

Schulich Medicine Student Laptop Requirements

To ensure that student laptops meet Western University's minimum requirements and are fully compatible with platforms used during the MD Program students should refer to the following guidelines:

Device	Windows Laptop – Recommended Requirements	MacBook / MacBook Pro – Recommended Requirements**
System	Current generation Intel Core i5 processor (with VT extensions) or Current generation AMD Ryzen 5 processor Built-in web cam and microphone	MacBook Air with M2 cpu
Memory	16 GB RAM	16 GB RAM
Hard Disk Space	Windows: 512 GB SSD	Mac: 1 TB SSD

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Operating System	Windows: 11 and 10* * Includes x86 32 and 64 bit processors, ARM 64 bit processors using x86 emulation including CoPilot+PC devices.	MacOS 11.0 to 15.0+.
Memory	2 GB RAM	2 GB RAM
Hard Disk Space	Windows: 300 MB of free hard disk space	Mac: 400 MB of free hard disk space

**A few IMPORTANT NOTES to keep in mind:

- Students enjoy discounted prices on new Macs. If you are shopping online, make sure you look for the [Shop for University](#) option on the Apple website, or talk to the [Campus Computer Store](#).
- Another option is to scroll to the bottom of the [Apple website](#) and look for the [Refurbished and Clearance](#) link. Refurbished Macs still carry full warranty and are cheaper than new. But be sure and compare the price to the educational-discount price, and not the list price.
- Apple often runs a deal in the summer aimed at students, such as "buy a computer and get such-and-such apple accessory for free". Search for an Apple Back-to-School deal page on the apple website.
- The newest Mac laptops have fewer upgrade options than in the past. For example, on most new laptops, one CANNOT upgrade the RAM or Internal Storage at a later date. Therefore, it is very important to choose a model that has sufficient RAM and storage to serve you for the life of the system.