

UWBC BioGarage Use Policy

General lab policies:

- Regular business hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. The Bioanalyzer, Absolute Q, and Quantstudio Pro instruments are only available for walk-up during business hours.
- Please sign up for an instrument appointment by 5 pm the day before. Cancellations should be made no later than 8 am the day of the appointment. Clients who fail to show up to a scheduled appointment may still be charged a usage fee.
- Users may be required to attend a training session if more than 1 year has passed since previous instrument use.
- Instrument malfunctions or other issues should be reported to BioGarage staff as soon as possible.
- Please maintain a clean and tidy workspace and dispose appropriately of trash.

Biosafety policies:

- No toxic or pathogenic substances may be brought into the BioGarage at any time. Only nucleic acid samples are allowed in the lab—no live cells, tissue, or other samples are permitted.
- BioGarage users should wear appropriate PPE at all times, including a lab coat, gloves, and eye protection.
- Biological materials should be transported to the BioGarage according to EH&S guidelines. See the EH&S “Biological Materials Transport on UW Campus Guidance” document for more information.
- Biological spills should be cleaned up immediately and reported to BioGarage staff. Spill protocols are available in the facility and on our website.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in loss of BioGarage access.