The MSU Tradition

Founded in 1855, Michigan State University is a public research-intensive land-grant institution, one of the first to commit itself to the education of all citizens. MSU, one of the few American institutions with membership in both the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and the Association of American Universities, is noted for its excellent graduate programs. MSU is committed to inclusive excellence in support of a diverse community.

The Faculty

Michigan State has 2,000 faculty members who are dedicated to providing academic instruction, guidance, and mentoring to prepare graduate students for the discovery, integration, application, and dissemination of knowledge.

The Campus & Community

www.msu.edu

Our campus is a unique blend of the traditional and the innovative within a park-like landscape adjacent to East Lansing. Any campus location is easily reached by bicycle paths and walkways, the bus system, and transportation for students with special needs.

The International Dimension

www.isp.msu.edu

Graduate students at MSU have many opportunities to pursue interests in international issues, including 160 study abroad programs. Each year, MSU welcomes more than 3,500 international students and scholars to campus.

Financial Assistance

www.finaid.msu.edu

Office of Financial Aid, 252 Student Services Building, 517.353.5940, FINAID@msu.edu. To apply for federal financial aid, refer to the instructions that accompany the application for admission.

Financing Your Graduate Education

Fees are assessed on a credit-hour basis, except for medical student fees which are assessed on a semester basis. Specific information can be found in the Academic Programs catalog on the web at www.reg.msu.edu/UCC/AcademicPrograms.asp. For an updated list of tuition and fees, visit the controller’s website at www.ctlr.msu.edu/studrec and click on the link to Tuition and Housing Fees.

The Graduate School

www.grad.msu.edu

Graduate Application On-Line: grad.msu.edu/apply.htm

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Graduate Assistantships

Eligible graduate students hold more than 3,300 assistantships in various fields. Graduate assistantships provided a stipend, a tuition waiver, matriculation fees plus health insurance. Graduate assistantships and fellowships are awarded by departments beginning in February for the following academic year. It is essential that applications and supporting documents be submitted early to ensure adequate consideration.

Fellowships

www.msu.edu/fulbright

MSU annually awards a number of fellowships to encourage students to pursue study leading to a graduate degree.

Housing

www.hfs.msu.edu/uh

Graduate students at MSU may select one of three housing options: Owen Graduate Center, University Apartments, or off-campus housing. Although there are no deadlines for housing applications, students are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Services for Students

MSU recognizes that all aspects of individual development – personal, social, physical, and intellectual – are of equal importance. For that reason, the university offers a wide range of supportive services to help students make their educational experiences more satisfying. The Graduate School offers an array of career and professional development programs. Visit our website at grad.msu.edu/cpd.htm.

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD)

www.rcpd.msu.edu

For more information, contact RCPD at 517.353.9642, 517.353.1293 (TTY), 517.432.3191 (Fax), or rcpd@msu.edu.

Health Care

Olin Health Center (517.355.4510, olin.msu.edu) is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Olin provides medical, dental, and optometric care for enrolled students and their spouses. Medical insurance coverage is highly recommended for all graduate students (it is required of international students) and can be obtained through the MSU Benefits Office at 517.353.4434, extension 0, or visit their webpage at www.hr.msu.edu for enrollment information and health plan details. You can also contact the Chickering Group directly at 800.859.8452, or visit their webpage at www.chickering.com.

Counseling Center

www.couns.msu.edu

Provides support for the University by assisting in decreasing student and faculty/staff stress, aiding the effort to provide a healthy environment, and helping students focus on personal and career goals. Office location at 207 Student Services, 517.355.8270, 517.353.7278 (TTY).

Visit Campus

The best way to gather information about Michigan State University is to visit our campus. Most university offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We strongly recommend scheduling appointments with academic departments or specific faculty members.