

David Cockayne Centre for Electron Microscopy

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We recognise the importance of the David Cockayne Centre for Electron Microscopy (DCCEM) in supporting research within the Department of Materials and more widely across the University. The centre provides support through the equipment housed within, and also via the research support scientists and technicians working within the DCCEM. Both are funded by the Department of Materials and users of the facility will interact with both during their research.

We see four modes of user interaction within the DCCEM:

1. User led experiments within the facility, following initial training by DCCEM staff
2. Occasional 'service' access, to obtain data for a simple experiment, where the DCCEM staff perform routine characterisation on behalf of the user.
3. More involved support by DCCEM staff who contribute substantially to either experimental design, data acquisition and/or data interpretation for complex characterisation tasks or on-going projects. This mode supports tasks where the required user training is beyond what is appropriate or justifiable, based on the project and/or user. This mode also includes formal academic collaborations between DCCEM staff and research groups.
4. Commercial/industrial usage of the facility managed by OMCS staff.

The envisaged interaction of each user is discussed at the time of application to the DCCEM and decided on a case-by-case basis. It is influenced by the scientific problem presented, techniques required to tackle it, user experience and availability to devote time to the task and the availability of funding. Interactions may evolve over time, governed by research project directions.

For all four cases, we anticipate that publications, reports and presentations will include the following acknowledgement statement:

"The authors acknowledge use of characterisation facilities within the David Cockayne Centre for Electron Microscopy, Department of Materials, University of Oxford, alongside financial support provided by the Henry Royce Institute (Grant ref EP/R010145/1)."

In cases (2) and (3), where research has required significant intellectual contributions from one or more DCCEM staff, these members should be included within the author list of the resultant publication or report. They should be included in discussions during drafting and publication.

In situations where DCCEM staff feel that they have contributed substantially to the work, or a researcher wishes to engage the support of DCCEM staff at this level, it should be flagged with the academic group leader at an early stage.

Should a specific instrument (e.g. Zeiss Crossbeam, Jeol ARM) contribute to a publication, the specific EPSRC grant number relating to the instrument purchase should also be included in the acknowledgment text. DCCEM staff will be able to advise.

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