**FRI Laboratory Fee**

For the freshman spring course and the sophomore fall course, there will be a $150 laboratory fee for each of these courses. Because these courses emphasize authentic research which will be publishable in journals, the laboratory supplies and equipment must be research-grade. Such supplies and equipment have a higher cost. In addition, these students are learning techniques which often requires some practice runs, and on occasion, students will have to repeat experiments to either check results or correct something that went wrong. Consequently, the laboratory costs are significantly greater than the traditional teaching exercises of laboratory courses. The University is subsidizing a portion of these increased costs. However, a laboratory fee is necessary to cover the costs fully.