If you do not have a computer or laptop you can use for studying right now, or have no or very limited access to an internet connection and are currently in receipt of financial hardship support, you may be eligible for support with the following IT equipment:

**Hardware**

For students currently residing in the UK, loan of a University issued laptop until September 2020. For students currently residing internationally, an I.T. grant to purchase a suitable device.

**Internet access**

A University grant up to £200 to purchase access to internet. We understand that this amount will give you sufficient funds to be able to purchase enough internet to complete your studies.

The University recommends that this grant is used to purchase either:

- A Wi-Fi hot spot or dongle and enough data to complete your studies whilst working remotely from the University.
- If you have access to a smartphone which could be enabled as a Wi-Fi hotspot, to purchase unlimited data for the period needed to complete your studies whilst working remotely from the University.

Please note that for any contracts you enter into, you will be contractually obliged to cover any costs that go above the allocated £200 grant.

**Software**

Software requests that are outside of the provision already in place from NUIT (http://go.ncl.ac.uk/itservice/softwareforstudents) will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Please note that the type and format of course or module assessment may need to change, and you will be informed about all relevant changes to your assessments by your academic school in due course.

Please note that we will not be able to approve all requests, but please be assured we will do all that we can to support your studies. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with the progress of your request.