

ACCESS

Free National Supercomputer Resources



 **ACCESS**

The logo for the ACCESS program, consisting of a stylized orange and blue icon followed by the word 'ACCESS' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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National Supercomputer Resources: ACCESS

- Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Coordination Ecosystem: Services & Support (ACCESS)
- ACCESS is an advanced computing and data resource supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- ACCESS Services include Allocations, Support, Operation and Metrics, along with a Coordination Office
- Access website: <https://access-ci.org/>

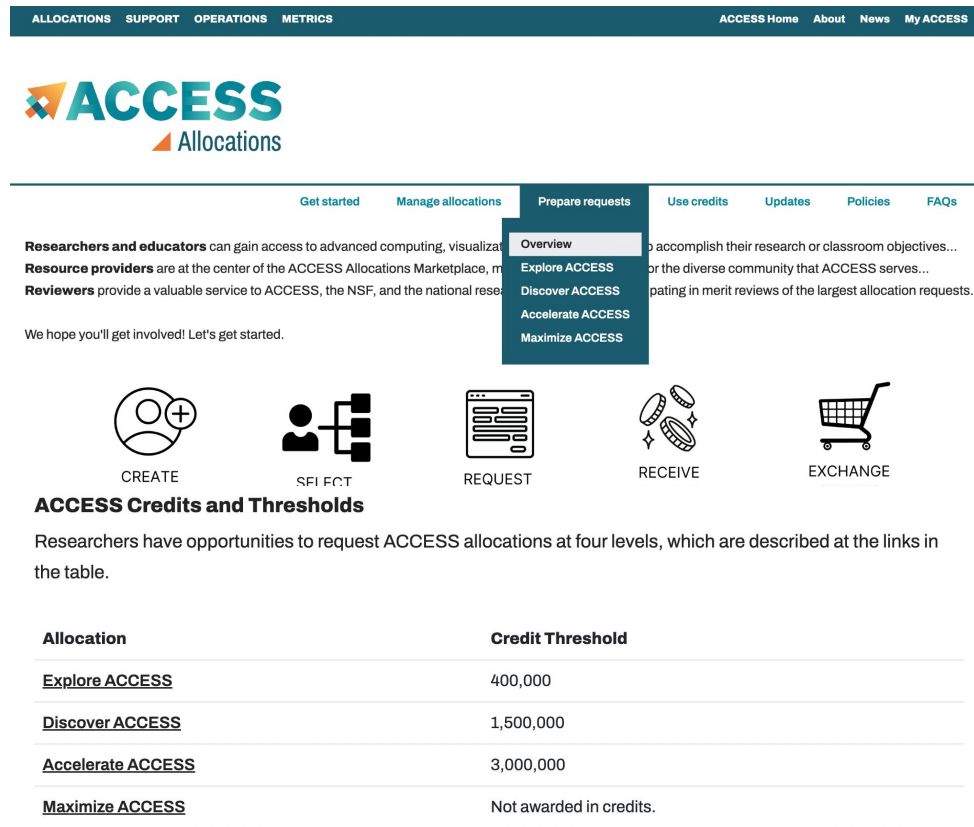


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Four Allocation Opportunities to suit a variety of needs (credit thresholds):

- **Explore (400,000)**
 - Best-suited for endeavors with light resource requirements
 - Grad students can be PIs
- **Discover (1,500,000)**
 - Minimal effort to start production research activities
 - Potential best-fit for Campus Champion Allocations
- **Accelerate (3,000,000)**
 - More substantial resource requirements
 - Multi-grant research, Gateways, etc.
- **Maximize (No upper limit)**
 - For large-scale research project with extreme resource needs
 - Will largely resemble XRAC process



The screenshot shows the ACCESS Allocations website. The top navigation bar includes 'ALLOCATIONS', 'SUPPORT', 'OPERATIONS', 'METRICS', 'ACCESS Home', 'About', 'News', and 'My ACCESS'. The main header features the ACCESS logo and 'Allocations' text. Below the header, there are navigation links: 'Get started', 'Manage allocations', 'Prepare requests', 'Use credits', 'Updates', 'Policies', and 'FAQs'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Prepare requests', listing 'Overview', 'Explore ACCESS', 'Discover ACCESS', 'Accelerate ACCESS', and 'Maximize ACCESS'. The main content area contains text about researchers and educators, resource providers, and reviewers. Below this is a section titled 'ACCESS Credits and Thresholds' with a table. The table lists four allocation levels: Explore ACCESS (400,000), Discover ACCESS (1,500,000), Accelerate ACCESS (3,000,000), and Maximize ACCESS (Not awarded in credits). There are also icons for 'CREATE', 'SUPPORT', 'REQUEST', 'RECEIVE', and 'EXCHANGE'.

