



The Fab Charter

What is a fab lab?

Fab labs are a global network of laboratories that enable the invention and education of students using digital tools.

What's in a fab lab?

Fab labs share an ever-evolving inventory of basic skills to enable them to make almost anything and then share ideas, projects and collaborate with a variety of people.

What does the fab lab network provide?

Operational, educational, technical, financial and logistical support beyond what is available within a lab.

Who can use a fab lab?

Fab labs are available as a community resource, offering open access for individuals as well as programmed access for larger projects.

What are your responsibilities?

safety: don't hurt people or break machinery;

operations: helping to clean, maintain and improve the laboratory

knowledge: contribute to documentation and education.

Who owns the fab lab inventions?

The designs and processes developed in the fab lab can be protected and sold in any way the inventor chooses, but should remain available for individuals to use and learn from

How can businesses use a fab lab?

Businesses can be prototyped and incubated in a fab lab, but they should not conflict with other uses, they should grow beyond the lab rather than within it, and they are expected to benefit the inventors, labs and networks that contribute to their success