Summer Orientation Peer Advisers 2021

Name: Dharivi Bansal

Degree Level: Undergraduate Student

Field of Study: Computer Engineering

Country: India

Favorite thing to do in Ann Arbor: “I love taking walks around the campus and exploring new places to hangout or study with friends.”

Advice for New International Students: “I would advise new international students to explore the opportunities that are out there and not to shy away from asking for help if required.”
Name: Ya-Ting Chang

Degree Level: Graduate Student

Field of Study: Microbiology and Immunology

Country: Taiwan

Favorite thing to do in Ann Arbor: “Going to local farmers/ artists markets”

Advice for New International Students: “Even if you're busy studying, always remember to find some time to explore new exciting stuff.”
**Name:** Jasmine Jia

**Degree Level:** Undergraduate Student

**Field of Study:** Economics

**Country:** China

**Favorite thing to do in Ann Arbor:** “Trying out local restaurants and boba shops.”

**Advice for New International Students:** “Feel free to reach out to your peers and upperclassmen (like us!) for any questions.”

**What is the first step of starting a new life at UofM?** “Make sure to check out FestiFall and look for friends who have similar interests as you do.”
Name: Yaoqi Liao

Degree Level: Graduate Student

Field of Study: Information Science

Country: China

Favorite thing to do in Ann Arbor: “Paddle a boat down the Huron River.”

Advice for New International Students: “Be brave and step out of your comfort zone.”
**Name:** Veronica Ling

**Degree Level:** Undergraduate Student

**Field of Study:** Environment (PiTE)

**Country:** Malaysia

**Favorite thing to do in Ann Arbor:** "Evening walks at the Arb [1]!"

**Advice for New International Students:** “The school has abundant resources for everyone’s interests as well as supporting students, so make sure to explore!”
Name: Alfred Momodu

Degree Level: Graduate Student

Field of Study: International and African Studies (MIRS)

Country: Nigeria

Favorite thing to do in Ann Arbor: “Bike! Ann Arbor is a bike friendly city and many of its roads have bike lanes. In addition, biking is a wonderful way to enjoy the numerous nature spots that the city offers. Find a trail and bike away!”

Advice for New International Students about Grocery Shopping in Ann Arbor: “Get a shopper's card at any of the big stores (e.g. Meijer and Kroger). They are usually free and can result in massive savings. My mantra is: never pay full price for avocados!”
Name: Jinxuan Pan

Degree Level: Undergraduate Student

Field of Study: Computer Science Engineering

Country: China


Advice for New International Students: “Don’t be afraid to reach out to professors and enjoy your time here!”
**Name:** Arachaporn Phucharoen  

**Degree Level:** Graduate Student  

**Field of Study:** Aerospace Engineering  

**Country:** Thailand  

**Advice for New International Students:** “One tip that I found useful as an international student is to keep getting out of your comfort zone. Don't be afraid to try something new and don't be afraid to talk to people. Constantly explore what is out there and I'm sure you'll discover lots of great things around here!”
**Name:** Ashwin Soorya Prakash

**Degree Level:** Graduate Student

**Field of Study:** Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Country:** India

**Favorite thing to do in Ann Arbor:** “There are many activities which I love to do in Ann Arbor, but I'd say walking across the Central Campus and taking cool photos would be my favorite.”

**Advice for New International Students:** “I'd advise new international students to be open to meeting and interacting with different types of people and to try and come out of their comfort zones. That is the first step people need to take to get to enjoy the complete Michigan experience!”

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