

## **kConFab Administration Fees 2008 -**

From January 2008, kConFab is going to charge researchers an Administration Fee to use their data and biospecimens. The rationale for this new system is a) so that kConFab can contribute towards self-sustainability of the resource, and b) to encourage responsible use of the valuable material.

Rather than charge a processing fee for each biospecimen and piece of data, the Executive Committee of kConFab decided to adopt a simple 'Administration Fee' system for Australian Investigators based on categories of Small, Medium and Large projects.

### Australian Academic Investigators:

Small	\$300/year
Medium	\$800/year
Large	\$1500/year

### Overseas Academic Investigators:

Costs on application  
*Plus* shipping costs

### Companies:

By negotiation  
*Plus* shipping costs

As a guideline, the following projects would be classified accordingly:

Small – supply of sections from 20 archival pathology blocks and associated mutation and clinical data

Medium – supply of base line epidemiological data for all the men enrolled in kConFab from *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* families.

Large- supply of DNA and associated base line epidemiological data from all the female *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutation carriers in kConFab

kConFab recommends that all grants submitted from January 2007, which plan to use kConFab data or material, submit a Letter of Intent as soon as possible in order for kConFab to estimate the category (small, medium or large) that the project will fall into. The decision about the category applied to any particular project will be made by kConFab and will take into account the size of the request, the sustainability of the biospecimen, and the expense of obtaining material to fulfil it.

These fees can be paid annually, for each year in which kConFab supplies any data or biospecimen for the project, or up front for three years with a 20% discount.

There will usually be no charges for Pilot Projects, and some consideration of reduced fees will be given to young investigators with limited grant funding.

13/12/2007

**The charges will only apply to projects that are approved or renewed by kConFab after the outcomes of grant applications submitted in 2007 are known.**