

1. What is the purpose of the Santa Fe Business Incubator's (SFBI) BioScience Lab?

The BioScience Lab offers state-of-the-art cell biology and molecular biology facilities to encourage, attract and support life science companies in the growing biotech sector. Facilities such as these lower risk for startups.

2. Specifically, how does the BioScience Lab lower startup risk?

SFBI's shared, specialized equipment lets a company leverage investment dollars or research dollars more effectively. Companies access equipment as they need it on a short-term basis, rather than dedicating space or early capital. The shared option of this lab means small firms can reduce their startup cost, decrease time to market and concentrate on commercializing innovative technology.

3. What equipment is housed in the BioScience Lab?

The BioScience Lab includes shared core facilities sought after by small life science companies in biotechnology such as fume hoods, bio-safety cabinets, freezers, ultra low temperature freezers, and an autoclave. The top-of-the-line facility also boasts unique specialized equipment such as an ultracentrifuge, inverted fluorescence microscope and a real-time PCR system.

4. Who will use the shared BioScience Lab?

The constituency for the BioScience Lab includes SFBI client companies and affiliates as well as scientists from the technology community encompassed by Los Alamos and Sandia National Labs, our colleges and universities, as well as entrepreneurs across Northern New Mexico who are working to develop concepts leading to company formation and product launch. The facility makes high tech relocation to Santa Fe more attractive, thus supporting industry growth for the entire state.

5. What are the charges for BioScience Lab use?

The SFBI BioScience Lab operates on a varying rate structure. Users must agree to the policies and guidelines of the Incubator and the Lab and be trained on the specialized equipment they plan to use.

6. How will the BioScience Lab impact the Incubator's mission and goals?

The BioScience Lab enhances the mission of the Incubator, adding a focus on life science. Ultimately, it facilitates the intersection of technical and non-technical business, promotes the commonality of issues, encourages informal sharing across industries, and stimulates all manner of collaboration. We add resources and perspective as we provide access to state-of-the-art equipment. This expands the community of like-minded entrepreneurs who can help and support each other.