



Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

STRI Visitor Fees

31 October 2023

Dear Visitors:

Due to increases in the costs of many goods and services in Panama, STRI will be changing prices for many of services that we provide our community. These prices will go into effect in the coming months (see below for specific dates).

Please contact us if you have an existing grant that has budgeted for research using our old fee structure. Any grant submitted after January 1, 2024 should include this updated fee structure in the budget.

We thank you for your understanding and support in helping us facilitate science at STRI. We welcome any questions or comments.

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Estimados visitantes:

Debido a los aumentos en los costos de muchos artículos y servicios en Panamá, STRI estará cambiando los precios de muchos de los servicios que brindamos a nuestra comunidad. Estos precios entrarán en vigor en los próximos meses (ver más abajo para fechas específicas).

Favor de póngase en contacto con nosotros si tiene una subvención existente que se ha presupuestado para la investigación utilizando nuestra antigua estructura de tarifas. Cualquier subvención presentada después del 1 de enero de 2024 debe incluir esta estructura de tarifas actualizada en el presupuesto.

Le agradecemos su comprensión y apoyo para ayudarnos a facilitar la ciencia en STRI. Agradecemos cualquier pregunta o comentario.

Saludos cordiales,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Tewksbury'.

Joshua Tewksbury
STRI Director

Updated Visitor Categories:

Category	Type of Visitor	Comments
A	STRI/SI Fellows, Interns, Volunteers	Fellow: Formal academic appointment awarded to individuals who are conducting self-directed, mentor supported research. Fellows include Post-docs, Pre-docs, and recent graduates as well as individuals awarded a senior Latin American or Sabbatical Fellowship. Fellows must have a STRI Staff Scientist mentor. If not supported by SI/STRI funding, a fellow must have STRI as their primary affiliation with a STRI staff scientist as their primary mentor, and be based at STRI full-time for the majority of their fellowship
		Intern: Formal academic appointment awarded to individuals who are attached to a specific project that has clearly defined educational and professional development goals. Interns are funded directly by a STRI Staff Scientist, through SI or STRI's Competitive Internship Program, or other funding sources. A STRI Staff Scientist is required to be the primary mentor and cover their costs
		Volunteer: Non-paid scientific or administrative assistant participating in the SI Volunteer Program. Only STRI employees can host Volunteers
B1	Students and Postdocs who are not STRI/SI Fellows	Students with valid University IDs are included; recent graduates (within 3 months) may also be included in this category if their visit is arranged prior to their graduation and they are not STRI Fellows. Postdocs must have a valid fellowship award
B2	Researchers from Latin America (not Panama) or Developing Countries ¹	Must be based at a University/Institution in Latin America or in a developing country
B3	Other Researchers	Not a student/postdoc; not from a University/Institution in Panama/Latin America/Developing country
C1	Researchers who are not using STRI facilities	Permits only (no access to STRI facilities/buildings) ²
C2	Collaborators	Provides access to STRI buildings but no services are needed for research
D	Panamanians	Panamanian citizens. Permanent residents are not Panamanian citizens
G	Research Associates (RAs)	Formal academic appointment through SI awarded to established scientists and collaborators. See https://stri.si.edu/people/research-associates
E1	STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	Sponsored activities directed or organized by STRI scientists or staff
E2	Non-STRI sponsored Courses or Workshops	Non-sponsored activities that use STRI facilities

H1	STRI-sponsored Film Crews	Film projects supporting or organized by STRI scientists or staff
H2	Non-sponsored Film Crews/Commercial Visitors	Users of STRI facilities who are working for commercial gain
SI	STRI/SI Employees	All STRI or SI employees; includes Affiliate Staff Scientists
X	Contractors	User providing services/goods through the Smithsonian's Office of Contracting and Personal Property Management (OCON&PPM) or the Procurement Department

¹ Countries categorized by the International Monetary Fund as “Emerging Market and Developing Economies” <https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2022/01/weodata/groups.htm>

² No facility fee will be charged but if support is needed in the field (e.g. logistical, emergency or other), the visitor will be billed to reimburse the cost.

