

Access and achievement utilization rules of the Functional Materials Laboratory of the Wigner Research Centre for Physics (FunMatLab)

The following rules apply for public utilization of FunMatLab. Non-public utilization (typical for industrial users) paid for by the client and confidential can be negotiated with the FunMatLab coordinator out of the frames of the present regulations.

Proposals for public utilization of FunMatLab can be submitted any time by any bona fide scientist from any country by filling in an electronic template available at the FunMatLab website. In the template, the proposer will specify the FunMatLab facilities to be used as well as the science case and technical details of the proposal. Proposals for using more FunMatLab facilities simultaneously are especially welcome. Submission of the proposal will be acknowledged electronically.

Proposals will be checked for scientific excellence and feasibility first. Should the scientific quality of the proposal be called into question, independent reviewers will be involved. Preference will be given to proposals aiming at preparations for using pan-European research infrastructures. In case of a positive outcome of the checks, financial, cooperation and intellectual property conditions will be negotiated. FunMatLab encourages accessing the facilities in smart-access mode, with mail-in samples and, if possible, remote control by the users from their home institutes or universities.

FunMatLab can be publicly accessed in frames of either scientific collaboration or paid service. In the case of scientific cooperation projects, the cooperation and sharing costs will be governed by the cooperation agreement or by the rules of the financing project. Paid services will be based on individual agreement concluded between the Wigner Research Centre for Physics (Wigner RCP) and the organization the proposer is affiliated with. For paid services the same conditions for all proposers will hold. Within both schemes, costs of the utilization incurred, along with a statutory overhead, will be calculated by the Financial Unit of the Wigner RCP taking into account the nature and duration of the use. Upon application, special costs (radiation source, refrigerants, chemicals, carriers and target materials, etc.) will be accounted for in terms of invoiced and itemized breakdowns.

The timing of the utilization will be negotiated with the instrument scientist(s) via the FunMatLab coordinator.

Research achievements of public utilization of FunMatLab can be published, can create intellectual property (IP) such as patent, know-how, etc. or, beyond an embargo period of three years, the unprocessed raw data and their metadata stored in a repository by Wigner RCP can be released under a CC-BY-4.0 licence with open access to anyone for re-using them provided that the original data creator(s) and FunMatLab will be properly acknowledged. Upon well-founded request of the proposer, the embargo period can be extended the decision depending on the authorized representative of the Wigner RCP.

In publications resulting from public utilization of FunMatLab, FunMatLab should be properly acknowledged.

For IPs, the intellectual property regulations of Wigner RCP will apply.