

# 2021 RMBL Researcher Rate Schedule

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## Edit History:

Jan, 2021 – Add 3% housing surcharge language.

Feb. 2, 2021 – Add fee schedule for instrumentation.

May 17, 2021 – Removed 3% housing surcharge language

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## Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory has the following researcher fees in 2021

**Application Fees:** See the Research Code for details on application review.

Type of Application	Fees
Continuing	\$100.00
New/Renewal	\$150.00 submitted on or before Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> Additional \$90.00 processing fee if received after Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Collector Application	\$45.00
Research Assistant	\$40.00
Student	Free if submitted on or before Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> \$35.00 if submitted after Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Animal Care Protocol	\$45.00 if submitted on or before Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> Additional \$35.00 processing fee if received after Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Research/Animal Care Supplements for approved projects	Free if submitted on or before Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> \$40.00 processing fee if submitted after Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> and requires extensive review
Visiting Scientists/Guests/Alumni	Free

**Data Curation:** RMBL offers data services for scientists. Our goals are to foster collaboration by creating a data rich environment through improved archiving, discoverability, and interpretation of data. We also want to make it easier for scientists to fulfill federal data sharing requirements.

Participation in these efforts is voluntary. We will provide interested scientists up to 4 hours of annual staff time to assist with data curation, archiving, and submission to a database. If scientists would like data services beyond the initial 4 hours of support, RMBL would charge \$30/hr. To cover the initial 4 hours of staff time of curation services we increased application fees in 2020 by \$50 for scientists and students who will be collecting data. Visiting scientists who are not collecting data and research assistants working under a PI's plan will not be charged this fee.

Specific services include providing scientists with a template metadata form that they can use as a starting point and which includes RMBL metadata (e.g., location data from our geodatabase) already filled in. Additionally, we will review scientists' data and metadata for interpretability. Our default data repository will be with the Environmental Data Initiative (EDI), <https://environmentaldatainitiative.org/>, but we are happy to help archive data in any reasonable location. Except in unusual circumstances, the support for archiving data will happen outside summer, though we can do a brief initial consultation in summer.

**Station Use Fee:** \$23.15/day for every person 17 or over living in Gothic. The station use fee is calculated

from the arrival date until the departure date; individuals will be charged for days during which they are gone unless they have completely moved out of their cabin and made prior arrangements with the Director of Operations.

This fee also applies to researchers, and their lab team members who live off-site but work through RMBL. While station fees are charged for family members living in Gothic, family members living off-site are not charged station fees. The station fee covers the cost of permitting, research site coordination, geodatabase support, research support, managing relationships with landowners and the general public, and other administrative expenses. The default is for offsite researchers to be charged station fees from the arrival date until the departure date. For scientists spending time in the Gunnison Basin for non-research reasons, they can elect to track their RMBL research days and report them monthly to the Accounting office. This arrangement must be documented in writing with the Director of Operations before the research visit.

**Instrumentation Fee structure:** Research projects fall on a continuum from having a heavy field presence by personnel spending upwards of several weeks or months in the field, to projects that involve deployments of sensors and instruments and relatively little personnel time in the field, on the order of days or weeks at most. RMBL staff will discuss with individual researchers where they fall along this continuum in order to determine the most appropriate fee structure: one based on field time vs. one based on an instrumentation deployment. In order to support instrumentation deployments, we charge a flat Research Integration and Planning fee to get the Instrumentation campaign set-up, and a smaller Installation and Renewal fee annually thereafter. RMBL staff and the scientist will document a formal understanding on the scope of work and fees to be billed, as well as a payment schedule. We are still developing our fee structure for Instrument Deployments, as opposed to field campaign. This is the 2021 instrumentation fee structure:

Year 1:

- Phase 1: Research integration and planning fee (\$5000-\$20,000), based on the number of instruments and sites. \$5000 is the minimum and it'd cover up to 5 instruments spread across up to 5 sites. Add \$1000/instrument for additional instruments at new sites and \$500/instrument for additional instruments at existing sites. This fee covers site planning and selection, permitting, RMBL research review, and coordination with existing research. Benefits are inclusion in the RMBL permits with federal agencies, access to numerous data resources, access to facilities and other research support, and integration into a vibrant and collaborative research community.
- Phase 2: Research execution phase (25% of Phase 1 fee: \$1250-\$5000 in this case), this is research and admin support when you are literally installing and maintaining your instruments.

