All UCLA medical students who have entered the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA under the Computer Requirement (instituted Fall 1996) are required to have a computer and printer at home as well as high-speed internet connectivity to electronically communicate and share documents with faculty, staff and other students, access data, and run web-based instructional programs. The School of Medicine provides a Technology Learning Center (TLC) in the BioMedical Library designed to meet the needs of medical students while at school.

Please Note: If you receive financial aid, you will only be eligible to receive funds for the Computer Requirement in your first year. A separate "Purchasing Considerations" link is available to assist you with your purchase.

Laptop/Platform Required: PC-Compatible or Mac; laptop ONLY manufactured in 2009 or later.
The minimum required screen size for a newly purchased laptop is 13". While this screen size is adequate for most instructional applications, for some, including exam questions with images, you may need to scroll horizontally. If you have something smaller than 13", you are permitted to use it while being advised that this screen size will be highly inadequate for several instructional applications, particularly with interactive images. Be sure your laptop has wi-fi capability (as opposed to cellular). Refer to the Purchasing Considerations for more information.

Internet Connectivity Required: High Speed (Broadband) Internet Connectivity

Printer Required to have a printer at home. Consideration: A laser or ink jet for printing out class notes/slides for class sessions.

Operating Systems
PC Minimum Requirement: Windows XP or Vista or Windows 7.
Mac Minimum Requirement: OS X(10)

Productivity Tools
PC Minimum Requirement: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Microsoft Office 2007 or above
Mac Minimum Requirement: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Microsoft Office 2008 or above

Maintenance/Warranty and Insurance:
Required: Obtain a 4 year warranty/maintenance agreement and insurance policy to cover your computer and printer.
Consideration: Desktop computers are typically covered under Renters Insurance; laptops may not be. Check your policy.

For more Information on the Computer Requirement, please contact our resources.