Allocation	Credit Threshold
Explore ACCESS	400,000
Discover ACCESS	1,500,000
Accelerate ACCESS	3,000,000
Maximize ACCESS	Not awarded in credits.

Allocation Eligibility

- Available to any research or educator as US academic, non-profit research, or educational institution.
- Can be in any official position including adjunct or instructional
- Postdoctoral researchers can be a PI of any project type
- Graduate students can lead an “Explore” ACCESS allocation under their advisor’s guidance
- NSF Graduate Fellows and Honorable mentions can apply for “Discover” allocations
- Ref: <https://allocations.access-ci.org/access-allocations-policies#eligibility>

Comparison Table

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Opportunity	Explore	Discover	Accelerate	Maximize
Purpose	Resource evaluation, grad student projects, small classes and training events, benchmarking, code development and porting, similar small-scale uses.	Grants with modest resource needs, Campus Champions, large classes and training events, NSF graduate fellowships, benchmarking and code testing at scale, gateway development.	Mid-scale resource needs, consolidating multi-grant programs, collaborative projects, preparation for Maximize ACCESS requests, gateways with growing communities.	Large-scale research projects.
Allocation credit threshold	Small	Medium	Large	No upper limit
Allocation duration	Supporting grant duration or 12 months	Supporting grant duration or 12 months	Supporting grant duration or 12 months	12 months
Requests accepted	Continuously	Continuously	Continuously	Every 6 months
	Multiple requests allowed	Multiple requests allowed	Multiple requests allowed	1 allowed (some exceptions)
Requirements and review process	Overview	1-page proposal	3-page proposal (max. length)	10-page proposal (max. length)
	Confirmation of eligibility and suitability of requested resources	Confirmation of eligibility and suitability of requested resources	Panel merit review	Panel merit review

Ref:

<https://allocations.access-ci.org/prepare-requests-overview>

Resource Providers (PRs)

- ACCESS consists of a set of Resource Providers (PRs) that offer a wide range of computational resources including systems such as high-performance computing (HPC) clusters, virtualization (cloud-style) clusters, high throughput computing (HTC) clusters, massive storage clusters, large memory clusters, and composable clusters.
- ACES (Texas A&M)
- Anvil (Purdue)
- Bridges-2 (PSC)
- DARWIN (Delaware)
- Delta (NCSA)
- Expanse (SDSC)
- FASTER (Texas A&M)
- Jetstream2 (IU)
- OOKAMI (Stonybrook)
- KyRIC (Kentucky)
- Rockfish (JHU)
- Stampede-2 (TACC)
- RANCH (TACC)
- Open Science Grid (OSG)
- Open Storage Network (OSN)

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	Request allocations	Prepare requests	Use credits	Updates	Policies	FAQs
Purdue Anvil CPU						
Purdue Anvil GPU						
SDSC Expance CPU						
SDSC Expance GPU						
Resource Type: Compute						
Resource Description:						
Recommended Use:						
Organization:						
Units:						
Description:						
SDSC Expance Projects Storage						

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marketplace, making research p...

tional research community

Overview

Available resources

Exchange calculator

for research or classroom objectives...

community that ACCESS serves...

views of the largest allocation requests.

REQUEST ALLOCATION

Exchange Calculator

Number of units on this resource:

10,000	ACCESS Credits
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Equals this many units on this resource:

186	SDSC Expance GPU
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RESET

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[Manage allocations](#)

[Overview](#)

[Submit a request](#)

[Manage my projects](#)

[Manage users](#)

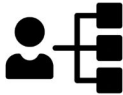
[Allocations Usage](#)

Researchers and educators can gain access to advanced computing, storage, and data resources to accomplish their research. **Resource providers** are at the center of the ACCESS Allocation program, enabling research possible for the diverse community. **Reviewers** provide a valuable service to ACCESS, the NSF, and the research community by participating in merit reviews of requests.