Visitor Registration Effective January 1, 2024

Visitor Category	Registration Fee
A. STRI/SI Fellows, Interns, Volunteers	\$75
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$75
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$75
B3. Other Researchers	\$75
C2. Collaborators	\$75
D. Panamanians	\$75
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$75
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses ¹	\$75 Per person
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses ¹	\$75 Per person
H. All Film Crews/ Commercial Visitors	\$75 per person

¹All **workshops** must register as a project and will be charged a registration fee of \$50 (STRI-sponsored) or \$100 (non sponsored). Workshop participants do not need to register individually but a complete list of participants must be uploaded to the workshop registration file. Please contact the STRI Office of Special Events for more information about holding a workshop at STRI.

Housing – Dormitories. New prices effective January 1, 2024

Ancon/Gamboa

Monthly/Weekly Charges per person

Visitor Category	Ancon ¹ / Gamboa 150, 152, 155 ²	Gamboa 145 ²
B. STRI/SI Fellows, Interns, Volunteers	\$350 or \$87.50/wk	\$500 or \$125/wk
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$350 or \$87.50/wk	\$500 or \$125/wk
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$350 or \$87.50/wk	\$500 or \$125/wk
B3. Other Researchers	\$450 or \$112.50/wk	\$600 or \$150/wk
D. Panamanians	\$350 or \$87.50/wk	\$500 or \$125/wk
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$350 or \$87.50/wk	\$500 or \$125/wk
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	NA	NA
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	NA	NA
H. All Film Crews/ Commercial Visitors	\$900 or \$225/wk	\$1000 or \$250/wk
SI. STRI/SI Staff	\$450 or \$112.50/wk	\$500 or \$125/wk

¹ Housing at Ancon is a 5 minute walk from our Tupper Campus and is adjacent to the CTPA building. Rooms have two beds/room, and charges include a bed and linens, shared kitchen, air conditioning, all utilities including WiFi, access to laundry facilities, 24 hour security, and daily bus transportation to and from our Naos and Gamboa facilities.

²Housing in Gamboa is a 10 minute walk to our Gamboa Lab and 20 min. walk to the Gamboa Dock that has service to BCI. Rooms have two beds/room and charges include a bed and linens, shared kitchen, all utilities including WiFi, access to laundry facilities, 24 hour security, and daily bus transportation to and from Tupper. Building 145 also has central air conditioning throughout the building and common areas for socializing.

Housing Bocas del Toro¹

Visitor Category	Charges per night			
	Bocas del Toro Student Dorm	Bocas del Toro Researcher Dorm	Cofrin and Hoch Houses <1 mth stay	Cofrin and Hoch Houses >1 mth stay
All Visitors	\$15 per bed	\$30 per room	\$42 per room	\$35 per room

¹Housing at Bocas del Toro is on the station grounds and includes 3 options: The Student Dorm has 6 beds per room (4 total rooms each with a dedicated bathroom), which are charged per bed. The Researcher Dorm has two beds per room (some rooms with one double and one single and others with 2 singles). The Researcher dorm is charged on a per room basis, and we encourage our visitors to arrange to share to help reduce their costs. Charges for the dorms cover towels and bed linens, shared kitchen and lounge dedicated to each dorm, access to free laundry facilities, and 24 hour security. The Cofrin and Hoch houses are fully furnished 2-bedroom houses with air conditioning for which we charge a nightly fee per bedroom.

Housing – Field Stations New prices effective January 1, 2024

Visitor Category	Charges per person/night			
	Coibita ¹	Galeta ²	Fortuna ³	San Lorenzo ⁴
All Visitors	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$20

¹Housing at Coibita includes a bed in a shared dormitory and linens, shared kitchen, limited WiFi, access to laundry equipment, and 24 hour security. Camping option is available (tents and other equipment provided).

²Housing at Galeta Station includes a bed in a shared dormitory and linens, shared kitchen, air conditioning, limited WiFi, access to laundry equipment, and 24 hour security.

³Housing at Fortuna Station includes a bed in a shared dormitory and linens, shared kitchen, limited WiFi and access to laundry equipment.

⁴Housing at San Lorenzo is very limited but includes a bed in a shared dormitory and linens, shared kitchen, limited WiFi, and 24 hour security.

