

Recommended Windows Computers

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

We recommend these minimum specifications for any Windows-based computer purchased for personal use:

- [The Brown Bookstore Technology Center carries Lenovo and Microsoft Surface hardware](#)
- Laptop models strongly preferred
- Intel i7, Intel u7 or AMD Ryzen 7 CPU preferred
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB storage
- Manufacturer or Safeware (available for Brown Bookstore Technology Center purchases) extended warranty is recommended for personal purchases

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

We recommend these minimum specifications for Dell Windows-based 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.

- Computer models strongly preferred
- Recommended models: Dell Latitude 7450 or Latitude 5450
- Recommended configuration for new purchases:
 - Intel i7 or Intel Ultra 7 CPU
 - 16GB RAM
 - 512GB SSD
 - 3 years of ProSupport Plus Dell extended warranty is recommended for all computer purchases and is already included with our most common Preselect models, including the Latitude 7450 and 5450 models
- Additional models in the Dell Latitude (laptop), OptiPlex (desktop), and Precision (laptop/desktop) Dell lineup are available for special use requirements
- Your IT Support consultant (ITSC) can help provide purchasing quotes with higher-ed pricing using our Dell Premier service. This can include consideration of specialized

requirements and configurations for specific task-based purposes.