Steps to becoming a self operator at the CIC

1. **Schedule a training:**
   - Offered Tuesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 3:00pm-5:00pm
   - Must complete 1 hour of theoretical training (theory of flow cytometry, preparing an experiment, CIC policies)
   - Must complete 1 hour of experimental training for each cytometer you would like to use. This is hands on time where we guide you through an experiment on the cytometer. You must bring samples—one unstained, and at least two stained (each with a different fluorochrome of interest).
   - Training can be completed in 1- two hour session, or 2- one hour sessions (plus an extra hour for each additional instrument).

2. **Return the CIC Instrument Policy**
   - Please read and sign the CIC Instrument Policy.
   - Be sure to have your Principle Investigator sign as well.
   - Be sure to provide us with a current MO Code for billing.

3. **Practice with a CIC operator**
   - The first few times you run an experiment on the instrument, you will need to schedule with a CIC operator, during CIC hours (9:00am-5:00pm M-F).
   - To schedule an appointment, please email a CIC staff member.
   - Once you feel comfortable with the software, and running of the instrument, (and we agree you are ready) we will give you access to the reservation schedule, as well as your own account on the instrument.