We hope you'll get involved! Let's get started.



CREATE



REQUEST



RECEIVE

Maximize ACCESS – March 2023

Submissions open: 2022-12-15 – 2023-01-15

For projects with resource needs beyond those provided by an Accelerate ACCESS project, a Maximize ACCESS request is required. ACCESS has an upper limit on the size of allocations that can be requested or awarded at this level, but resource providers may have limits on allocation amount and resources.

[SUBMIT A MAXIMIZE ACCESS – MARCH 2023 REQUEST](#)

Available Opportunities

Here are the open opportunities for which you may request an allocation. Find the opportunity that aligns with your best estimate of your resource needs. Don't worry about starting too small. As you clarify your needs, you can upgrade to a larger-scale opportunity when you're ready.

Explore ACCESS

Explore ACCESS allocations are intended for purposes that require small resource amounts. Researchers can try out resources or run benchmarks, instructors can provide access for small-scale classroom activities, research software engineers can develop or port codes, and so on. Graduate students can conduct thesis or dissertation work.

[SUBMIT AN EXPLORE ACCESS REQUEST](#)

Discover ACCESS

Discover ACCESS projects are intended to fill the needs of many modest-scale research activities or other resource needs. The goal of this opportunity is to allow many researchers to request allocations with a minimum amount of effort so they can complete their work. To submit a request, you will need to submit a one-page description of the project to address the review criteria. You can also ask for an advisory review from the community to guide you to appropriate resources.

[SUBMIT A DISCOVER ACCESS REQUEST](#)

Accelerate ACCESS

Accelerate ACCESS projects support activities that require more substantial resource amounts to pursue their research objectives. Researchers are expected to have reasonably well defined plans for their resource use and to submit a 3-page project description for merit review. Reviewers will look more closely at how your resource usage plan addresses the review criteria.

[SUBMIT AN ACCELERATE ACCESS REQUEST](#)

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- [My Allocations](#)
- [My Engagements](#)
- [Edit Profile](#)
- [Logout](#)

List of ACCESS Allocations Requests

Please click the View Actions link to see actions on each of your requests. You can use the Choose New Action arrow menu to add new actions to the request.

Discover ACCESS TRA220034 Chi			Manage Users
Active from 2022-11-16 to 2023-11-15			
Type: New	Status: Approved	Submitted: 2022-10-12	
			Choose New Action
			Supplement
			Transfer

Available Resources

For a transfer, please indicate the resource you are **transferring from** with **negative number** (e.g., -1,000), and the resource you are **transferring to** with a **positive number** (e.g., 1,000).

To request a resource, select it and enter an amount. Comments are optional. [Exchange Calculator](#)

ACCESS Credits

-46,080.00 ACCESS Credits

Comments

Transfer to 64 Cores f

SDSC Expance CPU

Expance will be a Dell integrated compute cluster, with AMD Rome processors, interconnected with Mellanox HDR InfiniBand in a hybrid fat-tree topology. There are 728 compute nodes, each with two 64-core AMD EPYC 7742 (Rome) processors for a total of 93,184 cores. They will feature 1TB of NVMe storage and 256GB of DRAM per node. Full bisection bandwidth will be available at rack level (56 nodes) with HDR100 connectivity to each node. HDR200 switches are used at the rack level and there will be 3:1 oversubscription cross-rack. In addition, Expance also has four 2 TB large memory nodes. The system will also feature 12PB of Lustre based performance storage (140GB/s aggregate), and 7PB of Ceph based object storage.

- SDSC Expance Projects Storage is required if requesting this resource.

46,080.00 Core-hours

Comments

request 64 cores for running 30 days

SDSC Expance Projects Storage

Allocated storage for projects using Expance Compute and Expance GPU resources.

- SDSC Expance CPU is required if requesting this resource.
- SDSC Expance GPU is required if requesting this resource.

