**Announcement:**

**Novogene Contract for Next-Generation Sequencing Via the Molecular Resource Center (MRC)**

The Office of Research is pleased to announce that UTHSC has set up a standing contract with Novogene for next-generation sequencing (NGS) services for sample submissions that are managed through the Molecular Resource Center (MRC) institutional core. Novogene will offer UTHSC-affiliated investigators who are referred to Novogene via the MRC discounted pricing levels that are comparable to pricing previously only offered to their first-time customers. In addition, pricing for services will be furthered discounted for bulk samples submissions (24+ samples/service).

The procedures for obtaining contracted pricing with Novogene are as follows:

* Set up a consultation with the MRC Director, Dr. Bill Taylor, wtaylor@uthsc.edu to advise on experimental design and the pros/cons of in-house sequencing services offered by the MRC versus the services offered by Novogene. One advantage of working directly with the MRC will be rapid turnaround time.
* Read the sample submission requirements and guide on the Novogene website <https://en.novogene.com/support/sample-preparation/>
* After samples have been prepared for submission, contact Dustin Poole or Alejandro Puente at Novogene and request a custom sample submission form. *Refer to the contract number provided by the MRC.*

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* Dustin, Alejandro or one of their colleagues, will send a sample submission form that is customized for your laboratory, which the laboratory is responsible for completing.
* Your laboratory will need to provide a printed copy of the submission form to include with your sample shipment. You will also need to email a copy of the form directly to Dustin Poole or Alejandro Puente and to the MRC Director and business manager:

dustin.poole@novogeneusa.com or Alejandro.puente@novogeneusa.com, and Natalie Smith nsmith@uthsc.edu , and Bill Taylor wtaylor@uthsc.edu. NOTE: Each lab is responsible for sample preparation, packing their samples and for paying for the shipping costs to submit samples to Novogene.

* The MRC will serve as the official conduit between the investigator and Novogene, including discussing troubleshooting issues or addressing any customer complaints for work completed under the contract. A $10 fee/sample submission will be billed to the investigator by the MRC via iLab for using the Novogene contract.
* When your sequencing project is complete, per the terms of our contract, your laboratory will have **90 calendar days** to download your data from the Novogene server before it is deleted.
* If your laboratory is interested in long-term, secure data storage, or requires assistance in retrieving data from the Novogene server, please contact Dr. Daniel Johnson, Director, Molecular Bioinformatics (mBIO) core, djohn166@uthsc.edu, to discuss options.