

Community Comments:
Policy on University Technology and Sponsored Non-Immigrant Aliens

Date	Role at URI	Policy Name	Is the purpose of the policy clear?	Please provide your feedback and comments on this draft policy as written.	Errors in spelling, grammar, formatting, updates to position titles, department names, or broken	Response to Comments or Action Taken
2/19/2025 9:32	Faculty	Policy on University Technology and Sponsored Non-Immigrant Aliens	Yes	What rules cover legacy computer equipment (e.g. running unsupported operating systems that can't be upgraded to modern standards without bricking the expensive instrumentation they operate)?		Response from CIO: We feel that "[...] as defined and approved by URI Information Technology Services." permits case by case exceptions for those rare edge cases.
2/26/2025 11:51	Faculty	University Technology and Sponsored Non-Immigrant Aliens	Yes	Section 2. Acknowledgment. There are examples of Research Computing infrastructure, such as Linux clusters and servers, for which it is not clear if there are "approved operating system" versions. Will graduate students etc who come from countries of concern, such as Iran, be banned from using those university resources? Will it be necessary for URI ITS to administer such students personal computers if they use those personal computers to access the URI internal network? The policy appears to suggest (Policy Statement section) that the URI internal computer system is considered by itself to be an export controlled technology.	In Definitions "U.S. Person", the colon after "includes" is a grammar error. A colon is not used after a verb. If that was correct, then we would have colons in most sentences. For example, "Please include: the specific section and any other ... that will: assist in locating the error." This same error occurs in 1. Applicability as "see: http..."	Response from CIO: We believe it is implicit that all software installed by ITS staff (e.g., Research Computing staff) is "approved". Students from countries of concern will not be banned from using approved resources. URI ITS would only need to administer student's personal computers if they fall under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) or the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) as explained in the Policy Statement. The "when they provide access to ..." portion is essential in interpreting the portion of the Policy Statement covering export controlled technology. When they meet that criteria, they are considered export controlled technology. Response from Policy Development Coordinator: Two colons will be stricken as recommended.