

Dear Cincinnati State Student,

We're excited that you will be starting classes with us in Fall semester, and we're happy to welcome you into the Cincinnati State family. At Cincinnati State, we are dedicated to providing the resources you need to succeed so you can earn the degree or credential that will start you in a career or on the path to your Bachelor's degree.

Having the right technology is too important, especially now when so much learning is being done in an online environment. If you do not already have the computer or internet access needed to be successful, Cincinnati State provides two options:

Purchasing Computers Using Financial Aid

Students who qualify can use their financial aid award to buy a new laptop computer directly from the Cincinnati State Bookstore.

To learn more about the laptop recommended for your academic program, browse this Cincinnati State link: <https://www.cincinnati-state.edu/cstate-recommended-laptop-computers>

Please note:

- Depending on the type and amount of financial aid you are awarded, your financial aid may cover all or part of the cost of a laptop computer and required software.
- If you wish to use financial aid to purchase a computer immediately, you must buy the computer recommended by your program from the College Bookstore.
- Purchasing computers from vendors other than the Cincinnati State bookstore will be covered by financial aid only if you wait to make the purchase using "excess" financial aid refunded to you after tuition and fees have been paid. (Financial Aid refund checks will be sent in mid-October.)
- Computers purchased using financial aid cannot be returned for a refund unless the package is unopened.
- Consult a Financial Aid advisor for more information.

Borrowing Laptops and Hotspots

For Fall Semester 2020, we are pleased to provide Cincinnati State students a limited number of laptop computers and personal Wi-Fi "hotspots" for loan at no cost. Laptops and hotspots are provided on a first come, first serve basis.

To borrow a laptop and/or hotspot, you must complete an eForm:

- **First log into MyCState/Blackboard**
- Then click this link: [COVID-19 Student Technology Loaner Program](#).

At Cincinnati State, we're always looking for ways to remove barriers to student success. That is why we're so excited to be offering these opportunities for students to get access to the technology they need.

Have a great Fall semester!

Robbin Hoopes, Provost