Having reliable, current technology is an important part of your educational toolkit as a medical student. We’ve listed minimum requirements for desktops/laptops below; however, we encourage you to think long-term about your technology needs during your program of study. Getting a more powerful machine now means that you may be able to make it through your program of study without significant upgrades.

**Windows**

- 2 GHz processor or higher
- 8gb of RAM (more is recommended)
- 128gb hard drive (more is recommended)
- Windows 10 or higher
- Webcam and microphone

**Apple (Mac)**

- 2 GHz processor or higher
- 8gb of RAM (more is recommended)
- 128gb hard drive (more is recommended)
- Mac OS v10.13 or higher
- Unless you use a Mac Mini, Macs come with built-in webcams and microphones

**Supplemental technologies**

- iPads and other tablets can be useful for gaining additional screen real estate, studying on the go (watching videos or listening to podcasts) and even taking notes in class; however, you should not rely on a tablet (or smartphone) as your primary technology.
- A large monitor is often useful.

**Do not use:**

- Chromebooks (Chromebooks often cannot run some software, video applications, or other technologies used in your course of study. We recommend not purchasing or using these at all.)