Barro Colorado Island

Housing:

New rates effective January 1, 2024

Room and board at BCI includes access to shared lab and shared office space when available, transportation on and off the island, forest paths and observation platforms, libraries, collections, and WI-FI connection. There are other expenses, however, which are charged separately, for example but not limited to: small boat use, exclusive use of office or lab space, storage, building of structures and/or long-term maintenance of experiments.

Visitor Category	Non A/C Room Per bed/ Double occupancy*	A/C Room Per bed/ Double occupancy*
A. STRI/SI Fellows, Interns, Volunteers	\$30/night \$800/month	\$42/night \$1120/month
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$30/night \$800/month	\$42/night \$1120/month
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$30/night \$800/month	\$42/night \$1120/month
B3. Other Researchers	\$46/night \$1200/month	\$60/night \$1500/month
D. Panamanian Researchers	\$30/night \$800/month	\$42/night \$1120/month
G. Research Associates (RAs)	\$30/night \$800/month	\$42/night \$1120/month
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$46/night	\$64/night
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$75/night	\$105/night
H1. STRI-sponsored Film Crews	\$150/night	\$210/night
H2. Non-sponsored Film Crews/Commercial Visitors	\$200/night	\$260/night
SI. STRI/SI Staff	\$30/night \$800/month	\$42/night \$1120/month
X. Contractors	\$46/night \$1200/month	\$60/night \$1500/month

*If you wish to have a room to yourself, the nightly/monthly charge is double the rate

BCI Meals: All day visitors¹ **New prices effective October 1, 2023**

	Cost
Breakfast	\$5.00
Lunch	\$7.50
Dinner	\$7.50
Bambi Dinner - Non-STRI Visitors	\$12.00

¹Note: Visitors who stay overnight on BCI have all meals included in the housing fee.

BCI User Fee: effective January 1, 2024

	Fee
Residents	\$0
Non-residents	\$5 per day or \$100 per month¹

¹This fee will be charged automatically when reserving boat transport to BCI. The monthly fee includes unlimited trips to BCI per calendar month. STRI employees will not be charged the BCI user fee.

Facility Fees

New prices effective January 1, 2024

Facility fees may include one or more of these resources:

- Shared indoor laboratory space and equipment
- Office workspace and equipment
- Wi-Fi and access to the SI network
- Access to any STRI areas/spaces, including greenhouses, outdoor aquaria, insectaries, bat cages, collections, etc. Additional fees may apply
- Use of meeting rooms
- Logistical and technical support from different offices: OIT, Visitor Services Office, Security, Safety, Procurement, Library, Scientific Support Service, etc.
- Daily transportation service (Monday – Friday) from Tupper to Naos or Gamboa/BCI

Facility fees are charged by calendar month. Visitors will be charged the daily rate up to 20 days/month, after which the monthly rate will be charged (except Bocas del Toro).

Visitor Category	Tupper, CTPA, Naos, Gamboa	Bocas del Toro	Fortuna	Agua Salud
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$0	\$30/day	\$15/day	\$0
B1: Students/Postdocs	\$7.50/day or \$150/month	\$30/day	\$15/day	\$5/day or \$100/month
B2: Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$0	\$30/day	\$15/day	\$0
B3: Visiting Researchers and research assistants	\$15/day or \$300/month	\$30/day	\$15/day	\$10/day or \$200/month
C. Visiting Researchers who are not using STRI facilities ¹	NA	NA	\$15/day	NA
D. Panamanian Researchers	\$0	\$30/day	\$15/day	\$0
G. STRI Research Associates	\$0	\$30/day	\$15/day	\$0
E1. STRI-sponsored courses ²	\$7.50/day or \$150/month	\$30/day	\$15/day	\$5/day or \$100/month
E2. Non-STRI sponsored courses or Workshops ²	\$15/day or \$300/month	\$30/day	\$15/day	\$10/day or \$200/month
H. All Film crews & commercial visitors	Contact us for pricing	\$30/day	\$15/day	Contact us for pricing
SI. STRI/SI Staff and their Interns/Volunteers	\$0	\$0	\$15/day	\$0

¹ No facility fee but if support is needed in the field (e.g. logistical, emergency or other), the visitor will be billed to reimburse the cost.

