

Network Services for Faculty/Departmental IT groups and Network Equipment Used Exclusively In Research

Groups considering the purchase or deployment of network equipment should review:

- [Procedure 1](#) which includes:

Any contract or agreement which includes purchase of equipment or services with potential to impact UW's IT infrastructure must have prior endorsement of the Associate Provost IST before an agreement or contract can be executed.

- [Procedure 1A](#)

- [Guidelines on Use of Waterloo Computing and Network Resources](#) which includes:

User Rights and Responsibilities:

- *To a presumption of reasonable privacy in the use of the computing resources assigned to them.*
- *To use University computing and network resources in a manner which does not unduly interfere with the study, work or working environment of other users.*
- *To be accountable for the use of computing and network resources assigned to the user.*
- *To seek permission from the appropriate University authority to use Waterloo computing or network resources for purposes different from those for which they were allocated or acquired.*

- [Augmenting IST Funding and Services](#) which includes:

IST has overall responsibility for managing the network in all areas of campus (excluding equipment used exclusively in research), including...

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Network Equipment Used Exclusively In Research

Research groups considering the purchase or deployment of network equipment to support their activities are encouraged to consult with the Director, Network Services, Information Systems and Technology, to determine whether the services required can be provided through existing campus network infrastructure, without additional expense. If dedicated equipment is required, the Director can provide advice on suitable equipment, and how to connect it to the campus network without disrupting service to others. Depending on the requirements and equipment selected, IST Network Services may also offer to manage the equipment.

Faculty/Departmental IT groups

IST is responsible for all aspects of the management of the network. Network management includes provisioning and repair of network components, design, monitoring and day-to-day operations. The evolution of services will occur in consultation with stakeholders.

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Faculty/departmental IT groups, as service providers to their local constituencies, may occasionally have advanced network requirements. Requirements should be brought to the Director, Network Services, for review and investigation by IST Network Services staff.

If advanced network requirements cannot be met with existing supported infrastructure and existing provided services, IST Network Services may choose to investigate appropriate technology, and deploy and operate it, possibly at additional cost to the Faculty/Department for equipment required. If IST Network Services determines this is not possible or practical, the Director, Network Services, may approve the Faculty/departmental IT group investigating, deploying, and operating appropriate technology, in a manner that conforms to existing infrastructure and services. This would normally only be sanctioned if a faculty or department has a requirement that is not currently reasonable to support as a general campus network service. IST would reserve the right to offer a general service at a later time; in that event it would be expected that any local implementation would be phased out when practical.