



Statement of Support for Instrumental Access Application

Please review these details and if you have additional questions please see the [Instrumental Access: Information for Applicants](https://seedinglabs.org/information-for-applicants/) web page (<https://seedinglabs.org/information-for-applicants/>) to understand better what would be required of your institution if selected to participate in Instrumental Access.

Key aspects of the program are summarized below:

1. Participating institutions will receive one 20-foot shipping container of laboratory equipment and supplies. Instrumental Access shipments are a donation for research and education purposes. Every Instrumental Access shipment is unique, but the average shipment consists of 100-150 items with a replacement value in the range of \$300,000-400,000 USD.
2. During a 3-week shopping period to be scheduled in advance, participating institutions select the contents of their shipments from Seeding Labs' inventory of donated surplus equipment, glassware, and consumables.
3. Participants in Instrumental Access are **required to pay a cost share**. We invoice for the Program Fee when equipment selection begins (or earlier upon request), with payment due after equipment selection is complete and we have agreed on the contents of the shipment. The Fee schedule is:

World Bank Low-and-Middle-Income Bracket:	USD \$27,800
World Bank Upper-Middle-Income Bracket:	USD \$35,100
4. Once all pre-shipment activities, including equipment selection and payment for services, are complete, Seeding Labs will arrange transportation of the container via ocean freight to the nearest ocean port.
5. When the shipment arrives at port, **participating institutions are responsible for clearing it through customs**.
6. Seeding Labs pays for international ocean freight. However, **participating institutions may incur additional costs**, including:
 - Costs to meet country-specific import requirements, including but not limited to pre-inspection fees and electrical adapters, if required for import.
 - Courier fees in excess of our typical business operations, and bank fees associated with wire transfers and other transactions
 - Additional transport fees beyond our standard door-to-port service, including transportation of the container from the port to your institution and then back to the port after unloading.
 - All costs associated with customs clearance, including the services of a clearing agent, additional fees assessed at the port, and taxes and duties if applicable.
 - All costs associated with installation, maintenance, and use of the equipment.



Specifically, I acknowledge:

- 1) That Instrumental Access awardees are required to pay a program fee that underwrites a portion of the program costs (please see hyperlink above to verify current fee amounts);
- 2) That there are likely to be additional financial obligations associated with participation as detailed above; and
- 3) That participation requires active participation and flexibility from each awarded institution to meet deadlines associated with equipment selection, shipment logistics, communication, and reporting to Seeding Labs.

I support the submission of an Instrumental Access application at this time and agree to work with Seeding Labs if my institution is approved to participate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Full Name (printed): _____

Title: _____

Additional Comments from Signatory (optional):

Questions? Need More Information? Please contact us at application@seedinglabs.org.