² Charge per person

Research Permits

New prices effective January 1, 2024

The charges listed in the tables below include the cost of a permit + a processing fee. See below for more details on these permits. The charge for interns and volunteers will be at cost when added to a Staff Scientist's permit.

Ministry of Environment (MiAmbiente)

Permits are required for 1) all fieldwork (including observations), 2) import and export of marine, freshwater, terrestrial biological resources, water and soil samples and work in protected areas, 3) all field courses in Panama, and 4) any genetics research involving the study of genetic structure of biological resources.

Visitor Category	MiAmbiente Access Permit ¹	MiAmbiente Export Permit	MiAmbiente Import Permit
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$25	\$40	\$40
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$25	\$40	\$40
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$25	\$40	\$40
B3. Other Researchers	\$100	\$100	\$100
C1. Visiting Researchers who are not using STRI facilities	\$150 ²	\$180	\$180
D. Panamanians	\$25	\$40	\$40
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$50	\$65	\$65
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$100	N/A	N/A
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$1,000	N/A	N/A
H1. STRI sponsored Film Crews	\$100	N/A	N/A
H2. Non-STRI sponsored Film Crews/ Commercial Visitors	\$1,000	N/A	N/A
SI. STRI/SI Staff and Interns/Volunteers	\$15	\$30	\$30

¹Fee also applies when adding additional people on to an existing permit

²Fee applies to each person added to a permit, whether on the original permit or added subsequently

MiAmbiente Notes

- Ministry of the Environment (MiAmbiente). Access Permit to Biological and Genetic Resources. Government permit cost is \$15.00 for each participant in the permit. Permits may be amended, for example to add additional researchers/assistants/interns/students or new work sites to the original permit. The government permit cost is \$15.00 per person.
- Ministry of the Environment (MiAmbiente). Export Permit for Biological and Genetic Resources for scientific, academic, and educational non-commercial work. This permit can only be obtained after the appropriate MiAmbiente Research Permit to Access Biological and Genetic Resources has been granted. Applies also to CITES species. The government permit cost is \$30.00 for each participant in the permit.
- Ministry of the Environment (MiAmbiente) Import Permit for Biological and Genetic Resources for scientific, academic, and educational non-commercial work. This permit will be issued once the appropriate MiAmbiente Research Permit to Access Biological and Genetic Resources has been granted. Applies also to CITES species. The government permit cost is \$30.00 for each participant in the permit.

Zoosanitary or Phytosanitary Licenses from the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry (MIDA)

Visitor Category	MIDA Export License	MIDA Import License ¹
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$20	\$20
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$20	\$20
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$20	\$20
B3. Other Researchers	\$100	\$100
C1. Visiting Researchers who are not using STRI facilities	\$150	\$150
D. Panamanians	\$20	\$20
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$50	\$50
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$100	\$100
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$150	\$150
SI. STRI/SI Staff and Interns/Volunteers	\$10	\$10

¹If the MIDA import license includes products for animal consumption, such as medicines and vitamins, the cost of the license will increase by \$20.

MIDA Notes

- A Phytosanitary and Zoosanitary Export License is required for the export of plants, animals, products, by-products, reagents, and food products of plant or animal origin, and for the export of live organisms from Panama. One license can include up to three items. The government license cost is \$10.00.
- A Phytosanitary and Zoosanitary Import License is required for the import of plants, animals, products, by-products, reagents, and food products of plant or animal origin, and for the import of live organisms to Panama. A license includes the import of a single item or organism. The government license cost is \$10.00. When the license includes products for animal consumption, such as medicines and vitamins, the cost is \$30.00.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MICI)

Required for Paleontology and Paleoecology research and education related projects.

Visitor Category	MICI Research Permit	MICI Export Permit
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$40	\$10
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$40	\$10
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$40	\$10
B3. Other Researchers	\$115	\$50
C1. Visiting Researchers who are not using STRI facilities	\$165	\$150
D. Panamanians	\$40	\$10
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$65	\$35
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$150	N/A
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$1000	N/A
SI. STRI/SI Staff and interns/Volunteers	\$30	\$10

MICI Notes

- Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MICI). Research Permit for non-commercial scientific, academic, and educational work to be conducted in the Republic of Panama. The government license cost is \$30.00 per person.
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MICI). Export Permit for samples from non-commercial scientific, academic, and educational projects conducted in the Republic of Panama.