Year 2: Renewal Fee Phase 2: (25% of Phase 1 fee: \$1250-\$5000, plus 5% cost of living from year 1 to year 2)

Year 3: Renewal Fee Phase 2: (25% of Phase 2 fee: \$1250-\$5000, plus 5% /year for cost of living increase)

Additional services that are NOT covered by this fee structure include daily station fees for field campaigns, housing, meals, lab space, and storage fees, additional permitting (e.g. NEPA review or County permitting), and logistical support including but not limited to fencing, arranging electrical service, maintenance or installation assistance, and lining up technicians for hire.

This fee structure for instrument deployments is new in 2021 and we are likely to modify it over time. That said, we will work with scientists to document a fee structure and payment plan that works for them.

### **Undergraduate Students Participating in RMBL Education Program:**

- Applications: \$35.00 submitted after Feb.15; there is no fee for applications submitted on/before Feb.15.
- Deposit: Except for federally funded students and students with full scholarships, accepted students must pay a personal deposit of \$500 to hold your spot, which will be applied towards the program fee. If you decide not to come to RMBL, the \$500 deposit is non-refundable.
- Coursework fees: \$7,500 for the 10-week summer session (June 8 – August 15). This is one program fee that includes 70 consecutive days of housing, meals, station fees, and tuition.
- Airport/Bus Station Transportation: RMBL will arrange Alpine Express Shuttle Services for students arriving on June 9 and departing on August 17 to and from the Gunnison Bus Stop or the Gunnison Airport, if booked on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost to book shuttle transportation through RMBL is \$65 per

person each way. After May 1st, the student will need to arrange for their own travel to Gothic.

- **Early arrival and late departure:** All students receive 70 consecutive days of housing, meals, station fees, and tuition. Two additional days may be added onto the beginning and/or the end for no additional cost. Students are responsible for paying for any days beyond those. RMBL does not reduce fees for shorter stays or when the stay is outside of the Dining Hall opening hours.

**Other Deposits:** Pls, RAs, staff, and family members should not submit deposits.

**Housing:** There is a wide variety of both cooking and non-cooking cabins. RMBL Administration has ultimate authority to assign housing. To assign housing, RMBL utilizes information from a memo ‘Criteria for prioritizing housing assignments’ that can be found on the Scientist tab on RMBL’s website. The Administration reserves the right to make the best fit between needs and availability. A description about our housing assignment process and other notes on housing can be found under [www.rmbll.org/housing](http://www.rmbll.org/housing).

Rental fees are calculated from the first day of arrival to the final departure date; if an individual will be away from Gothic during their given dates, that individual will still be charged housing and stations fees for the days they are gone, unless they have completely moved out of the cabin and have made prior arrangements with the Director of Operations.

See “Changing Dates” below for the policy on shortening stays. RMBL does not guarantee that all features of a cabin (e.g., toilet, shower, and hot water) are fully functional; reductions in fees will not be granted except under exceptional circumstances and only by written request to the RMBL Director of Operations. The Chief Operating Officer shall have final say on whether exceptional circumstances merit a reduction in fees.

**Non-Cooking Shared Housing (cost is per person per day - including meals):**

Total Price	Price Breakdown	Cabins
\$53.00	\$35.50 for meals, \$17.50 for housing	Beanpod, Doctor’s Annex, East River, Johnson House, Judd Falls, Mammal Lab & Annex, Marcellina, New Savoy, Oh-Be-Joyful, Ore House, Paradise, Swallow’s Nest, Willey, Yule
\$55.55	\$35.50 for meals, \$20.00 for housing	Purple

**Cooking Shared Housing (cost is per person per day):**

Price	Cabins
\$15.25	Bellview, Enders, Enders Annex (two occupants), Lead King, Red Rock, Snowmass, Tincup, Virginia, Whiterock
\$21.75	Avery, Doctor’s, Enders Annex (single occupancy), Hunter, Levi, North Pole, Pelton, Remington (shared), Schofield (shared), Sylvanite
\$26.75	Baker, Barclay, Doctor’s with Annex, Forest Queen, Hull, McLeod, Richards, Weekley, Remington (single room), Schofield (single room)
\$32.50	Augusta, Calder, Cinnamon, Crystal (ADA accessible), Ehrlich, Galena, Gates, Maroon, Mt. Emmons, Ouray, Rogers Boggs, Teocalli, Treasury

**Family Housing:** Two-bedroom cabins may be rented exclusively for families. Families are charged for two and a half adults, plus \$6.75/day per child between ages 4 and 17. Children under 4 are free. Children older than 17 are charged as adults.

