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University of Maryland Offers Eduroam Wireless Access to Students, Faculty, and Staff Special Access Allows Connectivity at Any Participating Institution

COLLEGE PARK, MD (August 23, 2011) – In a continued strategic effort to enrich the experiences of the university’s domestic and international constituents and expand the university’s global reach, the University of Maryland now offers eduroam, or education roaming, a federated wireless access network.

Eduroam is a secure, worldwide roaming Internet access service developed for the international research and education community. Eduroam allows campus community members at any participating institution to use wireless network services at any other participating institution with the simplicity and convenience of using the login credentials issued to them by their home institutions.

With this service, traveling University of Maryland students, faculty, and staff will be able to seamlessly access wireless networks as the gateway to the Internet while visiting campuses around the world. Furthermore, guests from other eduroam institutions will be able to make use of Maryland’s extensive wireless network to gain access to the Internet using their own institutional credentials while visiting the University of Maryland. The university’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) is making the eduroam wireless service available.

“As the world becomes more interconnected, great universities will be globally networked universities. The availability of eduroam services is yet another building block in making Maryland a part of a borderless, scholarly world,” said University of Maryland President Wallace D. Loh.

“The University of Maryland attracts some of the most brilliant minds from near and far. As Maryland students and researchers pursue exceptional learning and research experiences abroad, the eduroam service offered by Maryland will prove to be of significant value to them,” said Brian D. Voss, Maryland’s Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer.

Eduroam service is available in more than 30 countries and on hundreds of campuses worldwide, making wireless Internet access convenient for Maryland students, faculty, and staff as they travel overseas for scholarly activities and easing research collaborations with visiting international scholars. Widely available in Europe, Asia, and Australia, eduroam is expanding in the United States and Canada. The University of Maryland is now part of a very small group of schools ranked as top American research institutions that have launched eduroam.

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“Eduroam enables easy Internet access via wireless networking,” said Tripti Sinha, OIT’s Director of Networking and Telecommunications. “We researched it extensively before deciding to adopt it, and we were able to move quickly to make it available due to our long-standing strategy of keeping the university’s data network infrastructure modern and powerful,” Sinha said.

Gerry Sneeringer, OIT’s Director of Security added: “We have found that security of the eduroam infrastructure as a whole is of highest priority, especially among the growing U.S. eduroam community, and we have taken the appropriate measures to ensure that the University of Maryland is able to join the global eduroam service securely.”

For more information on eduroam, please visit www.eduroam.org. To learn more about the eduroam service at the University of Maryland, go to www.oit.umd.edu/eduroam.

About the University of Maryland

The University of Maryland is the state's flagship university and one of the nation's preeminent public research universities. Ranked No. 18 among public universities by U.S. News & World Report, it has 32 academic programs in the U.S News Top 10 and 73 in the Top 25. The Institute of Higher Education (Jiao Tong University, Shanghai), which ranks the world's top universities based on research, puts Maryland at No. 36 in the world and No. 12 among U.S. public universities. The university has produced six Nobel laureates, seven Pulitzer Prize winners, more than 40 members of the national academies and scores of Fulbright scholars. The university is recognized for its diversity, with underrepresented students comprising one-third of the student population. For more information about the University of Maryland, visit www.umd.edu.

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