Terms of Service

Rooted: University Hub

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These Terms of Service govern your access to and use of Rooted: University Hub, operated by Transformative Educational Experience Technologies DBA Tree Tech LLC. By using the Service, you agree to be bound by these Terms. Please read them carefully.

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1. Acceptance of Terms

By creating an Account or using any part of the Service, you represent that (a) you are at least 13 years of age, (b) you have read and agree to these Terms and our Privacy Policy, and (c) if you are using the Service on behalf of an organization, you have authority to bind that organization to these Terms.

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2. Eligibility and Accounts

2.1 Eligibility

The Service is intended primarily for current students, faculty, staff, and alumni of universities with a formal relationship with the Company, including Howard University. We reserve the right to verify university affiliation and to restrict or terminate access if affiliation cannot be confirmed.

2.2 Account Creation

You must provide accurate and complete information when creating an Account and keep it up to date. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your credentials and for all activity that occurs under your Account. Notify us immediately at contact@tree-technologies.com if you suspect unauthorized use.

2.3 One Account per Person

You may not create more than one Account unless expressly authorized by us. Organizational accounts (e.g., for student organizations) are permitted with prior approval.

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3. User Conduct

3.1 Acceptable Use

You agree to use the Service only for lawful purposes. You will not: post content that is unlawful, defamatory, harassing, threatening, obscene, or fraudulent; impersonate any person or entity; scrape or harvest data without our written consent; use bots or automated tools to access the Service; attempt unauthorized access to any part of the Service; interfere with or disrupt the Service; send spam or unsolicited messages; upload malicious code; or engage in conduct that restricts other users' enjoyment of the Service.

3.2 Community Standards

The Service is a university community platform. You agree to engage with other users respectfully and in accordance with your institution's student code of conduct where applicable. We reserve the right to remove content and suspend or terminate Accounts that violate these standards at our sole discretion.

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4. Content

4.1 Your Content

You retain ownership of Content you post to the Service. By posting Content, you grant the Company a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, sublicensable, and transferable license to use, reproduce, distribute, display, and modify your Content solely for the purposes of operating and improving the Service.

4.2 Content Standards

You represent and warrant that your Content does not infringe any third-party rights, is not false or misleading, does not contain others' personal information without their consent, and complies with all applicable laws. We do not pre-screen all Content but reserve the right to remove or restrict Content that violates these Terms at our sole discretion and without prior notice.

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5. Marketplace

The Marketplace facilitates transactions between users. The Company is not a party to any transaction and is not responsible for the quality, safety, legality, or delivery of listed items or

services. You may not list illegal goods, controlled substances, weapons, counterfeit items, or anything that violates these Terms or applicable law. Payments are processed by third-party processors and we may charge a service fee disclosed at the time of the transaction. Disputes between buyers and sellers are the responsibility of the parties involved.

6. Messaging

You agree not to use the messaging feature to harass, threaten, spam, or otherwise violate these Terms. We may access message content in limited circumstances where necessary to investigate reported violations, comply with legal obligations, or protect the safety of users. Do not share sensitive personal or financial information through in-app messages.

7. Events

Users and student organizations may create event listings subject to our content standards. You represent that you have authority to host any event you create and that the event information is accurate. By RSVPing to an event, you consent to the event organizer seeing your RSVP status and, where ticketing is involved, your name and contact information. We are not responsible for the conduct of third-party events.

8. Elections and Polling

Where enabled by your University Partner, the Service may support student government elections and community polls. By participating, you agree to vote only once per election or poll with your authenticated Account, and not to attempt to manipulate or interfere with results. Any attempt to manipulate elections may result in immediate Account termination and reporting to the relevant university authorities.

9. Intellectual Property

The Service, including its design, features, software, code, and all Company-created content, is owned by the Company or its licensors and is protected by copyright, trademark, and other

intellectual property laws. You may not copy, modify, distribute, sell, or lease any part of the Service without our written permission. "Rooted," "Tree Tech," and related logos are trademarks of the Company.

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10. Disclaimers

THE SERVICE IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE" WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NON-INFRINGEMENT. WE DO NOT WARRANT THAT THE SERVICE WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED, ERROR-FREE, OR FREE OF VIRUSES OR OTHER HARMFUL COMPONENTS.

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11. Limitation of Liability

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE COMPANY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO YOUR USE OF THE SERVICE. OUR TOTAL CUMULATIVE LIABILITY TO YOU WILL NOT EXCEED THE GREATER OF THE AMOUNT YOU PAID TO THE COMPANY IN THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING THE CLAIM OR $100 USD.

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12. Indemnification

You agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Company and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and affiliates from and against any claims, liabilities, damages, losses, and expenses (including reasonable legal fees) arising out of or related to: your use of the Service; your Content; your violation of these Terms; your violation of any rights of another person or entity; or your Marketplace transactions.

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13. Termination

You may delete your Account at any time through the account settings or by contacting us at contact@tree-technologies.com. We may suspend or terminate your Account at any time, with or

without cause or notice. Upon termination, your right to access the Service immediately ceases. Provisions of these Terms that by their nature should survive termination will survive, including Sections 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 15.

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14. Changes to Terms

We reserve the right to modify these Terms at any time. We will notify you of material changes by posting the updated Terms in the Service and, where appropriate, by email or in-app notification at least 14 days before the changes take effect. Continued use of the Service after the effective date constitutes acceptance of the updated Terms.

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15. Governing Law

These Terms are governed by the laws of the State of Maryland, United States, without regard to its conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising out of or relating to these Terms or the Service will be resolved exclusively in the state or federal courts located in Montgomery County, Maryland. Before initiating formal proceedings, the parties agree to attempt to resolve any dispute informally by contacting contact@tree-technologies.com. If not resolved within 30 days, either party may pursue formal legal action.

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16. Contact Us

For questions about these Terms:

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