

# ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

## VPN Remote Access Policy

### Purpose

A remote access Virtual Private Network (VPN) service is needed to access computing resources hosted at Roger Williams University (RWU) while working remotely. The purpose of this VPN policy is to provide guidelines to access IT services hosted at Roger Williams University (RWU). This policy is based on security best practices to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of RWU digital assets.

### Scope & Guidelines

This policy applies to all RWU faculty, staff, and 3rd party contractors that require remote access to RWU's private network infrastructure.

Only established RWU.EDU faculty, staff, and administrative accounts are allowed.

Temporary, shared, and student accounts are not permitted.

Vendor (AKA 3<sup>rd</sup> Party) accounts may have remote access under special approval: vendor accounts must have an RWU employee/department sponsor. The RWU sponsor bears responsibility for the vendor account. If the vendor account does not exist, the department sponsor must submit a [request form](#).

BYOD (bring your own device) is permitted remote access under special approval and conditions disclosed in RWU's [BYOD Policy](#). By using VPN technology with personal equipment, users must understand that their devices are a de facto extension of RWU's private network and, as such, are subject to security rules and regulations that apply to RWU-issued devices.

### Policy

VPN access is managed by the RWU-IT department, including DNS filtering and log monitoring.

Requests for remote access are initiated using the [Mediatech request form](#).  
Unauthorized