**Amazon Web Services (AWS) support for UK universities during the COVID-19 outbreak**

As part of our response to COVID-19, Amazon Web Services (AWS) is providing funding and tools to support research, remote learning, and teaching. This includes providing institutions around the world with technical support and AWS Promotional Credit to help quickly deploy or extend remote learning and working into the home.

AWS has recently updated its [Remote Work and Learning](https://aws.amazon.com/remote-work-learning/) page with information and offers to help with adjustment to remote working and delivery of course content, including some of the following services:

**Amazon WorkSpaces** lets you launch virtual Windows and Linux desktops that can be accessed anywhere and from any device for remote work, remote training, and more. Beginning April 1st, we are offering Amazon WorkSpaces for up to 50 users at no charge for new WorkSpaces customers, offer available through June 30, 2020.

**Amazon AppStream** lets you deliver desktop applications to any computer at scale, including educational apps and those requiring GPUs for computation or 3D rendering. As part of the [AWS Free Tier](https://aws.amazon.com/free/?all-free-tier.sort-by=item.additionalFields.SortRank&all-free-tier.sort-order=asc&all-free-tier.q=AppStream&all-free-tier.q_operator=AND), you can use Amazon AppStream 2.0 free for 40 hours per month of the stream.standard.large instance type when using Image Builder.

**AWS Client VPN** lets you set up secure connections to your AWS and on-premises networks from anywhere. You can give your employees, students, or researchers the ability to “dial in” to your existing network.

You can [read more here](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/publicsector/aws-expands-access-tools-support-remote-learning-teaching-covid-19-response/) about the work AWS is doing to address the global challenges that educational institutions, educators, students, and parents face.

For research institutions the [AWS Diagnostic Development Initiative (DDI)](https://aws.amazon.com/government-education/nonprofits/disaster-response/diagnostic-dev-initiative/) provides support for innovation in rapid and accurate patient testing for COVID-19, and other diagnostic solutions to mitigate future outbreaks. AWS is committing $20 million over the next year to accelerate research, innovation, and development to speed our collective understanding and detection of the disease. Funding will be provided through a combination of AWS in-kind credits and technical support to assist accredited research institutions harness the cloud to tackle this challenge. [Learn more >>](https://aws.amazon.com/government-education/nonprofits/disaster-response/diagnostic-dev-initiative/)

Additional information and resources:

* [A message from Amazon CEO and founder, Jeff Bezos on the work Amazon is doing globally during the current crisis.](https://blog.aboutamazon.com/company-news/a-message-from-our-ceo-and-founder?utm_source=social&utm_medium=li&utm_term=amazon&utm_content=COVID-19_JeffBezosLetter)
* [Working From Home? Here’s How AWS Can Help - a blog by Jeff Barr, Chief Evangelist for AWS](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/working-from-home-heres-how-aws-can-help/)
* [AWS expands access to tools that support remote learning and teaching as part of COVID-19 response – a blog from the AWS Education Team.](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/publicsector/aws-expands-access-tools-support-remote-learning-teaching-covid-19-response/)
* [From research sharing to collaborative communications: Addressing the needs of our public sector customers during unprecedented times](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/publicsector/research-sharing-collaborative-communications-addressing-needs-public-sector/)
* [Live enquiry service for Public Sector organisations](https://pages.awscloud.com/ps-live-chat-contact-us.html)