and that the Department agrees that the plan for operations is appropriate for their needs. In some cases, partial matching funds may be available through the Cores. Further cost sharing through additional partnering departments, PIs, or initiatives, etc, is encouraged. Regardless, of the exact source of funding, the instrumentation becomes the property of the Core Facility (which is responsible for maintenance) and is subject to Cores policies for operations, scheduling and user fees.