

University of Glasgow Xenon PFIB-SEM instrument

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Funding for the Xenon PFIB-SEM instrument was awarded under the EPSRC Strategic Equipment scheme along with support from University of Glasgow. In making our successful bid for this instrument we proposed to actively promote external access for users across the region (Scotland / Northern England / Northern Ireland), across the rest of the UK and internationally. We envisage that circa 20% of instrument time will be provided as fully funded access for pilot studies in the period 30th June 2017 to 30th June 2018.

Pilot studies are 1-2 days trial access to try something new and establish whether there is a compelling case to seek longer term funding for access. We will seek to support a range of research that includes EPSRC's identified high priority areas but also work that spans the remit of other RCUK councils (e.g. STFC, MRC etc).

Applications should be submitted to the KNC Manager on the short form "Application for Pilot Study Access".

Applications for pilot access will be assessed and prioritised on a monthly basis by the KNC Management Team and time will be awarded accordingly.

Should you wish to utilise the FIB instrument for a fully funded external project then please contact the KNC manager.

All external users will be asked to sign a user agreement that encompasses:

- A commitment to co-authorship of any resulting publications with the member(s) of the KNC team who worked with them to achieve the results to be published
- A commitment to the EPSRC principle of making all publications and research data openly accessible

As part of the task of reporting outcomes to EPSRC we will keep records of:

- Number of days awarded as pilot projects
- Number of days awarded to fully funded external projects
- Publications arising from work done using the instrument