Bench fees cover the cost of consumable materials and facilities used during research projects and will be established on a case by case basis. (Legal Notice 258 of 2009)

Bench fees include expenses related to:

- Consumables (including sample tests where applicable);
- Materials; and
- Specialised equipment that is not available at the University of Malta and which is indispensable for the carrying out of the research study.

Bench fees do not cover expenses related to:

- Conference participation as well as related travel and accommodation;
- Purchase of personal computers/laptops;
- Administrative costs;
- Buying of books, periodicals, journals; and
- Other travelling costs.

Any other expenses that are not included above are subject to the approval of the Director of Finance.

The Faculty/Institute/Centre/School where the research is taking place seeks to source funds to cover bench fees from other sources and these are not normally charged to students. For historical data about the lowest and highest bench fees charged per programme of study in recent years, click here. This information is for guidance only. Actual bench fees are determined by the Head of Department and the supervisors. They vary on a case by case basis according to the research project.

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