

High Performance Computing Change Management

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Overview

The VCU School of Medicine (SOM) High Performance Computing (HPC) change process is intended to balance stability and documentation with the ability to nimbly respond to researcher needs. Where practical, the process aligns with the university-wide [change management process guidance](#) from Technology Services.

Scope

In Scope

- Systemwide changes to hardware, software, networking, configuration, etc. which have the potential to affect all users

Out of Scope

- Individual software which is installed in a user's home directory, or a dedicated directory accessible by only one group
- Data transfers
- Account creation/maintenance

Process

A SOM Research Systems team member initiates the process as the Change Requester. The Director of Research Systems serves as the Change Approver. If the anticipated impact warrants, system users are notified via listserv.

