

## **COMPUTER RECOMMENDATIONS (PDF)**

A computer purchase is not required to attend KGC OE.

However, if you do want to bring your own, here are some things to think about before purchasing.

### **Operating System - Windows or Mac (Apple):**

This is largely a personal preference. Most of the advanced applications that students work with will be used on lab computers and not their personal systems. There are, however, many programs that will not run on Macs – so keep that in mind. Would recommend only buying computers that are running the latest Operating Systems provided by the vendor.

### **Laptop or Desktop:**

Laptops are great for portability and will run many of today's computer applications. Desktops give you more power for the money. They generally have a faster CPU, and are capable of more internal devices. They are also more upgradeable. It is really a personal choice.

### **Processor (3+ GHZ):**

Faster is generally better. Look at the fastest CPU speed and drop back one or two steps. Most modern processors are going to run programs fine.

### **Memory:**

A minimum of 16 GB of RAM is highly recommended.

### **Hard Drives:**

Absolute minimum of a 512 SSD. Consider getting 1 TB or more, and utilizing online storage for storage needs.

### **Removable Media:**

USB Flash drive (pen/thumb drive) 32GB or larger (consider getting 2).