Application and Funding Graduate School

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• GRE scores (last 5 years)
• GPA (>3.0)
• References
  – who to ask
• Personal Statement
  – Focus on answering the questions (see flyer)
• Writing Sample
  – Solo authored piece
• Experiences
• What do faculty look for in personal statements?
• How do faculty use the writing sample in decision making?
• What is the admissions committee looking for in an application?
Costs and Funding
Estimated Costs per Semester

- **Tuition**
  - 6 credits/in-state/fees $4074
  - 9 credits/in-state/fees $6111

- **Fees**
  - COGS (grad tax) $9.25
  - State News Tax $5.00

- **Housing**
  - $650 month - $4563/semester

http://ctlr.msu.edu/COSTudentAccountsTuitionCalculatorFall.aspx
Health Insurance

• Graduate assistants receive health insurance benefits as part of their compensation

Graduate Assistant Stipends (9 month positions)

• Biweekly stipends range from $870 - $920.

• Half-time assistantships also include a waiver of the out-of-state portion of tuition, a waiver of nine credits of in-state tuition each fall and spring semester, and paid enrollment in the university's graduate student health insurance plan.

*tuition and fees are for current academic year only and may change
Assistantships and Fellowships

- Assistantships ($16,000+)
- Fellowships ($16,000 - $25,000)