

NERC Data Protocol Agreement



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The NERC Ion Microprobe Facility (IMF) provides SIMS analyses for researchers in UK Universities and Research Institutes. Like all NERC facilities, the IMF is required to justify its continued funding in terms of its scientific contribution. We therefore request that all successful applicants of NERC IMF support agree to the following terms to ensure NERC support is acknowledged.

Conditions of access to the ion microprobe facility:

1. The support provided through NERC should **at least** be acknowledged in all relevant publications. Papers which include IMF analyses should be sent to the IMF to check analytical technique/data reduction protocol and appropriate acknowledgement of NERC funding, at the time of submission for review **at the very latest**. There is no expectation or requirement for co-authorship. However, if the visiting scientist wishes to acknowledge the support received, then the group name EIMF (Edinburgh Ion Microprobe Facility) may be added as the sole co-author representing the facility.
2. Results arising from a NERC IMF allocation are not the sole property of the applicant, but are jointly owned by NERC and the applicant. The IMF will not publish or otherwise use results it does not wholly own during the first 24 months (36 months if a research student) after completion of the analyses, except with the agreement of the user. If, after the moratorium period, the user has not made reasonable effort to publish data provided by the facility, the ownership of the data may be claimed *in toto* by NERC.
3. Publication is the prime indicator of science supported by IMF and therefore an important means by which the value of the facility to the scientific community is judged. Investigators in receipt of a NERC IMF instrument time are required to supply bibliographic references and/or copies of any publications (including non-refereed publications and abstracts of PhD theses), which discuss or describe analyses obtained at the NERC IMF.
4. The work undertaken is covered by the IMF application number below.

The fulfilment of the above conditions will be considered by the IMF Steering Committee in the allocation of future NERC support.

I agree to all the above statements.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name (print): _____

IMF Application no.: _____

University of Edinburgh Health & Safety Procedures



Health and Safety Agreement:	Yes
I have been instructed in the safe use of the equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have been informed of emergency shutdown procedure.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have been made aware of fire exits and procedures.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have been made aware of emergency phone contacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have been made aware of the late-working procedure and protocols.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I agree to all the above statements.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name (print): _____

Supervisor: _____

Name (print): _____