Congratulations from the International Center on your admission to the University of Michigan! Given the current global COVID-19 situation, we know that you are concerned about getting a U.S. student visa and arriving in time for the fall semester. We want to assure you that despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Michigan will continue to provide you with the current information you need to successfully navigate your way here.

Since we are in an environment of always evolving information, please make sure to regularly check the International Center’s COVID-19 update page [1] for important information and updates. We will keep updating this page with new information or guidance as they become available. In particular, please refer to the Fall Term 2021 FAQs for New Students [2] for more information as you prepare to come to the University of Michigan.

Pre-Arrival Guide for New International Students

Let the preparation begin!

Applying for a U.S. Visa

Before making travel arrangements, you will need to obtain an appropriate U.S. visa.

Searching for Housing

The earlier you start looking for housing, the more options you will have.
Exploring Orientation Workshops and Social Events
Identify and attend the workshops and events which are beneficial for you.

Learn about the basic immigration rules in order to maintain your legal status in the U.S.

Understanding Mandatory Immigration Check-in

Reviewing International Health Insurance
Learn how health insurance works, what is covered and what is not covered.

Getting to Ann Arbor from Detroit Metro Airport (DTW)

Discover the best way to get to campus.

Safe Travel

Related Information
- Submit Your Mcard (U-M ID card) Photo
- F-1 Versus J-1 Student Visa
- Life in Ann Arbor
- U-M International Student Organizations
- U-M Issues in Academic Integrity