Acceptable Use

High Performance Computing (HPC) facility users are responsible for complying with all University policies.

http://policy.arizona.edu/information-technology/acceptable-use-computers-and-networks

The supercomputers represent a unique resource for the campus community. These computers have special characteristics that are not found, or are of limited availability, on other central computers, including parallel processing, large memory, and a Linux operating system. The allocation of High Performance Computing (HPC) resources requires close supervision by those charged with management of these resources.

The login nodes are designated for small, short interactive jobs, and submitting batch jobs and not for running compute jobs.

**Arizona Sales Tax Exemption on Research Equipment**

Equipment purchased exclusively for research purposes is exempt from Arizona State Sales Tax. See [UA FSO statement of Research Equipment Tax Exemption](http://policy.arizona.edu/information-technology/acceptable-use-computers-and-networks). However, there are exceptions to this exemption that impact central, shared use research facilities. These exceptions include “research in social sciences or psychology”—see [AZ ARS 42-5061 subsection B 14](http://policy.arizona.edu/information-technology/acceptable-use-computers-and-networks).

In order to provide research computing resources to researchers from these exception areas, some of the research computing resources have been purchased with Arizona taxes included. The result is that there are resources available to all campus researchers, with the caveat that researchers in the social sciences, psychology and instructional projects areas are restricted to using resources that are purchased with taxes paid.

Please contact [hpc-consult@list.arizona.edu](mailto:hpc-consult@list.arizona.edu) to learn about the resources that are available for social sciences, psychology and instructional purposes.

**Access for Research and Limited Access for Instruction**

As described in the ‘Sales Tax Exemption’ section above, most of the HPC systems are limited to research applications as defined in [Section B-14 of ARS Statute 42-5061](http://policy.arizona.edu/information-technology/acceptable-use-computers-and-networks) by the Arizona Legislature. All users are expected to use these resources accordingly and to use the [U-System](http://policy.arizona.edu/information-technology/acceptable-use-computers-and-networks) or other computing systems for non-research purposes.