

FAQ's

- Can students use the machines in the shop?
 - o No. All services in the shop are performed by professional staff. However, work orders for student projects are accepted, provided the project is of reasonable scope.
- How much do shop services cost?
 - o Machining services are billed at \$70.00 / hr., welding at \$65.00 / hr. and woodworking at \$55.00/ hr.
- I'm a student at USF but not in the College of Engineering; can I still submit work for a student project?
 - o Yes, although priority is given to projects within the College of Engineering. (No personal projects.)
- What is the procedure for submitting work to the machine shop?
 - o All work requests should be submitted to the shop in person, including a detailed description of the work to be performed along with drawings, for review by shop personnel. Please follow the shop guidelines to submit work.
- Do you provide design assistance?
 - o During design review, we can give suggestions on improving the machinability of your design and materials best suited for your project.
- Do you require appointments for consultations?
 - o No, consultations can be done on a walk-in basis during normal shop hours.
- How quickly can a job be completed?
 - o The complexity of the project and the amount of work in the shop's queue will determine the turnaround time.
- What is an FBA?
 - o The FBA is the financial business accountant who manages the principle investigator's (Faculty) account.
- Why do I need an FBA?
 - o They will verify the chart field number and verify there are funds available for the estimate of the project.
- What is a chat field number?
 - o The chart field number is the account number you are using to provide the funds for your project.