Ministry of Culture (MiCultura)

Required for work on Archaeology or Socio-Cultural Anthropology research and education related projects.

Visitor Category	MiCultura Research Permit	MiCultura Export Permit	MiCultura Import Permit
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$10	\$60	\$10
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$10	\$60	\$10
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$10	\$60	\$10
B3. Other Researchers	\$50	\$85	\$50
C1. Visiting Researchers who are not using STRI facilities	\$150	\$185	\$150
D. Panamanians	\$10	\$60	\$10
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$35	\$75	\$35
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$100	\$135	\$100
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$1000	\$185	\$1000
H1. STRI-Sponsored Film crews or commercial visitors	\$100	N/A	\$10
H2. Non-STRI Film crews or commercial visitors	\$1000	N/A	N/A
SI. STRI/SI Staff and interns/Volunteers	\$0	\$50	\$0

MiCultura Notes

- Ministry of Culture (MiCultura). Research Permit for non-commercial scientific, academic, and educational work to be conducted in the Republic of Panama.
- Ministry of Culture (MiCultura). Export Permit for samples from non-commercial scientific, academic, and educational projects conducted in the Republic of Panama. The government permit cost is \$50.00.
- Ministry of Culture (MiCultura). Import Permit for samples from non-commercial scientific, academic, and educational projects being brought into Panama.

Panama Canal Authority (ACP)

Permits for research and educational projects in areas managed by the Panama Canal Authority (ACP).

Visitor Category	ACP Research Permit
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$10
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$10
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$10
B3. Other Researchers	\$50
C1. Visiting Researchers who are not using STRI facilities	\$150
D. Panamanians	\$10
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$35
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$100
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$1000
H1. STRI-Sponsored Film crews or commercial visitors	\$100
H2. Non-STRI Film crews or commercial visitors	\$1000
SI. STRI/SI Staff and Interns/Volunteers	\$0

- Panama Canal Authority (ACP). Collecting and Observation Permit for non-commercial scientific, academic, and educational projects to be carried out in the Panama Canal Watershed.
- No permit is required to work on Barro Colorado Island (BCI).

Civil Aeronautics Authority of Panama (AAC)

Regulates the operation of drones (unmanned, radio-controlled rockets and aircraft, UAV and UAS) in the Republic of Panama. All drones heavier than 250 grams that will operate in the Republic of Panama require AAC registration before use.

Visitor Category	AAC Permit
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$10
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$10
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$10
B3. Other Researchers	\$50
C1. Visiting Researchers who are not using STRI facilities	\$150
D. Panamanians	\$10
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$35
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$100
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$1000
H1. STRI-Sponsored Film crews or commercial visitors	\$100
H2. Non-STRI Film crews or commercial visitors	\$1000
SI. STRI/SI Staff and Interns/Volunteers	\$0

- Civil Aeronautics Authority of Panama (AAC) Collecting and Observation Permit: For exclusive use on non-commercial scientific, academic, and educational projects to be carried out in the Panama Canal Watershed.

Other permit-related fees:

1) Informed Consent Letter Processing Fee

For certain areas, a written authorization is required if the research will take place on private property, indigenous reserves and certain protected areas under concession or special management e.g. land administered by the Agencia Panama Pacífico (APP), the Panama Canal Authority (ACP); Parque Metropolitano (PNM); and Reserva Forestal Fortuna; Coiba National Park; Pipeline Road; Old Gamboa Road, etc.

2) Messenger service

Fee to deliver vouchers specimens to reference collections in Panama.

