

ASHBi Research Tips Seminar: Q and A

Q. What is the difference between basic (free) and Academic subscription (paid) plan?

Here is the summary of both plans.

	Basic (Free) Account*	Academic Subscription
Educational Uses:		
Academic poster	✓	✓
Thesis/dissertation (unpublished)	✓	✓
Internal meetings (lab or team)	✓	✓
Conference presentation	✓	✓
Assignment/exam	✓	✓
Teaching slides	✓	✓
Personal blog/website posts	✓	✓
Personal social media posts	✓	✓
Publishing Uses:		
Journal publication		✓
Textbook publication (< 5 figures)		✓
Published thesis		✓

What you can do with the 2 plans

BioRender Basic (free plan)

Users can use their illustrations for educational purposes, such as class presentations, teaching slides, or academic posters.

Paid Academic Plans (Individual or Lab)

Users can publish BioRender figures in publications such as journals and textbooks (less than 5 figures), and also use figures for educational purposes.

More detail: <https://intercom.help/biorender-8151df0bd40c/en/articles/3619408-where-can-i-use-the-illustrations-i-make-in-biorender>

The benefit of the paid plan

In general, academic subscription users unlock the following additional features and benefits:

- Unlimited illustrations
- High-resolution export (png, jpg, pdf)
- Transparent background with no watermark
- Permission to publish in journals
- Custom icon requests
- Slide

More detail: <https://intercom.help/biorender-8151df0bd40c/en/articles/3619404-what-s-the-difference-between-biorender-basic-and-biorender-premium>

The price list

For academic, individual and lab plans are as follows:

Individual: \$39/month (\$420 for annual contract: \$35/month)

Lab plan: \$129/month for 5 seats (\$1,188 for annual contract: \$99/month) +\$20/month per extra seat.

They also offer student discount. Please contact BioRender for details!

More details: <https://biorender.com/pricing/>

Q. Is it prohibited to modify BioRender icons on other softwares?

The finalized icons are not editable on other softwares. Each of the icons in BioRender are vector based, however, the final image can only be exported as flattened image in a PDF, JPG or PNG format, so you're unable to edit the icons in other illustration tools.

Q. What happened if I use BioRender image for publication after stopping subscription?

If the figure was exported during the paid license period, you can use it for publication. The publication rights are associated with the account status at the time of export, so you can continue to use it in publications even after you downgrade your license. Please note that you CANNOT use the exported figures for publications if it was during the free trial period.

Q. Can we use the paid version just for the time for publication, then stop paying until next article comes up?

Yes, you can make a monthly subscription and pause it after publication.

<https://intercom.help/biorender-8151df0bd40c/en/articles/4600012-how-do-i-pause-my-biorender-subscription>

Q. Do the figures remain private on BioRender?

Yes, only you can access your figures. <https://intercom.help/biorender-8151df0bd40c/en/articles/3619389-how-secure-is-my-data>

Q. Who keeps the copyright of the final figure for a manuscript?

Once the manuscript is published on the journal, the publisher will hold the copyright.

Q. Can I use figure making with free version for the grant application?

Yes, you can use the free version of BioRender for the grant application.

Q. Does BioRender have all Protein Data Bank assets or only chosen ones?

Yes, any protein that is in the PDB and has a PDB ID, will be in BioRender.

Q. Which research grant can we use for subscription?

The subscription fee for BioRender can be paid as the other software subscription. For annual subscription, you might want to subscribe at April, so that your contract and funding period would match. Please contact the financial section of your faculty/department for details.

Q. Does Kyoto University have some license as an institution that its staff/students can use? If not, are they considering it?

So far, Kyoto University doesn't have an institutional license. Please contact your boss, or faculty/department officials for institutional/group subscription possibilities.