

Computer Science Recharge Center FAQ's

1. How often are charges billed? For CS faculty, staff, and students who are working on grants administered by the Computer Science department, charges are billed annually to coincide with the grant's budget period. For CS and non-CS faculty, staff, and students working on grants sources outside the Computer Science department or on non-grant sources, billing occurs quarterly after the service period takes place.
2. Are charges billed in advance or in arrears? Charges are billed in arrears in the month following the 3-month billing period. For instance, billings will be done in January for October, November and December of the previous year. If the Project End Date for a grant falls before the next billing period, we will advance the billing time so that the PI has time to approve the charge and CS has time to submit the Infoporte (IP) Cores billing before the Project End Date.
3. What are these recharge charges for? Our faculty, staff, postdocs, affiliated researchers, and graduate and undergraduate students require a highly sophisticated research computing environment and level of IT support and CS supplies this. You can learn more here: <https://cs.unc.edu/help-article/computer-services-in-computer-science/>.
4. How are the rates calculated? Rates apply to each user of these services and are charged based upon each person's salary distribution. For example, if a person works 50% on one project and 50% on another during the month, each project pays 50% of the fee for that month. All Computer Science employees and students are assessed the same rate without regard to their salary source. The current rate is \$621 per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) per month. Computer Science graduate students working as research assistants inside and outside the CS department are charged .50 FTE/month. For non-Computer Science users that require a reduced level of service, the FTE rate is adjusted based on access to services and usage.
5. I have multiple accounts. Will I receive a single billing for all my accounts? IP Cores bills by chartfield string, so you will receive a billing for each unique chartfield string.

| Employee's home dept | Funding source | |
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| | Grant | Non-grant |
| Computer Science | \$621/month pro-rated based on FTE rate*, billed annually | \$621/month pro-rated based on FTE rate*, billed quarterly |
| Outside Computer Science | Pro-rated based on levels of access and usage of services, billed quarterly | Pro-rated based on levels of access and usage of services, billed quarterly |

* Computer Science employees, including faculty, staff, and graduate students all receive the same level of services and support.