

UBC Farm Land Based Project Fee Schedule (Updated March, 2023)

Item	Billing Unit	non-UBC fee (\$)	UBC fee (\$)	CSFS/LFS discount fee (\$)	Notes	Research & Teaching Examples	Community Examples
Annual Flat Fees							
Administrative fee	project year	\$179	\$146	\$105	Includes academic coordination, general site orientation and support, and limited knowledge mobilization assistance. Applies annually. Project proponents with multiple projects on site will be billed for only one administrative fee per year.		
Start-up Consultation Fee	Each non-contiguous location/plot for each project iteration or distinct experiment	\$11 per plot (minimum charge of \$99) for Type 1 land category; \$99 per location/plot for Type 2 land category; \$198 per location/plot for Type 3 & 4 land categories	\$7 per plot (minimum charge of \$77) for Type 1 land category; \$77 per location/plot for Type 2 land category; \$154 per location/plot for Type 3 & 4 land categories	\$5 per plot (minimum charge of \$55) for Type 1 land category; \$55 per location/plot for Type 2 land category; \$111 per location/plot for Type 3 & 4 land categories	Includes technician consultation necessary to get the project started up on site and integrated into regular site activities (as applicable). Includes tasks like assistance selecting project locations, designing the project layout, and planning the care and cultivation of research plots. Does not include field labour or extensive consultation about aspects of a project that have more to do with the project itself than with the site. The start-up fee applies every time a project begins, moves to a new location, or a previous location is reorganized for a new project iteration or distinct experiment. The fee is calculated for each individual non-contiguous location or plot that makes up the research project.	project start, establishment of a new crop or application or new treatments in a previously used location, establishment of a new treatment in a new location; installation of traps or sensors in new locations; movement of traps or sensors to significantly new locations	project start and whenever major site expansion or reorganization takes place
Specific Project Fees							
Land							
Type 1		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Non-exclusive, no-treatment, low-impact, recurring land use.	data collection through the use of minimally invasive traps, sensors, or sampling techniques; occasional specimen collection and device calibration usually do NOT meet this threshold	responsibly wildcrafting medicinal plants and foods from the farm's forests and hedgerows
Type 2	m2/year	\$2.22	\$1.71	\$1.23	Exclusive or semi-exclusive use of unamended grass, forest, or brush. At the conclusion of the project, the site must be returned to its original condition or an improved condition mutually agreed upon. <i>All labour, equipment, and supplies are extra (including water supply if needed and not already present).</i>	<i>Arabidopsis plot; leaf litter decomposition study; project structures and necessary adjacent outdoor space</i>	project structures and semi-exclusive outdoor activity space other than gardens
Type 3	m2/year	\$2.76	\$2.14	\$1.53	Use of an intensively managed field in a way that allows for harvest of a crop that can be sold within the farm's existing sales channels. Projects requiring significant deviations from standard best practices on this site may be charged extra if these deviations result in a foreseeable loss of revenue. <i>Includes all labour, equipment, and supplies necessary to grow and sell the crop according to standard best practices on this site. Labour, equipment, and supplies necessitated only by the project are extra.</i>	amendment study (if no significant, foreseeable loss of revenue); variety trial (if crops produced can be sold in existing sales channels).	N/A
Type 4	m2/year	\$3.31	\$2.57	\$1.84	Use of an intensively managed field in a way that precludes harvest of a salable crop that year by the farm. At the conclusion of the project, the field must be returned to its original condition or an improved condition mutually agreed upon. (The original condition of intensively managed fields generally includes moderate fertility, moderate weed and disease pressure, and an established cover crop). High impact projects will be billed for every year that this restoration takes. Some projects may be charged extra due to lost revenue (in established perennials fields, for instance). Includes water supply to the field, but not in-field irrigation equipment. <i>Any labour, equipment, or supplies needed by the project are extra.</i>	biofuel crops; trial of a pesticide not yet approved by the PMRA (but otherwise allowed for organic use) resulting in crops that cannot legally be sold	project gardens
Labour							
Technician*	hour	\$69.02	\$50.99	\$38.35	Labour in direct support of a project that wouldn't have been done otherwise. Applies differently depending on which land fee category a project falls into above. Includes any significant consultation about aspects of a project that have more to do with the project itself than with the site. *By special arrangement, projects that require regular support of a half-day per week or more may qualify for lower rates.	Labour spent sourcing, ordering, receiving, and applying amendments for an amendment study that is in excess of what would have been done by staff in the absence of the project; assistance collecting data or designing data collection equipment.	Field preparation; significant assistance with garden planning or care.
Volunteer or unpaid student (technician supervised)	hour	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	We can sometimes save projects money by utilizing volunteer or unpaid student labour for simple, low-risk tasks that are unlikely to compromise project integrity if performed poorly. Please let us know your preferences and we'll do our best to accommodate them.		
Equipment Use							
Tractor (includes implements)	machine hour	\$79.40	\$61.76	\$44.12	Operation by farm technicians only at labour rates above.		
Small machine	hour	\$40.77	\$31.71	\$22.66	String trimmer, brush cutter, lawn mower, etc. Operation by farm technicians at labour rates above or by project members who have been trained by them. Training will be billed at labour rate above.		
Available hand tools		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Included in admin fee. Please return to toolshed after each use.		
Aluminum irrigation pipe and sprinklers	meter of header and field pipe	\$3.98	\$3.09	\$2.22	Water, supply lines to the field, and available in-field pipes, fittings, and sprinklers included. Installation and operation labour extra.	the number of field lines depends on the plot width, but a 14m x 50m could either have 14m of header and 90m of field pipe with half circle sprinklers (more uniform) OR 7m of header and 50m of field pipe with full circle sprinklers (less uniform).	
Supplies							

Drip or micro-irrigation	cost				Fee depends on exact requirements and current market rates. Inquire for a quote. Design, installation, and operation labour extra.		
Compost, other soil amendments, seeds, pest control products, etc.	cost				Depends on current market rates. Inquire for a quote.		
Project information sign (Coroplast)	each	\$104.00	\$104.00	\$70.00	Includes installation and design assistance. Informational signage is required for most projects.		
Equipment Storage							
Research equipment storage in 8x10' shipping container	Quarter (1/4) of shipping container	\$57	\$44	\$32	Includes shelving if required		

General Notes

- 1 All fees subject to 2-5% annual increase. Site users should budget an additional 2-5% per year for multi-year projects.
- 2 The land area required by a project includes necessary buffer space and any adjacent space that the project makes impractical for use by other projects due to shading, irrigation restraints, or plot shape. For instance, a project that requires a square plot may be billed for the entire rectangular field in which the square plot is placed.
- 3 By default, calendar years will be used when calculating yearly flat fees.
- 4 If this is an undergrad student led project, you can find alternative funding sources at: <https://sustain.ubc.ca/get-involved/sustainability-funding-opportunities>
- 5 Please direct questions about research project fees to: Janet Moore, Innovation & Research Curator : ubcfarm.research@ubc.ca
- 6 Please direct questions about community project fees to: Clare Cullen, Farm Operations Director: clare.cullen@ubc.ca