**Exclusive Housing (for one person):** Cabins may be rented exclusively, if space is available. The rate is the number of spots in the cabin multiplied by the per person rate.

### Changing Dates:

- Between April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, researchers or their assistants who change their length of stay for a total of more than 7 days (e.g. if you planned to be in Gothic for 65 days but change that to 57) will incur a one-time fee of \$100.00.
- Any date changes after May 1<sup>st</sup> that result in a total reduction in length of stay of more than 7 days during the period of June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> will result in a charge of 100% of the lost revenue associated with station fees, laboratory fees, and housing to RMBL (after the 7 days have been subtracted).
- Dates may be changed once at no charge. After one change has been made (either reduction or extension of stay), RMBL will charge a \$25.00 processing fee for each additional change of dates affecting the period between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. The processing fee does not apply to date changes affecting early season arrivals or late season departures.
- Fee waivers will only be granted in cases of personal illness (with doctor's documentation) or family emergencies such as death or illness in the family.
- Researchers who decide after May 1<sup>st</sup> that they wish to extend the length of their stay, should understand that housing and lab accommodations may not be available. There is no financial penalty for extending a stay. If a researcher decides to extend their stay, they will need to let the Administration office know as soon as possible. A researcher may not be able to stay in the same cabin if the stay is extended.

**Meals:** Residents in non-cooking housing have priority for space in the Dining Hall, and meal costs are included in their housing rates. For those in cooking cabins, it is possible to purchase a variety of meal plans, as long as space allows. For those eating all of their meals on the meal plan, meals are \$35.50/day. Meal hours are: Breakfast 7:00am - 7:30am, Lunch 12:00pm - 12:30pm, Dinner 6:00pm - 6:30pm. Menus are posted weekly to aid in meal planning.

#### Individual meals cost:

- \$9.25 for breakfast
- \$13.00 for lunch
- \$16.25 for dinner
- Children under 4 are free and ages 4 - 12 are half-price.

**Use of Domestic Kitchen:** Residents who would like to use the domestic kitchen in the billy barr community center will sign up through the Administration Office to get a zone and code assigned. The cost is \$25.00 for the season. If we assign a resident to use the domestic kitchen due to housing constraints, the use is free. A cleaning fee of \$45.00/hr. may be charged, if the space is not left in a clean condition after check-out.

**Vehicles/Parking:** Parking permits in Gothic are mandatory and need to be purchased per vehicle.

User Type	Daily Charge	Maximum Charge for Summer
Principal Investigators and Visiting Scientists	\$6.25	\$375.00
Undergraduate Students, Guests, Research Assistants	\$10.50	\$630.00

All RMBL Users parking in Gothic will need to park in a designated parking zone and display a parking sticker or temporary parking permit on their vehicles. Parking on the County Road in Gothic, at the RMBL Visitor's parking lot, or Forest Service Land within 1 mile of RMBL is a violation of RMBL parking policy. Individuals caught parking on Gothic Road within the 1 mile limit will be warned one time and then fined \$50.00 per violation. Parking on Gothic Road and in the Visitor's Center parking lot is for the public only.

Parking fees are in effect between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. Parking is free outside of these dates, but vehicles must still be parked designated RMBL locations only. There are separate parking rates for Principal Investigator (PI) Research Vehicles and for Student/RA/Guest Vehicles. PIs can purchase

parking permits at the 'Research Vehicle' rate for vehicles that are used by the research team, regardless of who owns the vehicle. This is allowable on the condition that the vehicles are primarily used for research. Parking permits may be transferred between individuals (for example: between members of a carpool group or from a PI to members of his or her research team). Scientists owning vehicles through RMBL are required to pay parking fees in Gothic.