Visitor Category	Other permit-related fees
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$25
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$25
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$25
B3. Other Researchers	\$50
C1. Visiting Researchers who are not using STRI facilities	\$100
D. Panamanians	\$25
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$25
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$50
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$100
H1. STRI-Sponsored Film crews or commercial visitors	\$50
H2. Non-STRI Film crews or commercial visitors	\$100
SI. STRI/SI Staff and Interns/Volunteers	\$0

Vehicles

New prices effective January 1, 2024

Visitor Category	Daily Fee for all STRI trucks
Fellows/Students/Postdocs/Panamanian/Latin American or Developing Countries	\$30.00 + cost of gas + Panapass
All other visitors	\$65.00 + cost of gas + Panapass
STRI/SI Staff and their Interns/Volunteers	Cost of gas + Panapass

Boats

Boats: Naos & Galeta

Naos: Lisina (30') Anibal (28') Agujón (23') Galeta (18') Seriola (15')

Galeta: Agujón (23') Galeta (18') Seriola (15')

Charge per day:

Type of Visitor	Boat Fee 23'-30'	Boat Fee 15'-18'	Fuel	Boat Driver (Day)	Boat Driver Fee (Overtime/ Hr)	Boat Driver Fee (Overnight Watch)
All Visitors	\$100	\$75	At cost + 15%	\$130	\$17	\$75
STRI Staff projects (charged after the first 10 uses per year)	\$100	\$75	At cost + 15%	\$130	\$17	\$75

Boats: BCI

S-21 (14') S-22 (18') S-23 to S-30 (15.7')

Type of Visitor	Boat Fee (per day)	Fuel	Boat Driver (Day)	Boat Driver Fee (Overtime/Hr)
All Visitors	\$20	At cost + 20%	\$40	\$7
STRI Staff projects	\$0	At cost + 20%	\$40	\$7

Special Equipment

New prices effective January 1, 2024

Visitor Category	Scanning Electron Microscope (per hour)	Confocal Microscope (per hour)	Gas Chromatograph (per sample)
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$15	\$15	\$5
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$15	\$15	\$5
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$15	\$15	\$5
B3. Other Researchers	\$40	\$40	\$5
D. Panamanians	\$15	\$15	\$5
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$15	\$15	\$5
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$15	\$15	\$5
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$40	\$40	\$5
H1. STRI-Sponsored Film crews	\$100	\$100	\$5
SI. STRI/SI Staff and Interns/Volunteers ²	\$15	\$15	\$5

Canopy Cranes

New charges effective January 1, 2024

Visitor Category	Cost per day
A. STRI/SI Fellows	\$50
B1. Students and Postdocs - not supported by STRI/SI	\$50
B2. Researchers from other Latin American or Developing Countries	\$50
B3. Other Researchers	\$100
D. Panamanians	\$50
G. STRI Research Associates (RAs)	\$50
E1. STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$500
E2. Non-STRI-sponsored Courses or Workshops	\$1000
H1. STRI-Sponsored Film crews	\$500
H2. Non-STRI Film crews or commercial visitors	\$1000
SI. STRI/SI Staff and assistants or interns/Volunteers ²	\$0 for the first 20 uses per year, then \$50/day

Other Outdoor Resources

New charges effective January 1, 2024

Resource and Facility	All Visitor Categories
Greenhouses – Gamboa and BCI	\$15 per 1.5 m ² /month
Bat Cage – BCI	\$100/mth or \$25/week
Insectary – BCI	\$100/mth or \$25/week
Aviary – Gamboa	\$100/mth or \$25/week

Dive Lockers

New charges effective January 1, 2024

Daily fees include unlimited tank fillings per day, dive weights, O₂ kit.

Type of Visitor	Coibita	Naos/Galeta	Bocas del Toro
STRI/SI Scientific staff	\$10	\$5	\$5
All other Visitors	\$20	\$5	\$5

Science Support Staff

New prices effective January 1, 2024

Type of Visitor	Science Support Assistant Fee per day ¹ (Field and Lab Work)	Science Support Assistant Overtime Fee per hour (Field and Lab Work)
All Visitor Categories	\$75	\$11

¹Please get in touch with the scientific coordinator at the facility you are working in to find out what services are available.

