OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY NEUROSCIENCE CENTER CORE

**IMAGING CORE TERMS OF SERVICE**

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**Purpose**

To provide neuroscience researchers with well-managed and well-maintained confocal microscopes for imaging of cells, tissue and embryos in the living and fixed state, and to provide expert training, consultation and technical support for the use of this equipment.

**Initiation of projects**

The core is available to neuroscience researchers on campus. New users should contact the Core Manager to discuss their eligibility for training and access. All researchers on campus are welcome to use the core services but if scheduling conflicts arise, priority will be given to projects in the Department of Neuroscience.

**Services**

Training, oversight and day-to-day management is provided by the Core Manager, who is supervised by the Core Director. We provide access to the Zeiss LSM 900 Airyscan2 inverted confocal microscope and Andor Revolution WD Spinning Disk confocal microscope, as well as hands-on one-on-one basic training to all new users, and application-specific advanced training to experienced users. First-time users must attend a mandatory training seminar, mandatory one-on-one training sessions, and finally supervised use before being given access to the microscopes. After satisfactory completion of this training, users are given access Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. As users become more experienced, they are given access 24/7, at the discretion of the Core Manager. We also provide consultation and assistance in the development and execution of specific imaging projects, such as those involving live cell imaging in tissue slices, developing zebrafish embryos and cultured cells, and in the processing and analysis of acquired images. Use of the confocal microscopes can be scheduled in advance using a Google calendar. Entry to the microscope rooms is controlled by keycard. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. A lab is permitted to book up to 12 hours each week on each instrument as far in advance as it wishes, but it may not book more than 12 hours in any single week (Sunday through Saturday) until Friday of the preceding week. Users of the Zeiss Airyscan are not permitted to schedule more than 4 hours in one day without permission from the Core Manager, unless they are scheduling on the day of use. Any of these restrictions can be waived by the Core Manager, with appropriate justification. The Core also offers access to a Zeiss Axiophot upright wide-field epi-fluorescence microscope.

**User Responsibilities**

The Neuroscience Imaging Core must be acknowledged in every publication arising from work supported by the Core. For work using the spinning disk confocal, users must also acknowledge NIH S10 OD010383 shared instrumentation grant, which was used to purchase this instrument. For work using the Zeiss Airyscan confocal, users must acknowledge NIH S10 OD026842 Shared Instrumentation Grant, which was used to purchase this instrument. The Core reserves the right to deny access to Users that do not adhere to Core policies or that fail to exercise sufficient care in the use of the microscopes.

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