Planning for Technology in Research Proposals

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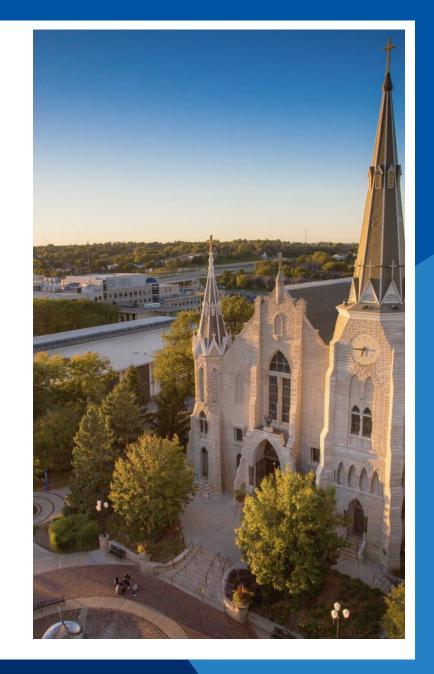


Agenda

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Background

- Demands on IT resources (physical and technical) are always high and ensuring that the needs of research community are met as best possible is core to the University's mission.
- There is often an assumption our planning that IT is free, because most people never see those costs. However, it far from the case.
- There are support resources that are already provided through IT and the University community that do come with little to no costs for researchers and projects.
- There are also items that need to be evaluated and potentially included in the research budget proposal to ensure that the needs of the PI(s) and grant obligations can met.
- We in the Creighton IT organization want to partner with you in the process to ensure that we not only meet your needs but help to enable you and your project's success.



What is available/provided for you today

There are a number of items already provided through IT or through University units that can be leveraged by your projects at no additional costs.

Available through DolT

Just contact the IT Service Desk

- Network (Installed) Hardwired or Wireless
- Device Desktop/Laptop Support
- Basic Desktop Phones
- Basic File Storage (SharePoint, DFS (BlueDrive), Microsoft One Drive)
- Survey Software (Qualtrics)
- High Performance Computing (HPC) Partnership with UNO
- Email & Office Software Guest accounts are available as well.
- Zoom (Webinar Licenses are available)

Available through AIR (Analytics & Institutional Research - Contact Melissa Bertlesen

- University Data Sets (Through AIR & IT)
- Tableau Licenses (negotiated cost)

Available through Library

- COMING SOON
 - RedCap Consortium Access

Consideration for Planning

Engagement IT can help you assess the following items and ensure that roadblocks can be addressed

Workspace

- Number of Resources in the Workspace
- Number of devices & types of connection
- Printing Needs separate of your department
- Audio Visual Requirements

Data & Throughput Requirements

- What type of data will you be working with (Health, Private, Academic, etc.)?
- Volume of Data How much data will be needed, generated, how long will you need to retain it?
- Large data set throughput How much data will you be moving around the network regularly?

Hardware & Software

- · Do you need specialized research equipment?
- Do you need specialized computing equipment (Workstations, Servers, Power, etc.)
- Do you need software or external (cloud) applications?

External to Creighton Resources

Will people outside of Creighton (joint research, partners, contractors) need access to Creighton systems or require account.

Consideration for Planning (Cont)

The grant timelines are tight and often the ability to hit the ground running is critical, so working ahead is key.

- Supply Chain & Ordering
 - Getting Quotes
 - Getting into the Queue
- Contract Processes (Software or Contractors)
 - Vendor Setup
 - Intellectual Property
 - Ownership
 - Duplication
- Infrastructure Work
 - Space Changes
 - IT Infrastructure Changes
 - Firewall Changes
- Server Setup & Configuration
 - · Security, Software, etc.

Budget Considerations

Outside of the what is provided for you, there will need funding requested or identified.

Infrastructure & Workspace

• Spaces Changes (Power, Additional Network Drops) – These all need estimates and funding is required to make the appropriate changes. These may need to be added to the budget.

Data & Throughput Requirements

 Data Storage - Large Volume data storage will require funding. Cost will be based on type of storage needed as well as duration.

Hardware & Software

- Desktops & Laptops specific to the grant/project will need to be included.
- Any non-standard equipment (lab, computing, etc.) needs to be budgeted.
- Software not provided by the University needs to be budgeted.
- · Outside Support for non computing equipment may need to be budgeted as well.
- Servers (if needed) have setup and software licensing costs as well that will need to be added into budget proposals.

Administrative/Resource Costs

- If any of the infrastructure requires more than half time administration, then contract resources may need to be added to the budget.
- Development costs related to software, analytics, or HPC coding will need to be budgeted if not being done by other resources already included in your grant proposal.

Engaging with IT

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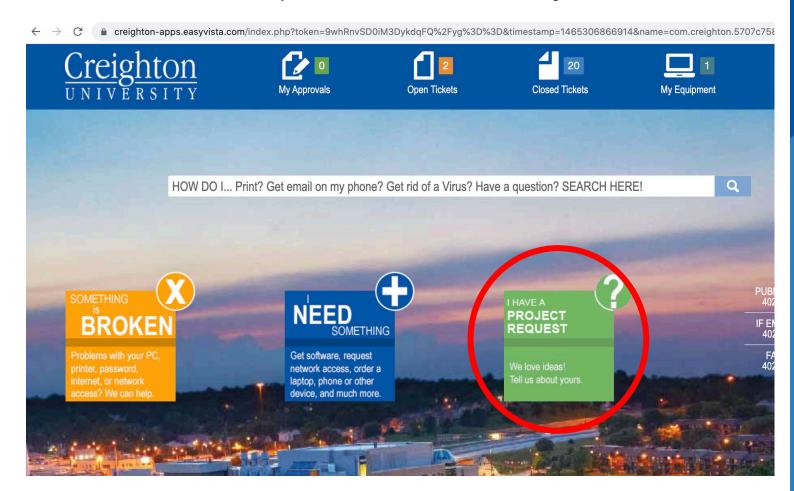
- When should I reach out to IT?
 - As soon possible. The earlier you reach out to us in the process, the more we can help you identify options, impacts, and costs.
- How quickly will IT get back to me?
 - For standard (already available) requests, the Service Desk will contact you back within a matter of hours to get details or address the support need.
 - For new requests (where engagement is needed) an IT resource will typically reach out to schedule time with you within 48 hours. The engagement could be just a few minutes or could take several days based on complexity and if vendors have to be involved.

Engaging with IT (Cont.)

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To get started

- Go to myIT.Creighton.edu
- 2. Click on the green box labeled "I HAVE A PROJECT REQUEST"
- 3. Answer a few questions and submit.



Q & A