Storage

New charges effective January 1, 2024

Type of Storage	All Visitor Categories
Ambient indoor storage	\$200 per m ³ /year
Cold Storage: 4°C or -20°C	\$50/ft ³ /month
Cold Storage: -80°C	\$50 per SoLow rack/month

- Visiting scientists, students, predoctoral, and postdoctoral fellows may store samples collected for their research (from projects carried out in STRI facilities).
- If export permits need to be obtained, samples can be stored free of charge for up to three months after finishing the visit, or for the period approved by the responsible staff of the facility.
- As STRI has limited cold storage equipment, samples must be removed from the freezer/refrigerator once the approved storage period has concluded,
 - Samples removal means processing, disposal if not required, exportation and/or donation to Cryo-collections.
- If samples remain in STRI cold storage equipment for more than the approved storage period with no justification or coordination with the staff of the facility, a charge of \$50/ft³ per month will apply to the user account until samples are removed.
- STRI reserves the right to discard unlabeled material and/or improperly packed material when annual inventory and cleaning activities are performed.
- Packing of samples for storage, export or any other procedure must be done by the PI (Principal Investigator) or a representative of the project. When removing the samples, please contact the responsible staff for assistance.
- Visitors, fellows, interns, and postdocs may donate samples to the STRI Cryo-collections. This option will ensure long-term maintenance of samples (no cost for donators), and access to samples whenever needed, as well as allowing their use to other researchers. Once the donation is approved by the STRI Cryo-Collection manager, the donator must complete the form 100.002 “Transfer of items agreement to the STRI Cryo-Collection” and provide the metadata using the spreadsheet, form 100.003 “Specimen data”.
- Special cases in which a storage period extension with no charges may apply (must be coordinated and approved by responsible staff of the facility):
 - Samples belonging to visitors, postdocs, fellows who leave STRI but plan to return soon to process samples.
 - Delay in issuance of an export permit (if the delay is not caused by user).
 - Other situations not included here, but coordinated, approved, and communicated to the responsible staff of the facility.

Administration of External Funds¹

New prices effective January 1, 2024

Visitor Category	Fund Administration, Procurement and Personnel Contracts (\$10 minimum / transaction; Non-SI fund)
All Visitor Categories	25% of total funds

¹This fee applies when visitors transfer funds to STRI to pay for services, such as hiring field assistants and making purchases, etc.

Late Balance Charges

New prices effective January 1, 2024

Visitor category	Monthly Finance Charge (for outstanding balances of 60 days or more)
All Visitor Categories	20%

Procurement Services

Type of Visitor	Letter, Courier and Parcel Postage	Panama Customs Clearance Charge
All Visitor Categories	At cost	At cost

Additional Information and Conditional Fees

- **Science Support Staff:** Most STRI facilities have science support staff who can assist researchers with minor jobs for research projects (e.g., building traps, installing shade cloth on greenhouses, support structures, etc.) Modest workshops are available for these jobs at some facilities. STRI will charge a daily fee for these services and the researcher will cover the cost of all materials. Contact the facility's Scientific Coordinator Contact the coordinator to organize the work required.
- **Greenhouses:** Greenhouses are available in Gamboa and BCI.
- **Office space:** STRI provides shared office space and access to computer rooms to visitors that is included in the facility fee. There is no charge for Wi-Fi connections. Please contact the facility's scientific coordinator to coordinate office space.
- **Laboratory space:** Each of our facilities is equipped with common laboratory space with basic equipment. Contact the facility's scientific coordinator for more information.
- **Exclusive use of space:** When available, a researcher may request that exclusive space be assigned to their project (e.g. office, lab, storage). This may include times when a project requires space for a technician to work even when the project PI is not present at STRI. Such exclusive use of a space may incur a fee. Please contact the facility's scientific coordinator for more information
- **Naos Molecular Laboratory:** The Naos Molecular Laboratory (NML) provides molecular and sequencing facilities to all members of the STRI community. All users of the NML must pay a bench fee of \$25/week (\$100/month) when working in the lab. This fee provides users with access to all equipment, use of a lab bench, some plastics, other disposable supplies, and access to computers for data analysis. Other reagents can be purchased from laboratory stocks at cost. We also provide training in laboratory and data analysis protocols. Contact Eyda Gomez (gomez@si.edu) for more information.
- **Analytical Biogeochemistry Laboratory:** The STRI Analytical Biogeochemistry Laboratory (ABL) is an interdisciplinary laboratory that supports STRI scientists as well as visiting researchers and external institutions. The ABL can provide laboratory space with basic equipment and operates several major analytical instruments that can perform analyses on a wide variety of environmental samples including soils, waters, plant and animal tissue. Please contact Erik Johnson (johnsonee@si.edu) for service prices, scheduling, or any questions concerning analyses.