Parking assignments will be made by the RMBL Administration Office. Please contact [admin@rmbll.org](mailto:admin@rmbll.org) to make reservations. Parking assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking will be assigned to our main parking lots only. Limited parking at cabins will only be available with special permission from the Director of Operations. Commuters and residents not expecting to park in Gothic daily may communicate with the Administration Office on how to track and report their days.

**Laboratory Rentals:** Laboratories may be rented on a yearly or daily basis. Laboratories may be shared at half the full rate. Exclusive use means that the space is not shared. Lab space not described as 'exclusive' is shared space. Scientists renting for the year do not pay storage charge for items stored in their personal lab space. However, if staff deals with items at RMBL (e.g., moving them out), scientists will be charged \$45/hour for dealing with personal or research items).

**Lab Rentals/Year:**

Fee	Lab Space
\$2,575	Johnson Lab #1, 2, 4-7 (exclusive)
\$2,075 (large corner)	Johnson Combined Lab
\$1,875 (small corner)	Johnson Combined Lab
\$3,250	Willey Lab #202 (exclusive)
\$4,545	Willey Lab #204 (exclusive)
\$3,400	Research Center Private Lab #103, 106-108, 110, 112 (178 sqft)
\$2,290	Research Center Private Lab #116 (123 sqft)
\$6,800	Research Center Combined Lab #111 (exclusive)
\$1,100	Research Center Workstation in #100,105, 109, 111, 113
\$5,000	Base of Research Meadow along CR 317

Labs may be rented daily at the rates below. Items may not be stored in a Lab if the Lab is not rented for the year. Charges start on the day items are moved into the Lab and stop when all items in the Lab have been removed.

**Lab Rentals/Day:**

Fee	Lab Space
\$36.75	Johnson Lab #1, 2, 4-7 (exclusive)
\$29.60	Johnson Combined Lab
\$46.40	Willey Lab #202 (exclusive)
\$64.90	Willey Lab #204 (exclusive)
\$48.50	Research Center Private Lab #103, 106-108, 110, 112 (178 sqft)
\$32.70	Research Center Private Lab #116 (123 sqft)
\$97.15	Research Center Combined Lab #111
\$15.75	Research Center Workstation* in #100, 105, 109, 111, 113

\*Workstations are available in Sample Processing Room, Precision Techniques/Scope Room, Wet Lab, Combined Lab, Experiment Rooms.

**Office Rentals:** Shared Office Space is available in Willey Lab, Johnson Lab (4 people/office), Barclay Classrooms, or Natural History Building for a daily rental fee of \$6.50/day or an annual fee of \$460.00. All offices are shared space.

**Storage Fees:** Those who wish to store research, lab, or personal items outside of lab spaces at RMBL

which they have rented year-round will be charged the following **annual rates**:

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Space</b>
\$160.00	Murray, Johnson & Willey Lab sheds, attics, closets, common use spaces (3 boxes or fewer)
\$215.00	Johnson & Willey Lab sheds, attics, closets, common use spaces (4 boxes or more)
\$455.00	Murray, entire room
\$255.00	Murray, half a room
\$710.00	Richards Shed (1/2 of Richards shed will be \$325)
\$320.00	Hydro Plant
\$170.00	Gothic Research Center outdoor cages
\$160.00	Personal items stored in cabins not to be shared with other users unless you have a written exclusive use or first use agreement (3 boxes or fewer)
\$215.00	Personal items stored in cabins not to be shared with other users unless you have a written exclusive use or first use agreement (4 boxes or more)

Storage is not available in private labs that have been rented daily. Research related items stored at RMBL must be registered with the Science Director. Personal items stored in cabins must be registered with the Director of Operations. Non-registered items will be thrown away and/or assessed a storage fee of \$50/year/per non-registered box added to the regular fee.

**Weatherport Rental**

Rental of 14’x20’ Weatherport for laboratory use. Include one relocation (with approval) a year: \$4,000 annually.

**Custom Meteorological Measurements**

Custom Meteorological Measurements for individual projects start at \$500 month. With a high variability in effort for these times of requests, higher rates will often be negotiated.