10.00 GB

Comments

Cloud Computing: Indiana JstStream2

Indiana Jetstream2 

Resource Type: Compute

Resource Description: Jetstream2 is a user-friendly cloud environment designed to give researchers and students access to computing and data analysis resources on demand as well as for gateway and other infrastructure projects. Jetstream2 is a hybrid-cloud platform that provides flexible, on-demand, programmable cyberinfrastructure tools ranging from interactive virtual machine services to a variety of infrastructure and orchestration services for research and education. The primary resource is a standard CPU resource consisting of AMD Milan 7713 CPUs with 128 cores per node and 512gb RAM per node connected by 100gbps ethernet to the spine.


Recommended Use: For the researcher needing virtual machine services on demand as well as for software creators and researchers needing to create their own customized virtual machine environments. Additional use cases are for research-supporting infrastructure services that need to be "always on" as well as science gateway services and for education support, providing virtual machines for students.

Organization: Indiana University

Units: SUs

Description: 1 SU = 1 Jetstream2 vCPU-hour. VM sizes and cost per hour are available <https://docs.jetstream-cloud.org/general/vmsizes/>

Indiana Jetstream2 GPU 

Indiana Jetstream2 Large Memory 

Indiana Jetstream2 Storage 

RP: Indiana JstStream2



Jetstream2 is a user-friendly cloud computing environment for researchers and educators running on [OpenStack](#) and featuring [Exosphere](#) as the primary user interface. It is built on the successes of Jetstream1 and continues the main features of that system while extending to a broader range of hardware and services, including GPUs, large memory nodes, virtual clustering, programmable cyberinfrastructure with OpenStack Heat and Terraform, and many other features. It is designed to provide both infrastructure for gateways and other "always on" services as well as giving researchers access to interactive computing and data analysis resources on demand.

For a more in-depth description please see the [System Overview](#).

Jetstream2 Status

Overall JS2 system status

Operational ●

Please visit <https://jetstream.status.io/> for detailed system status information and planned maintenance announcements. Also see, [Jetstream2 system status and information](#) for additional information on our [outages and maintenance mailing list](#) and [community chat](#).

📌 Accessing Jetstream2

Access to Jetstream2 is available solely through Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Coordination Ecosystem: Services & Support (ACCESS) allocations. You must be on a valid allocation or the PI of a valid allocation to have access to Jetstream2.

Ref:

<https://docs.jetstream-cloud.org/>

RP: Indiana JstStream2

Choose an Instance Source

By Type By Image

Ubuntu

- Wide compatibility with community software packages
- Good choice for new users

22.04 (latest)

20.04

Red Hat-like

- Based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)
- Compatible with RPM-based software

Rocky Linux 9

Rocky Linux 8

AlmaLinux 9

AlmaLinux 8

CentOS 7

Instances

Instances used: 3 of 25 total Cores used: 32 of 63 total RAM used: 122.9 of 224.5 GB

Filters: Created by me (jaychi@access-ci.org) × + Clear filters 2 instances filtered from 3 total

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jay_test_CPU_m3l ●	Connect to ▾	
	m3.large · created 2 minutes ago by jaychi@access-ci.org	📍 149.165.170.244	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jay_test_GPU_g3m ●	Connect to ▾	
	g3.medium · created 24 minutes ago by jaychi@access-ci.org	📍 149.165.154.2	

RP: Indiana JstStream2

Instance **Jay_test_CPU_m3l** Ready Actions

Info 42a18f7f-dc45-4022-bea0-da1629adab40

created 4 minutes ago by user jaychi@access-ci.org from image Featured-Ubuntu22 flavor m3.large Burn rate 16.00 SUs/hour

Resource Usage

CPU of 16 total cores

RAM of 60 total GB

Root Dis

Volumes

Volumes used: 1 of 10 total
Storage used: 1,000 GB of 5 TB

Filters: Created by me x + Clear filters

Jay_attach_HD_1	Attached to Jay_test_CPU_m3l
1,000 GB · created 20 hours ago by me	Detach

Interactions

- Web Shell
- Web Desktop
- Native SSH : exouser@149.165.170.244
- Console

Credentials

Hostname: jay-test-cpu-m3l.tra220034.projects.jetstream-cloud.org

Public IP Address: 149.165.170.244 Unassign

IP Details

Username: exouser

Passphrase: Show

SSH Public Key Name: jaychi_key

Volumes

Name	Device	Mount point
Jay_attach_HD_1	/dev/sdb	/media/volume/sdb

Attach volume