



Charging User Fees for Equipment Purchased Using Government Funds

Federal Government rules provided in

Circular A-21 - Cost Principles for Educational Institutions

Agency specific rules:

NSF Grant General Conditions - Section 6.

Governed largely by **internal University policies and procedures** because Universities classify shared equipment facilities as:

- **Recharge center**
- **Program Income** – Jurriaan Gerretsen, Cornell
- **Special Service Facilities**
 - Disclosure statement on file with the government
 - Reviewed by Office of Naval Research or Health and Human Services



General Guidance

- Facilities must not generate a profit
- Cannot undercut local business
- Justify user fees based on costs and document it