FY25 Lab Animal Care Unit (LACU) Services and Fees

Prices will increase by 3% each fiscal year.

The pricing structure listed below is effective as of July 1, 2024. For all custom projects, please consult the LACU Core Director for a quote.

Mouse Per Diem, Standard box (75 in²):
- Microisolator box*: $1.03/box/day
- IVC box**: $1.03/box/day
- IVC box + water bottle: $1.13/box/day
- Sterile microisolator care***: $1.66/box/day
- Biocontainment (ABSL2)****: $1.29/box/day
- Sterile microisolator care, ABSL2: $1.99/box/day

Diabetic Mouse Per Diem, Standard box (75 in²):
- Microisolator box*: $1.22/box/day
- IVC box**: $1.22/box/day
- IVC box + water bottle: $1.35/box/day
- Sterile microisolator care***: $1.99/box/day
- Biocontainment (ABSL2)****: $1.55/box/day
- Sterile microisolator care, ABSL2: $2.39/box/day

Mouse Per Diem, Metabolism Box: $1.49/box/day

Mouse Per Diem, Large box (157 in²):
- Microisolator box*: $1.65/box/day
- IVC box**: $1.65/box/day
- IVC box + water bottle: $1.77/box/day
- Biocontainment (ABSL2)****: $1.97/box/day

Diabetic Mouse Per Diem, Large box (157 in²):
- Microisolator box*: $1.98/box/day
- IVC box**: $1.98/box/day
- Biocontainment (ABSL2)****: $2.38/box/day

Rat Per Diem:
- Standard box*: $1.65/box/day
- IVC box**: $1.65/box/day
- IVC box + water bottle: $1.77/box/day
- Sterile microisolator care***: $2.18/box/day
- Biocontainment (ABSL2)****: $1.98/box/day

Diabetic Rat Per Diem:
- Standard box*: $1.98/box/day
- IVC box**: $1.98/box/day
- IVC box + water bottle: $2.10/box/day
- Sterile microisolator care***: $2.63/box/day
- Biocontainment (ABSL2)****: $2.38/box/day
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Rat Per Diem, Metabolism Box: $2.47/box/day

**Rodent care descriptions:**
* Standard box refers to standard charges for husbandry practices for a given facility or room, which includes caging, standard diet, standard bedding and a water bottle.
** IVC box refers to a box placed on a ventilated rack system with an automatic watering system. The per diem rate includes caging, standard diet, standard bedding and automatic water.
*** Sterile microisolator care is provided at the request of the PI. The box is fully assembled (lid, grill, bottom, standard bedding) prior to autoclaving as a unit.
**** ABLS2 is required for animals inoculated with human-derived materials (cells, tissue fragments, etc.), or for animals exposed to viral particles or other hazards deemed to require ABLS2 care.

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To request the use of non-standard bedding/feed, or special handling (e.g. autoclaving) of feed/bedding, please complete a [LACU Resource Request Form](mailto:slatocha@uthsc.edu) and submit to the LACU Director of Operations, Stan Latocha (slatocha@uthsc.edu), as the above per diem rates will require adjustment.

**Rabbits:**
- <2 kg: $2.20/animal/day
- 2-5.4 kg: $2.38/animal/day
- >5.4 kg: $2.49/animal/day

**Swine:**
- Neonate: $9.74/animal/day
- < 25 lbs.: $10.61/animal/day
- 25-75 lbs.: $11.45/animal/day
- > 75 lbs.: $12.30/animal/day

**Guinea Pig:**
$2.48/enclosure/day

**Hamster:**
- Microisolator Box*: $1.57/box/day
- Biocontainment (ABLS2)****: $1.89/box/day

**Ferret:**
- Standard: $7.59/animal/day
- Biocontainment (ABLS2): $9.11/animal/day

**Zebrafish:**
- 1.0 Liter tank: $0.08/tank/day
- 3.5 Liter tank: $0.28/tank/day
- 8.0 Liter tank: $0.44/tank/day

**Xenopus Frog:**
$2.64/tank/day

*For other species not listed above, please consult with LACU Director*

**Veterinarian, Vet Tech and Husbandry Tech Services:**
- Veterinarian services (M-F, 8am-5pm): $74.07/hr.
- Veterinarian services, after-hrs./weekends and holidays: $111.14/hr., 2h minimum
- Veterinary Tech services (M-F, 8am-5pm): $29.70/hr.
- Veterinary Tech services, after-hrs./weekends and holidays: $44.54/hr., 2h minimum
- Husbandry Tech services (M-F, 8am-5pm): $20.04/hr.
- Husbandry Tech services, after-hrs./weekends and holidays: $30.08/hr., 2h minimum
Other services:
- Surgery room, with sterile surgery pack: $122.99/use
- Anesthetic machine use for surgery: $47.76/day
- Ethylene oxide gas sterilization: $51.73
- Steam sterilization: $36.88
- Radiography: $36.88/hr.
- Surgery Room Cleaning charge: $55.35

Custom projects or services: Please consult the LACU Director

Purchasing surcharges:
- Animal order late fee (after 2pm Wednesday): $61.50
- Ordering fee, non-approved vendors: $61.50
- Drug and other supply orders*: 15% above cost

The LACU no longer routinely orders drugs and supplies for research needs. All investigators are encouraged to obtain the necessary licenses to order drugs and supplies from medical distributors.

Transportation services surcharges:
- Airport Pickup/Order: $73.80
- Feed & Bedding Delivery/Trip: $73.80
- Special Animal Transport/Trip: $73.80

External users rate surcharge, per service: 30%

Projected per diem and services charges, FY26 - beyond: 3% annually over prior FY basis