

## ImageStation 4000R User Contract

The Kodak gel and blot imager located in Bannan 601 is a shared piece of equipment and needs to be handled with care in order to withstand frequent use by multiple users. By signing below, you indicate that you have read and understand the rules of usage listed below. Check the box following each point after reading.

- All users must sign in **every time** they use the instrument. Sign in sheet is on the clipboard in drawer below the instrument.
- All students using the instrument for the first time, must be accompanied by their research advisor or by Huan Luong, instrument specialist in the Chemistry Department.
- **No gloves or wet hands are allowed to touch the instrument.** The camera controls in the lower compartment of the instrument are very sensitive. Wet hands/gloves will **ruin** this \$35,000 instrument!
- Ethidium bromide stained gels should be transferred to a pieces of plastic wrap with gloved hands before approaching the ImageStation. After transferring the gel to plastic, carry the plastic to the instrument without gloves. Place plastic directly on the platen glass. If you think you need to place an ethidium bromide stained gel directly on the platen glass, consult Dr. Loertscher or you research advisor before doing so.
- No metal objects should ever touch the platen glass. Use the plastic forceps inside the lower door.
- If needed, the platen glass may be cleaned by spraying glass cleaner (found near the instrument) on a Kim-Wipe and then wiping the surface.
- Any problems should be immediately reported to Dr. Loertscher (X5945) or Huan Luong (X6099)

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*Student Name (Printed)*

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*Research Advisor Signature*

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*Student Signature*

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*Date*

**After signing, please return to Jenny Loertscher in person or by campus mail.  
Contracts will be stored in the drawer below the instrument for your reference.**