

## School of Chemistry Bench Fees

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For all non-RCUK-funded research students (PhD and MSc), it is vital that the SoC recovers a bench fee in addition to the student fees (home or overseas) and stipend. The bench fee provides an income to the SoC to cover access charges as well as to the supervisor to cover facility costs, consumables and travel costs.

### SoC access charges relate to:

Solvents

Cryogenics and gases

Stores counter items

Research training support

In recognition of the fact that different research activities in the SoC incur different costs, Bench Fees are charged at different rates as detailed below.

**BAND A: £10,762 per annum (or above, where appropriate) based on estimated SoC access charges of £3485 per annum + £7277 per annum project support including facility costs.**

Synthesis-based (synthesis, catalysis) with the majority of activities focussed on synthesis (NMR, MS, EA, single crystal X-ray Crystallography) with some further characterisation (SEM, TEM, AFM, powder XRD), research training support, consumables, travel and conferences.

### BAND B:

**B1 £7535 per annum based on estimated SoC access charges of £1615 per annum + £5920 per annum project support including facility costs.**

**B2 £7535 per annum based on estimated SoC access charges of £540 per annum + £6995 per annum project support including facility costs.**

Materials-based with a major characterisation component [SEM, TEM, XRD (powder and single crystal), AFM, and others], and some synthetic activities (NMR, MS and EA), research training support, consumables, travel and conferences.

**BAND C: £5920 per annum based on estimated SoC access charges of £540 per annum + £5380 per annum project support.**

Materials-based with a significant characterisation component [SEM, TEM, XRD (powder and single crystal), AFM, and others], and some synthetic activities (NMR, MS and EA), research training support, consumables, travel and conferences.

**BAND D: £3230 per annum based on estimated SoC access charges of £540 per annum + £2690 per annum project support.**

Materials-based with some characterisation component [SEM, TEM, XRD (powder and single crystal), AFM, and others], and some synthetic activities (NMR, MS and EA), research training support, consumables, travel and conferences.

Or

Equipment-intensive research, using specialised equipment (eg laser-based instrumentation) within the SoC.

**BAND E: £2690 per annum based on estimated SoC access charges of £540 per annum + £2150 per annum project support.**

Computational projects (computation, atmospheric) with access to hardware, software, access to supercomputing facilities, access to local SoC facilities as required, research training support, travel and conferences.