

FY24 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, 2023. For all custom projects, please consult the LACU Core Director for a quote. Per diem and service rates will be escalated 3% each FY.

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

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.

****ABSL2 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 ABSL2 care.

Standard bedding:

Mice: Shepherd's Cob
Rats: Shepherd's Cob

Standard Feed:

Mice: Envigo 2918, 7912, or 7904
Rats: Envigo 2918 or 7912

To request the use of non-standard bedding/feed, or special handling (e.g. autoclaving) of feed/bedding, complete a [LACU Resource Request Form](#) 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 (ABSL2)****:	\$1.89/box/day
Ferret:	Standard:	\$7.59/animal/day
	Biocontainment (ABSL2):	\$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:

Rodent ultrasound (includes anesthesia):	\$98.39/hr.
Surgery room, with sterile surgery pack:	\$122.99/use
Gas sterilization:	\$36.88
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, FY25 - beyond: 3% annually over prior FY basis