

# GRADUATE STUDY AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**Graduate Application On-Line:** [grad.msu.edu/apply.htm](http://grad.msu.edu/apply.htm)

## The MSU Tradition

Founded in 1855, Michigan State University is a research-extensive land-grant institute, 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 academic and professional programs.

## The Faculty

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

## The Campus & Community

[www.msu.edu](http://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.

## Resources

Graduate academic programs are supported by the MSU library system, which contains more than four million volumes and over 27,000 separate serial titles and a number of campus computer labs. MSU graduate students cross traditional boundaries in the university's interdisciplinary research centers and programs.

## The International Dimension

[www.isp.msu.edu](http://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. The Office for International Students and Scholars provides an orientation program, advice on U.S. immigration regulations, and visits with local "friendship families" as a way for international students to learn about American family life.

## 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.

## Financing Your Graduate Education

Fees are assessed on a credit-hour basis, except for graduate-professional 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/AcademicProgramsUpdated.asp](http://www.reg.msu.edu/UCC/AcademicProgramsUpdated.asp).

The university reserves the right to make changes in the types, structures, and rates for fees and tuition. For an updated list of tuition and fees, visit the controller's website at [www.ctrl.msu.edu/studrec](http://www.ctrl.msu.edu/studrec).

## Graduate Assistantships

[grad.msu.edu/gradasst.htm](http://grad.msu.edu/gradasst.htm)

Eligible graduate students hold more than 3,300 assistantships in various fields. Graduate assistantships provided a stipend, a waiver of course tuition for nine graduate credits (additional credits are charged at the resident rate), matriculation fees plus health insurance. Since most 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

[grad.msu.edu/funding.htm](http://grad.msu.edu/funding.htm)

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

## Financial Assistance

[www.finaid.msu.edu](http://www.finaid.msu.edu)

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

## Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD)

[www.rcpd.msu.edu](http://www.rcpd.msu.edu)

For more information, contact RCPD at 517.353.9642, 517.355.1293 (TTY), 517.432.3191 (Fax), or [rcpd@msu.edu](mailto:rcpd@msu.edu).

## Housing

[www.hfs.msu.edu/uh/](http://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.**

Residence Hall Assignments and University Apartments:  
517.355.9550 or 800.678.4679 or  
[Housing-info@uh.msu.edu](mailto:Housing-info@uh.msu.edu).

Off-Campus Housing Office,  
517.355.8303.

## Health Care

Olin Health Center (517.355.4510, [olin.msu.edu](http://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](http://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](http://www.chickering.com).

## Counseling Center

[www.couns.msu.edu](http://www.couns.msu.edu)

Office locations at 207 Student Services, 517.355.8270 and  
330 Olin Health Center, 517.355.2310.

## 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.**