**Non-Scientists (Guests, Alumni, and Visitors):**

- RMBL charges a 25% surcharge on station fees and housing for anybody who is not a scientist (a scientist is defined as: someone who has an approved research application or is a visiting scientist), a research assistant, a student, staff member, or an immediate family member (partner, parent, or child) of a scientist, research assistant, student, or staff member. In 2021, station fees for guests, alumni, and visitors will be \$28.50 per person per day (this amount includes the 25% surcharge).
- The day use fee for guests or visitors who wish to shower, dispose of trash, or use computers at RMBL is \$13.50 per person per day.
- Anyone who has an unregistered guest will pay a \$50.00 penalty, and the guest may be asked to leave. You are responsible for your guests’ fees, as well as making certain they leave a clean-living space. If a surprise guest arrives, email or leave a note in the Admin Office as soon as possible.

**Phones:** A phone line can be installed at your request in the laboratory buildings in your lab and in the following cabins: Galena, Gates, Mt. Emmons, Rogers Boggs, and Teocalli. RMBL charges \$65.00 per summer for the installation and maintenance of a phone line. All charges are in addition to CenturyLink fees for service and installation.

**Linens:** Sets of linens may be rented from the Administration Office at a rate of \$55.00 per set. This rate is charged each time the linens are distributed to an individual. There will be a \$55.00 charge for the linens upon initial distribution. If RMBL washes the rented linens during their stay, there will be a \$55.00 charge each time the linens are returned. A set of linens includes: a fitted sheet, top sheet, blanket(s), bath towel, pillow, and pillowcase.

**Staff time:** RMBL will charge \$50.00/person/hour, with a \$50.00 minimum, for staff time on projects or services above and beyond what is covered by station fees. This may include, but is not limited to, cleaning personal items in cabins, moving personal items between cabins, shipping large or time-sensitive items, moving items between research labs, cleaning up research materials in the field, conducting field work, and developing outreach and educational programming.

**Trash:** Private residences near Gothic that wish to use RMBL trash will be charged. Access to this service will be a one-time fee of \$90.00 for the entire summer, regardless of how often the service is used.

**Groups:** RMBL has special rates for visiting groups. Please go to <http://www.rmbll.org/conferencesgroups/> for more information.

**Grants Run Through RMBL:** RMBL provides a 25% discount on station fees and housing paid by grants or subcontracts run through RMBL.

**Pets:** Pets, such as dogs or cats, are not allowed at RMBL any time of the year. Pets should not be inside the RMBL fence line, even within vehicles. Please park vehicles with pets at the Visitor Center parking lot or on the county road. People violating these restrictions will be warned once, and then fined \$50.00/incident.

**Smoke-Free Campus:** The RMBL campus is smoke-free, and there is no smoking allowed within the RMBL fence line. Smoking is allowed on the county road only.

**RMBL Transcripts:** Official RMBL transcripts are available at \$10.00 per transcript. Transcript details are found at: <http://www.rmbll.org/transcripts>.

**Winter Huts:** RMBL rents the Maroon cabin and the Crystal cabin (Lower Level Only) from November 25, 2020 to April 10, 2021. For more information go to <http://www.rmbll.org/maroon-hut-winter-reservation/>. The cost is \$300/night plus 8.9% tax for the public for either the entire Maroon cabin, or the Lower Level, or the Upper Level of the Crystal cabin. Discounted RMBL rates are available for: RMBL scientists with an active research plan, RMBL members who have donated within the last 12 months, and education groups with approval from the Facilities Director or the Chief Operating Officer.

**Responsibility to Pay Fees:** Once accepted, researchers, research assistants, students and others are obligated to pay all fees that apply to the facilities and services they have requested. Principal Investigators are responsible for the financial obligations of all team members they employ. Bills outstanding for more than 60 days will incur an interest charge of 5% per annum. Persons delinquent in payment of fees may not return to RMBL until all outstanding bills for themselves and their research teams have been paid. All individuals are responsible for any collection fees above and beyond interest charges for accounts delinquent more than one year. It is RMBL's policy to take payment of incurred fees with either check or cash. We make exceptions to this policy for international scientists only. U.S. scientists can apply in writing to the Director of Operations for an exception which will be granted only under extreme circumstances.

**Exceptions:** Any exceptions to these rates and policies must be granted in advance in writing from the Chief Operating Officer.

**Interpretation:** The rate sheet supersedes any other information on the website or that is given orally. In case of a contradiction, we go by information on the rate sheet. Interpretation of this rate sheet is by the Director of Operations and can be appealed to the Chief Operating Officer.