

LBMS Acknowledgement Policy

The LBMS mission is fourfold:

- Stimulate interdisciplinary research between developmental mass spectrometry research programs and the mass spectrometry users
- Provide centralized instrumentation facilities and other infrastructure to support basic and life science research and LBMS research activities
- Perform cutting-edge mass spectrometry research in areas of methods/technique development that will advance routine analysis to the end-user, e.g., routine service-for-fee analysis
- Stimulate interactions between TAMU and other universities, government laboratories, and industry

The Laboratory for Biological Mass Spectrometry service and collaboration facility (LBMS) provides instrumentation and consulting services that address the needs of the TAMU community involved in teaching and research related to materials and the life sciences. To facilitate interdisciplinary interactions between the TAMU community and the LBMS staff, the following policy regarding acknowledgement of LBMS contributions is now in effect.

LBMS users who have incorporated data obtained from LBMS resources into publications and presentations will acknowledge the LBMS facilities and personnel who contributed. LBMS recognizes that samples and all research materials involved in these investigations are the property of the Principal Investigator (PI), who serves as the responsible individual representing the University on funded projects. Just as the intellectual property at the heart of the investigation may be owned by the PI, so the ideas for new methods developed by the LBMS staff may be the intellectual property of the Technical Staff, to be used with their authorization. In many cases, techniques will be developed as the result of joint efforts.

Ideally, these different facets will augment each other and can be published together or separately as appropriate. In any case, the two parties should discuss the best way to disseminate the information and must recognize and respect each others' contributions either by authorship or acknowledgment. In the case of co-authorship, contributions to the writing of a paper are both a privilege and requirement. Cases of disagreement or potential conflict arising from prior agreements (or more likely, lack of prior agreements) will be resolved through the Office of the Vice-President for Research in consultation with the Director of the LBMS, or an ad hoc committee of their choosing.

Research carried out in part or in full using LBMS facilities will thus fall into one of three categories, with services and/or contributions requiring the following acknowledgements:

- Use of facilities only (PI and associates carry out the research) requires **acknowledgement of facility** in all resulting publications and presentations. The following acknowledgement should be used: "Use of the TAMU/LBMS is acknowledged"
- Provision of routing procedures and methods by LBMS Staff requires **acknowledgement of facility and individuals** in the resulting publications. The following acknowledgment should be used: "Use of the TAMU/LBMS and (Dr./Mr./Ms.) _____ are acknowledged"
- Contributions of LBMS Staff that include development and implementation of original techniques, experimental design, interpretation, or other significant intellectual input require **co-authorship and acknowledgement of facility**. The following acknowledgement should be used: "Use of the TAMU/LBMS is acknowledged"

Upon acceptance of your publication acknowledging LBMS, please send the complete citation to Dr. Xueyun Zheng at xueyun.zheng@tamu.edu and upon publication send us a PDF file.