Cryo-Electron Microscopy Service Platform

EMBL Heidelberg

COVID-19 Special Access

With this form you are applying for special mail-in access for COVID-19-related projects (single-particle analysis and cryo-electron tomography) at Cryo-Electron Microscopy Service Platform at EMBL Heidelberg.

You can apply to send in optimized frozen cryo-EM grids for high-resolution data collection. Projects will be evaluated with respect to scientific quality, feasibility and biological safety. Data collection will be carried out by EMBL experts in close consultation with the users. In addition, we also offer freezing and screening of grids for shipped-in purified samples depending on capacity. Completed proposal should be emailed to cryo-em@embl.de

By submitting this form, you agree to the below stated Terms of access. The personal data you provide to us will be processed in accordance with the data protection principles set out here.

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<td>Include preliminary results and evidences (such as images, pdfs) that the grids are suitable for high-end data collection (maximal 3000 characters).</td>
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Please provide details on the biological safety of the sample. Can this sample be worked in the biosafety S1 laboratory?

Has the sample been inactivated, if so, how?

Experimental plan
Number of samples, type of acquisition, imaging parameters...
(maximal 2000 characters)

Terms of access

GENERAL REMARKS:

Access to the Cryo-EM Platform will be provided as part of EMBL’s mission to further the use of cryo-electron microscopy methods to the life science community through collaborative research projects, provision of respective facilities, and development and use necessary instrumentation and technology.

Applications for access submitted through this form will be evaluated internally for scientific quality, technical feasibility and biosafety. We will notify applicants whether their application was accepted and inform them how to send their samples and when we plan to work with the samples. Sessions will be run by the EMBL cryo-EM engineers. We reserve the right to change or cancel allocated dates. While we will try to find a mutually-agreeable solution, we cannot accept any liability in that respect.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLICATIONS:

We will not make any claims to intellectual property rights (“IPR”) which you previously developed, and you will not make any claims to IPR which we previously developed.

All newly developed IPR regarding instrumentation, technology and/or method developments regarding the Cryo-EM Platform will belong to EMBL.

All other newly developed IPR will belong to the party whose staff developed it, and the other party will receive a free and non-exclusive license to use such IPR within the project as well as for its internal non-commercial research and training. Where your staff and our staff newly develop other IPR together, it will belong to both of us according to our respective shares in the invention.
Unless the parties jointly publish the results of the project, the Cryo-EM Platform will be acknowledged in any publication using your results from the time on the platform as follows: “The EMBL Cryo-Electron Microscopy Service Platform is acknowledged for support in image acquisition and analysis”.

FURTHER TERMS:

As is customary in collaborative research, any information, data or materials supplied by one party to another is provided “as is”, without warranty, guarantee or representation of any kind. To the extent legally permissible, neither party will be liable to the other party for any direct or indirect damage hereunder.

Where confidential information is exchanged it will only be used for the purposes for which it has been disclosed, and the recipient shall make no use of it for any other purposes. The recipient agrees to keep such information confidential and to take all reasonable steps to preserve the confidential and proprietary nature.

All disputes arising out of or in connection with these terms or their validity shall be finally settled in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) without recourse to the ordinary courts of law. The arbitral tribunal shall be comprised of three members. The seat of the arbitration is Heidelberg (Germany). The language of the arbitration shall be English. The parties agree that the arbitration shall be conducted as Expedited Proceedings and that Annex 4 of the DIS Arbitration Rules shall apply. The rules of law applicable to the merits shall be German law, and nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of any privileges or immunities accorded to EMBL by its constituent documents or international law.

If you have any further questions regarding your visit, do not hesitate to contact us (cryo-em@embl.de)

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Signature                                      Date

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