Incoming Students

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.

The earlier you start looking for housing, the more options you will have.

Searching for Housing
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

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