Deferred Billing for a Grant Writing Interval

The Office of Research has been approached regarding individuals who do not presently have sufficient funds to pay for use of the flow cytometry core facility. These individuals require use of the facility in order to produce data for grant proposals. Therefore, we will implement a pilot program to determine the utility of providing service and deferred billing for grant applicants with limited financial resources.

The procedures and conditions are as follows:

- Decisions will be made on a case by case basis by the Associate Dean of Research or the Director of Core Facilities.
- The deferred billing period in each case will be for a limited time period.

- Financial need must be demonstrated by the investigator. Accordingly, the investigator shall supply a list of resources (grants & balances, commercial endeavors etc), financial commitments (e.g. staff, students etc) as well as application date for upcoming grant; see the Director of Core Facilities for details of the information needed.

- The investigator must agree to provide speed codes for grant accounts in order to allow the Office of Research to verify the financial need.

- Investigator must agree to use the facility after hours if there is a scheduling conflict over the FACS instruments

- After securing funding from granting agency, individual agrees to reimburse the flow facility for the costs incurred in generating the "preliminary data" for the grant. Failure to do so may result in loss of core facility privileges.

The Faculty and the Core Facility assumes the risk as to whether the individual's grant is successful, as well as the initial cost of user fees. However, the initial cost in absolute terms for the individuals to use the core facility during this trial program is very little as long as NO PAYING USER HAS TO RESCHEDULE. The upside to the individual, Faculty and Core Facility is tremendous: a successful grant, a successful grant holder and another paying user (to support the flow cytometry core and help keep overall user fees stable) respectively.