Accessing Remote Desktop from Macintosh Computer

To access your Division of Finance and Administration workstation remotely on a Macintosh computer, open Microsoft’s Remote Desktop Connection. If you do not have this application, you can freely download it from https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/microsoft-remote-desktop/id715768417?mt=12

After downloading the application you will need to configure the gateway connection: From the main Microsoft Remote Desktop screen, open the Preferences pane. In the Server field enter: vpfngateway.tamu.edu. In the User Name field, enter your division credentials. Be sure to put tamuds\ in front of your user name.

Next, click on the ‘New’ button and it will take you to the Edit Remote Desktops screen. Enter a name of your choice for the ‘Connection name’. In the ‘PC name’ field enter your work desktops IP address. In the ‘Gateway’ field, select “vpfngateway.tamu.edu” from the drop down list. In the User Name field, again enter your division credentials. Be sure to put tamuds\ in front of your user name.
When you are finished configuring your remote desktop, click the red close button at the top left of the dialog box and your new remote desktop will be added. To start a session with that desktop, double click it to begin. You will be prompted to enter in your Division of Finance and Administration password.