

Sam Houston State University  
A Member of The Texas State University System  
Information Technology Services (IT@Sam)

User Account Eligibility Statement: IT-S04

Sam Houston State University has created this User Account Eligibility Statement in order to clarify who can and will be granted rights and access privileges to SHSU information technology resources.

SHSU automatically authorizes an SHSU user account for any individual with an official affiliation as an employee (including faculty and staff as identified by Human Resources), retiree, alumni, and admitted or registered student (as determined by the Registrar). The following defines user account eligibility for Sam Houston State University. Exceptions may be requested by contacting the Information Resource Manager or Information Security Officer.

Definition of Affiliation:

- a. Student - A person who is attending classes, either online or classroom study, at Sam Houston State University. Student accounts will have access to appropriate campus file shares and email.
- b. Faculty - The academic staff, teaching either online or classroom classes, at Sam Houston State University.
- c. Alumni - A graduate or former student of Sam Houston State University that has completed greater than 15 credit hours.

Upon user activation, account holders are authorized to access the resources dictated by their role membership, for example:

- a. Faculty, staff, student workers, approved visitors, and student accounts will have access to appropriate campus file shares and email with designated quotas, appropriate file servers, personal website, wireless access, specific applications, and self-service functionality.
- b. Alumni accounts will have access to email with designated quotas and self-service functionality. File shares, file servers and personal websites are not available to accounts in this role.
- c. Retiree and limited visitor accounts will have access to email with designated quotas, personal websites and self-service functionality. File shares other than the home drive (s:\) and file servers are not available to this role.
- d. Authorized custom accounts will be created according to specific needs.

All inactive accounts (accounts not being accessed, such as not logging in to a workstation or checking e-mail) will either be disabled or deleted (depending on the account type) after 180 days of inactivity.

Faculty, staff and student employee user accounts may change or be completely deleted due to, but not limited to, separation of employment, retirement, or extended leave. This can result in the deletion of data, such as e-mail or home drive (S:\) contents.

- a. All data stored on SHSU information technology resources remains the property of the university.
- b. It is the responsibility of the affected department to ensure that all SHSU

- f. The sponsor is responsible for taking reasonable steps to ensure that the user account holder uses their account in accordance with IT@SAM policies. If there are any problems with a visitor or third-party account, IT@SAM will contact the sponsor.
- g. One or more limited visitor accounts are also available upon request by a current faculty or staff member via the IT@Sam Service Desk. These are numbered accounts that are reset per each checkout request and useful for conferences and seminars where attendees need computer access.

By default, only specific accounts will be listed in the SHSU directory and on the website.

- a. Faculty/staff accounts are listed in the SHSU directory on the public website with information provided by Human Resources or the Registrar. This information will include email address, professional title, phone number, department, and room number.
- b. Students have the option of suppressing their directory listing through the Registrar's Office.
- c. Visitor accounts may appear in the directory at the sponsor's request with name and email information only.

To access restricted systems, services, or facilities, the account holder or sponsor must request authorization from the relevant data owner and/or data custodian.

Requests for exceptions to this policy must be submitted in writing ([IT@Sam Policy Exception Form](#)) to the Information Security Officer (ISO) or Chief Information Officer (CIO) and will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Requests shall be justified, documented, and communicated as part of the risk assessment process.

Related Policies, References and Attachments:

An index of approved IT@SAM policies can be found on the SHSU Information Technology Services Policies website at

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