Fall 2020 Lab Fees and Kit FAQ’s

Lab fees for all lab courses in Fall 2020 will be charged upon enrollment. On Oct. 19, 2020, Registrar will begin to reverse the charges for lab courses that were determined to not have an associated lab fee (see below).

Q: Which lab courses have associated fees for Fall 2020?
A: The below lab courses will have fees for Fall 2020:
   - BILD 4 ($40 fee)
   - BIMM 101 ($80 fee)
   - BIPN 145 ($50 fee)

Q: Which lab courses do not have associated fees for Fall 2020?
A: The below lab courses do not have fees for Fall 2020:
   - BIBC 103
   - BIEB 121
   - BILD 70
   - BIMM 121
   - BIMM 143
   - BIPN 105

The lab fees for these courses will be charged upon enrollment. Beginning on Oct. 19, 2020, the fees will be reversed by the Registrar’s office.

Q: What do the lab fees cover?
A: Lab fees will cover materials that the students will retain possession of during the quarter and components that will be used at UCSD to generate data from samples students collect.

Lab fees will cover the following:

**BILD 4 ($40 fee):**
- Sterile Soil Corer
- Sterile 5 ml tube
- Sterile 15ml tube with sterile water
- Sterile bag
- pH paper
- Prepaid return postage

**BIMM 101 ($80 fee):**
- Single volume pipetters
- Yeast sample
- Plasmid
- DNA template
- Culture dish with media
- Pipet tips and other plasticware

**BIPN 145 ($50 fee):**
- Backyard Brains Spiker Box
- 3 cockroaches for recordings
- D-cell battery
- Prepaid return postage in case the students want to donate their spiker boxes back to the Division at the end of the quarter (optional)

**Q:** When will I receive the materials associated with the fees?
**A:** Lab kits will be sent at different times for each lab course. Approximate ship dates are:
- **BILD 4:** October 5, 2020
- **BIMM 101:** October 26, 2020
- **BIPN 145:** October 7, 2020

**Q:** If I do not receive materials or they are received late and I cannot complete an assignment, how will my grade be impacted?
**A:** Instructors have alternative solutions for these situations to ensure students grades are not impacted. Please reach out to the Instructor for further details.

**Q:** If I am required to return materials and samples to campus via mail, how will that happen?
**A:** Prepaid return shipping labels will be provided in lab kits that requires students to return materials and samples to campus.

**Q:** What happens if lab materials are lost in the mail, either on the way to me or on the way back to campus?
**A:** Instructors have alternative solutions for these situations to ensure students grades are not impacted. Please reach out to the Instructor for further details.

**Q:** Who should I contact with additional questions about lab fees and kits, specifically prior to the start of the quarter?
**A:** Students may contact Instructional Lab team at biougl@ucsd.edu for additional questions related to lab fees and kits.