

# HIGH PERFORMANCE WORKSTATIONS

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## **Overview:**

Researchers often have needs to acquire high performance workstations for advanced data work & analysis for university supported work. These endpoints have higher expectations than our standard workstation options and provide advanced functionality over those which conduct daily business (such as checking e-mail, creating documents, lighter data processing work). Along with higher expectations come higher price tags respective of investments researchers will depend on for several years. While the college will not seek to replace these machines as part of our regular refresh cycle, university data security policies dictate that our CFAES ITS team must continue to secure and support these machines to the best of our ability.

If a high-powered standalone workstation is needed for specialized research & data processing:

## **Then, the device:**

- Will be counted for periodic billing to CFAES units/departments, as an “additional device for an employee”. The charge will be equal to the “IT Support” amount but will not include the “Device Choice” amount, as these computers are paid for up front.
- Will not be refreshed as part of the MITS (Managed IT Services) agreement
- Will have its initial cost charged directly to the unit / department
- Will be refreshed as needed, at the cost of the unit / department, according to the determination of the CFAES ITS team, based on security and support needs
- Will be supported primarily by the CFAES ITS team, though other IT team members will contribute as needed
- Will be procured by contacting the IT Service Desk

## **Process for designation as a High Performance Workstation:**

- For currently operating workstations, the CFAES ITS team will review and designate devices in consultation with the OTDI. If a department / unit believes a current device that is not designated as a High Performance Workstation should be considered one, they should contact the IT Service Desk.
- For future purchases, a department / unit needing a new or replacement High Performance Workstation will contact the IT Service Desk. The CFAES ITS team shall determine whether a particular device meets the criteria for the designation.



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