

Recommended macOS Computers

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Recommendations for Students and *personal* purchases for Faculty/Staff

We recommend these minimum specifications for any Apple macOS computer purchased for student use at Brown:

- [The Brown Bookstore Technology Center offers Higher-Ed pricing on Apple computers and iPads](#)
- Laptop models strongly preferred
- Apple M3's, M4's CPU
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB SSD storage
- AppleCare or Safeware (available for purchase at Brown Bookstore Technology Center) extended warranty is recommended for personal purchases

Recommendations for Brown Faculty/Staff purchases with Brown-administered funds

We recommend these minimum specifications for Apple macOS computers purchased with Brown-administered funds (*including grant funds*). This equipment will ensure effective performance for the expected life of the hardware, and will allow Brown IT support staff to provide service and support. Please refer to the [Computer Purchase Policy](#) for additional details on purchasing process and expectations.

- Laptop models strongly preferred
 - Macbook Pro 14" and 16"
 - Macbook Air 13" and 15"
- Recommended configuration for new purchases:
 - Apple M3's, M4's CPU
 - 16GB or 24GB RAM
 - 512GB SSD
 - AppleCare is *not* recommended for Brown purchases unless the computer is expected to be used in a high-risk area or a remote state with an Apple store nearby.
- Desktop models such as (iMac, Mac Mini, Mac Studio, and Mac Pro) are available for special use requirements
- Your IT Support Consultant (ITSC) can help provide Apple purchasing quotes with

higher-ed pricing. This can include consideration of specialized requirements and configurations for specific task-based purposes.