

Welcome to Towson Unplugged!

Guest Access for the Mac OS



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For Starters

Your Mac iBook or PowerBook must include a compatible wireless networking card/adaptor in order to connect wirelessly to the Internet (see side bar). Some Macs come pre-equipped with an internal AirPort wireless adapter. If yours did not, then you will need to add an AirPort Card, compatible USB or PC slot wireless adapter. For advice on purchasing an add-on card, use your favorite **wired** computer to open <http://www.towson.edu/ots>. Click the Towson Unplugged link and then the Buying Guide link.

The instructions below for connecting to the TowsonUguest wireless network assume that your device is already compatible.

Get Connected

1. Power-up your Mac laptop.
2. Verify that your wireless card is active. Your laptop's menu bar will likely include an icon for controlling and configuring your card, as well as for monitoring signal strength (Figure 1).
3. As your system completes the start-up process, it will notify you that it has detected a new network and it will attempt to connect to **TowsonUguest** (our **open** network).
4. The menu bar icon representing your Airport card will change from grey to black when you are connected. This icon works in the same way as the signal strength indicator on most wireless phones; the greater the number of black bars, the stronger the signal.
5. To verify your connection, browse the Web.

Connection Challenged?

1. If unable to connect, open the **Internet Connect Application**. You may be able to do this by clicking the AirPort icon in the menu bar and select **Other** (Figure 1). Otherwise, you will find the Internet Connect application in the "Applications" folder of your hard drive.
 2. Select the **WEP Password** from the **Wireless Security** pull down.
 3. In the Network Name field, type **TowsonUguest**. There is no need to enter a password.
 4. Click the "OK" button.
 5. Browse the web to verify that your connection is active.
- If you're still unable to connect, attend a Wireless Configuration Clinic (open <http://www.towson.edu/unplugged>) for OTS assistance.

Process Summary

To Connect

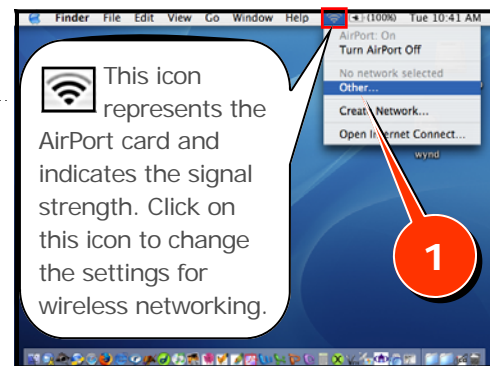
1. Power-up your laptop.
2. Verify that your wireless card is active.
3. Your computer should connect automatically.

Compatibility Counts!

Wireless cards compatible with the **802.11b** or **802.11g** standard will allow you to access the Internet without logging in, as you might from a public computer.



Figure 1




Security

Make sure you have updated your Operating System to include all security updates and are running an antivirus program. If you don't have a current antivirus program, you can download the McAfee Anti Virus software for free at <http://www.towson.edu/ots>. Choose the **For Faculty/Staff and Students** link, login with your TowsonU username and password and then choose the correct download link that meets your machine's operating system.

Secure Access to Software and Files

For secure access to Towson University software and your network files, you will need to install the VPN client and /or the Citrix Client. Directions for both of these installs can be found at <http://www.towson.edu/otstraining/techdocs.asp> under the **Wireless** Index.

 Note: Macintosh Users must install the Citrix Client to use Citrix; the Citrix Web Portal won't work on the Macintosh.

