

What would the Computer Grant Program (Grant) cover?

- A standard minimum-requirement-meeting computer at a cost of \$1,115.09, with 3 years of warranty/maintenance for all eligible students.
Minimum specs for the 20-21 entering class:
 - CPU: +i5 or AMD equivalent
 - RAM: 8 GB minimum
 - Graphics: Integrated graphics
 - OS: Windows 10 or Currently supported MacOS version
 - Hard Drive: 256 GB SSD
 - Connectivity: Wireless
 - Other: Webcam+mic
- On-campus tier 1 support through Student Technology Services (STS) for computers provided through the Grant.
- Additional peripherals and software will **not** be covered by the Grant.
- The \$1,115 grant may be used toward the purchase of a more expensive computer, but the incremental cost will not be paid by WashU.
- The \$1,115 grant may not be used for anything other than for/toward a computer.

Who is eligible?

- Entering domestic, international, DACA, and Undocumented 1st-year students with demonstrated financial need, as determined by Student Financial Services.
- Entering domestic, international, DACA, and Undocumented Transfer students with demonstrated financial need, as determined by Student Financial Services.
- Part-time students, undergraduate students with a bachelor's degree, and University College students are not eligible for Grants, but may purchase a computer through the bookstore.

Additional Requirements:

- Students receiving the Grant **MUST** purchase the computer through the WashU Bookstore. The Grant will be automatically applied to the student's Bookstore account.
- Students may upgrade from the basic model at their cost. Student loans may be available, but additional Grant funds will not be provided to cover higher cost computers.
- Grants may be used in the student's first semester only – grants will **not** be available once a student's first semester is complete.
- Students who receive a Grant and then take a leave of absence (LOA) must return the computer or repay the Grant until they return to WashU. SFS may make exceptions for 1-semester LOA's.
- Students who receive a Grant and then leave WashU without graduating will be required to return the computer or repay the Grant.
- Students who paid out-of-pocket for an upgraded computer that they are returning/repaying to the Grant will **not** be reimbursed for the additional they paid – they lose the difference.
- For entering students with a \$500 computer grant as part of their financial aid award, that \$500 grant will be removed from the financial aid award and a credit of \$1,115.09 will be applied to their WashU bookstore student account.
- Computer grants are available to students in their first semester only. Unused computer grants will expire at the end of the fall semester.

2020-2021 Returning Student Computer Grant Eligibility

- Current/Returning students who otherwise meet eligibility requirements above may apply for the technology grant for the fall 2020 semester only. Students must reach out to Student Financial Services to let them know your computer does not meet the above requirements.
- Student Financial Services will determine the student's financial need and if financially eligible, will send student link to survey to gather information about student's existing technology.
- Based on student's existing technology, SFS will request the technology grant be applied to the student's bookstore account, or will refer student to the Tech Den for assistance.
- WashU Tech Den will reach out to each student sent over by SFS to determine best solution for student's situation.