# **Feasibility checklist**

# *For discussion between potential user and NNUF facility staff, prior to putting in an application for NNUF funded user access scheme*

N.B. When discussing your potential access with the facility, please have a copy of the NNUF access scheme [application form](https://nnuf.web.ox.ac.uk/nnuf-funded-user-access-scheme-application-form-0) to hand. Make sure you have obtained input from the facility staff into the questions you will need to answer on this form, where relevant. Please ensure that the email correspondence between yourself and the facility staff, which you will have to upload as part of your application to the NNUF funded access scheme, covers off all the relevant points.

## Questions you will wish to discuss with the facility[[1]](#footnote-1)

* **Can your research question be addressed** using their facility?
* Which **pieces of equipment** would you need to use and, in principle, can the facility make these available to you? *(N.B. You can also request access to equipment at the host institution not funded by NNUF if it is necessary to carry out your experiment).*
* How many **days of experimental work** will you need?
* Can the facility accommodate **all the team members** who would be taking part in your proposed experiment?
* Is the facility likely to be **available during the time period** you had in mind*? (N.B. As you can see from the* [*application form*](https://nnuf.web.ox.ac.uk/nnuf-funded-user-access-scheme-application-form-0)*, it is normally expected that successful applicants will have completed their access within 6 months of the date of award, unless there is a specific reason why this will not be possible – for example to enable time for sample preparation; or unless you make a persuasive case in the application form for a longer experiment).*
* Are the facility’s **health and safety** requirements adequate for the needs of the proposed work?
* What **training / support** would you need, and does the facility provide this?
* Does the facility require you to undergo **security checks** before allowing access? If so, make sure you build in time for these.
* **Can your specimens be prepared on-site**, or will you need to prepare them off-site and arrange **sample** **transport** to the facility?
* If your proposed samples are **radioactive**, what are the activity levels and what requirements will be needed from the facility?
* Please discuss with the facility any **special access requirements** or needs you may have.

1. This is not an exhaustive list – various facilities may have other points you need to discuss with them during the “feasibility check” stage. They will let you know if so. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)