GRADUATE STUDY AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Information about specific graduate programs can be found directly through the department/program. Contact information can be found at: http://grad.msu.edu/departments/

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

The MSU Tradition
Founded in 1855, Michigan State University is a public research-extensive 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 Assoc. of Public Universities and the Assoc. 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
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.

The International Dimension
http://www.isp.msu.edu/
Graduate students at MSU have many opportunities to pursue interests in international issues, including 150 study abroad programs. Each year, MSU welcomes more than 4,000 international students and scholars to campus.

Services for Students
MSU recognizes that all aspects of individual development – personal, social, physical, and intellectual – are of equal importance. MSU offers a wide range of services to help students make their educational experiences more satisfying. The Graduate School offers career and professional development programs: http://grad.msu.edu/careerservices/.

Office of Financial Aid
http://www.finaid.msu.edu/
517.353.5940, FINAID@msu.edu. To apply for federal financial aid, go to http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/. Federal code for FAFSA: 002290

Financing Your Graduate Education
Fees are assessed on a credit-hour basis. For an updated list of tuition and fees, visit http://www.ctlr.msu.edu/COSTudentAccounts/Tuition_Fees.aspx

Overview of Financial Assistance
http://grad.msu.edu/all/ofa.pdf
Fellowships and assistantships for graduate students.

Graduate Assistantships and Fellowships
http://grad.msu.edu/assistantships/
Eligible graduate students hold more than 3,300 assistantships. Graduate assistantships (GAs) provided a stipend, a tuition waiver, matriculation fees plus health insurance. GAs 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.

http://grad.msu.edu/fellowships/
MSU awards fellowships for recruitment and travel for research.

Housing
http://www.hfs.msu.edu/uh/
Graduate students have 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: 800.678.4679 or housing-info@mail.hfs.msu.edu
Off-Campus Housing Information: http://studentlife.msu.edu/rentals/

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities
http://www.rcpd.msu.edu/
For more information, contact RCPD at 517.844.7273, 517.355.1293 (TTY), 517.432.3191 (Fax), or rcpd@msu.edu.

Health Care
Olin Health Center http://olin.msu.edu/ is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Olin provides medical and dental 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, ext. 0, or visit http://www.hr.msu.edu/benefits/studenthealth/studenthealth_docs/StuHealth_GAPlanHighlights0809.pdf for enrollment information and health plan details.

Counseling Center
http://www.couns.msu.edu/
Provides support for the University by assisting in decreasing student & faculty/staff stress, aiding the effort to provide a healthy environment, and helping students focus on personal and career goals.

Visit Campus
The best way to gather information about MSU is to visit our campus. Most university offices are open Monday - 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.