

GENERAL INFORMATION ON COST OF GRADUATE EDUCATION

Students are assessed tuition each semester on the basis of their level, class, residency status and number of credits carried. Tuition is assessed on a credit-hour basis except for graduate-professional and teacher certification internship students who are assessed on a semester basis and selected Masters program students who are assessed on a semester, annual, or program basis special fees or tuition may exist in some programs.

Costs for ONE Semester

Tuition (9 credits/semester):	Michigan residents	\$3,906.00 (\$343.00/cr)
	Non-Michigan residents.....	\$8,034.75 (\$892.75/cr)
Matriculation Fees:	1-4 credits.....	\$312.00
	5 or more credits.....	\$442.00
On-Campus Housing:	Owen Graduate Center...\$3,109	(Permanent Single)

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

<http://www.ctr.msu.edu/COStudentAccounts/>

GRADUATE OFFICE FELLOWSHIP FUNDS

Approximately \$3.2 million in Graduate Office Fellowship (GOF) funds are available through the fourteen colleges with graduate programs. College Associate Deans for Graduate Education decide how these funds are dispersed. ASK YOUR GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR DEPARTMENT CHAIR how these funds are distributed in your college e.g., travel to professional conferences to present research, travel to collect data, research enhancement, and professional development.

An additional \$1 million in Graduate Office Fellowship funds is available for summer support. Each college disperses these funds in a different way. Be sure to ask your graduate director how this works in your college.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

<http://grad.msu.edu/all/gradasst.pdf>

More than 3,000 eligible graduate students hold assistantships in various fields. Graduate assistantships provide a waiver of nine credits during the Fall Semester, nine credits for Spring Semester, and five credits for Summer Semester (additional credits are charged at the Michigan resident rate), waiver of matriculation fees, and includes the enhanced student health insurance. Graduate assistants must be enrolled in graduate programs and be making satisfactory progress toward their degrees. A graduate assistant's responsibilities require 10 hours per week for a quarter-time appointment, 20 hours per week for a half-time appointment, and 30 hours per week for a three-quarter time appointment, averaged over the length of the appointment.

Most of the teaching and research assistantships are awarded through individual departments and schools. Approximately 50 are in Student Affairs. (See that section in this brochure).

Teaching assistants are covered by the MSU GEU (Graduate Employees Union) collective bargaining agreement.

<http://grad.msu.edu/geu/agree.pdf>

Research Assistants are covered by policies in the Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities document.

<http://www.vps.msu.edu/SpLife/default.pdf>

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID <http://www.finaid.msu.edu>

The Office of Financial Aid (OFA) is the main campus resource for federal, state and institutional student financial aid programs, including loans. The staff can assist you with all aspects of need-based and non-need-based aid. A wealth of information is available on the OFA website including "Financial Aid for Graduate Students". E-mail advisory service is available by sending inquiries to finaid@msu.edu. You may also call 517-353-5940 or visit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays at either campus location: 150 Administration Building or 252 Student Services Building. (Please see our web site for summer hours of operation). Students can access their own MSU financial aid data with the eFinaid application located in Stulnfo at: <http://www.stuinfo.msu.edu>

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIPS

More than 150 \$6,000 fellowships are available annually to allow doctoral students to devote full time to writing the dissertation. The goal is degree completion within two semesters. Other MSU financial support, held simultaneously with the fellowship, cannot exceed a one-half time assistantship or the equivalent.

Selection of fellowship winners will be made by the student's college. The colleges will set the conditions and application procedures for the Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowships. The Fellowship awards will be dispersed by the Graduate School. Students should contact the associate dean's office of their college to find out their college's procedure.

TRAVEL FUNDING <http://grad.msu.edu/forms/travel.pdf>

Funds from the Graduate School are available for graduate students to travel to present their research at professional conferences. These funds are not available to support thesis/dissertation research projects or course work. This funding is only for graduate students pursuing a degree program. Requests for funding to travel to international meetings will be considered jointly by the Graduate School and the Office of International Studies and Programs; you need to submit only one form to the Graduate School for consideration by both offices. Criteria for applying for travel funding may be obtained in 118 Linton Hall or at the website.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT

<http://grad.msu.edu/forms/food.pdf>

Funds are available to support activities that enhance graduate students' research projects. These funds are provided by the Office of the Vice President for Research and administered by the Graduate School and are available to support research activities including travel to participate in workshops, data collection, short courses and extramural laboratory rotations. Under special circumstances, funding requests to purchase supplies/materials relevant to the student's research will be considered. Research enhancement funding is only for graduate students enrolled in a degree program. These funds are not available to purchase equipment.

A separate source of funding is available for enhancing research projects in the field of Food, Nutrition and Chronic Disease. Criteria for applying for research enhancement funding, including funding for projects in Food, Nutrition and Chronic Disease may be obtained in 118 Linton Hall or at the website.

EMERGENCY FELLOWSHIP FUNDING

<http://grad.msu.edu/pdf/emergencyFellowshipFunding.pdf>

The Graduate School has **limited** funding available for graduate students for unusual or unforeseen emergency expenses. This funding is only for graduate students pursuing a degree program. Please be aware that emergency funds are provided on a one-time only basis. Criteria for applying for emergency funding may be obtained in 116 Linton Hall or at the website.

STUDENT AFFAIRS ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Division of Student Affairs and Services at MSU employs approximately 50 graduate assistants. Assistantships may be available in judicial affairs, residence life, service learning, student government, community relations, the office of LGBT concerns and career services. Candidates with previous experience in the chosen or related area are given preference.

Graduate Assistants receive a cash stipend (or stipend plus room and board for residence life assistants), qualify for in-state tuition rates, receive a waiver of the matriculation fee and a nine-credit tuition waiver each semester they are employed, and receive single person health insurance benefits. For more information and an application please call (517) 353-3780 (Department of Residence Life, Division of Student Affairs and Services) or visit their website:

<http://www.reslife.msu.edu>.

OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS

<http://www.oiss.msu.edu/>

Michigan State University hosts more than 5,000 students and scholars from abroad. It is the role of the Office for International Students and Scholars to assist them to maintain their legal immigration status and to serve as their primary resource for the issues that are unique to those who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Some of the services provided by the OISS include:

- advising and assistance on the visa application process and immigration issues.
- issuing the appropriate documents international students and scholars need to obtain a visa and maintain their status.
- conducting orientations and other programs that help welcome them to our community.
- serving as a liaison with foreign embassies, governments and sponsoring agencies.
- serving as the primary source of referral and assistance for international visitors.

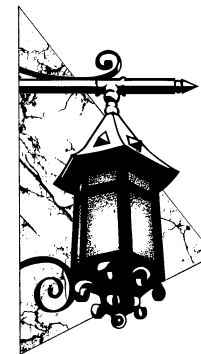
A limited number of partial tuition awards are available to international students who are in the last one or two semesters of their degree programs and have encountered an emergency financial situation. Complete information about scholarships and financial aid available to international students is available at the OISS website.

For more information, contact:

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