

CENTRE FOR HIGH RESOLUTION TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPY  
(CHRTEM)

TERMS OF USE

1. All applications for analytical work must be accompanied by a **project proposal**. Project proposals are forwarded to the proposal screening committee responsible for project approvals. The project proposal should contain the following:
  - a brief background to the project;
  - useful literature on similar work;
  - a summarised description of the materials to be analysed and the expected scientific outcomes;
  - the number of specimens as well as the number of samplings per specimen; and
  - suggestions on sample preparations and the type of analytical techniques required.
  - Any health and hazard risks for the specimen material should be clearly stated and copies of available MSDS documents should be included in the appendix.
2. In addition, project applications must be accompanied by a signed copy of the **terms of use**, a **user form** and a **project register form**.
3. All student project (MSc and PhD) applications must be approved by the supervisor and/or the HoD.
4. There is a charge for the use of operators and equipment at the CHRTEM. An estimate of the costs will be presented after project approval has been received.
5. The Centre for High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy at the Nelson Mandela University and the name(s) of its relevant staff member(s) must be acknowledged in full in all publications emanating from work done at the CHRTEM. In addition, the financial support of the DST/NRF is to be acknowledged where relevant.
6. In accordance with good scientific practice, users of the CHRTEM commit to co-authorship of any publication where CHRTEM staff provided substantial intellectual input. In the case of a student thesis/dissertation full acknowledgement for the work done must be stated.
7. The relevant section(s) of any thesis/dissertation/publication containing data that was generated, processed or interpreted by CHRTEM staff must be proof read by a CHRTEM staff member before being submitted for publication.
8. IP sensitive research is to be governed by an appropriate confidentiality agreement between relevant parties.
9. Data is stored on the Centre's server and routinely backed-up for safe keeping. However, once data has been transferred to users, the CHRTEM reserves the right to remove the data from its server without notice.
10. The CHRTEM and its staff will not be held liable for any loss of travel costs accrued as a result of bookings being cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen events which render the CHRTEM or its instruments inoperative.

We the undersigned accept the terms and conditions stated above.

Name of researcher:

Signature:

Date:

Name of supervisor:  
(where applicable)

Signature:

Date:

**NOTE: Digital signatures are not accepted**