

LABORATORY OF TREE-RING RESEARCH

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATING PROGRAM

COSTS OF TREE-RING SAMPLE PROCESSING

For nearly a decade, the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research archaeological dating program has charged \$15.00 apiece for analyzing archaeological tree-ring samples. Increasing financial pressures compel us to raise our fees to recover more of the actual costs of sample analysis. Therefore, effective for material received after 01 July 2003, the following fee schedule is adopted.

Each submission (accession) will be assessed a minimum charge of \$250.00, which covers the analysis of one to ten samples and associated clerical costs.

For more than ten samples with enough dendrochronological potential to be added to our permanent collection, the charge will be \$25.00 per sample, dated or undated.

Beyond the \$250.00 minimum, samples that lack dendrochronological potential will be worked for \$5.00 each.

For example: a shipment of ten or fewer samples of any kind would cost \$250.00; a shipment of 20 samples with potential (\$25.00 each) would cost \$500.00; a shipment of 20 samples with no potential (\$250.00 minimum + \$5.00 each for 10 samples beyond the initial ten) would cost \$300.00; a shipment of twenty high potential samples (\$25.00 each) and 20 samples with no potential (\$5.00 each) would cost \$600.00 (\$500.00 plus \$100.00).

As the only source of archaeological tree-ring dates in western North America, our policy has been to accept and process all submissions, funded or not. This policy will not change. While we wish to recover as much as possible of the actual costs of the analysis, we realize that circumstances (no or limited funding, unusually large numbers of samples, etc.) may prohibit full recovery. As in the past, therefore, charges for individual shipments remain negotiable depending on available funds and other factors. Please contact us about financial arrangements before (or after) submitting samples for analysis.

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