Welcome to SEAS
Tuition and Fees

*These figures are before any awards are applied
*Rates based on 2023-24 academic year, per semester,

- **In-state student tuition**
  - $13,416
- **Out of state student tuition**
  - $26,491
- **Mandatory Fees (applies to everyone)**
  - $166.19
Needs and Goal Setting

Needs for Graduate School?

- Relocation costs
- Cost of living and tuition
- Previous financial obligations
- Support others
- Wellness
- Professional growth

Set SMART Goals

Specific  Measurable  Attainable  Relevant  Time bound
Creating your Budget

Where to go for assistance creating a budget?
- UM Financial Aid Office
- Credit Unions

5 Steps to Creating your budget

1. What is your monthly net income?
2. Separate your expenses (fixed, Variable, Periodic)
3. Create realistic spending plan and track all spending
4. Set your financial goals
5. Decrease your spending OR increase your income
Pockets of Funding

Federal Funds
- UM Financial Aid Office

SEAS Funds
- Fellowships and Grants Advisor

External Funds
- SEAS Funding Database

Rackham Financial
- Aid and Fellowship Office
FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- fafsa.ed.gov
- 2022 income data
- IRS data retrieval tool, if possible
- UM school code- 002325
- US citizens and certain non-citizens
- (ex: permanent residents) eligible

Administered by the Central U-M Office of Financial Aid
2500 Student Activities Building; financial.aid@umich.edu
734-763-6600
Walk-in, phone and/or email advising available

Timeline
- Complete FAFSA 2024-2025 FAFSA now
- On Time Deadline: FAFSA and any required documentation received by May 1, 2024
- UM Financial Aid will post online award notification
Federal Programs

- **Work Study**
  - Generally awarded to “on time” students only
  - Award amount: $6,000
- **Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan**
  - $20,500 per academic year ($10,250 each fall/winter semester)

Supplemental Borrowing

Aid packages that do not fully meet the cost of attendance can be supplemented with additional borrowing. Additional applications required. Amounts determined by the difference between cost of attendance and total amount of aid awarded.

- **Grad PLUS Loan**
  - Federal, credit-based Loan: studentloans.gov
- **Private Education Loans**
  - Private Lender (Banks or Credit Unions)
  - For details, see: finaid.umich.edu/private-education-loans
SEAS Funds

SEAS Funding
Search Resources

- Funding newsletter
- Funding database
- Funding coaching meetings
GSI vs. GSRA vs. GSSA

**GSI**
Graduate Student Instructor
Teaching position funded by SEAS and other University positions.
Posted publicly

**GSRA**
Graduate Student Research Assistant
Faculty held research funding
Positions not posted publicly, appointed by faculty
Speak with faculty regarding these opportunities

**GSSA**
Graduate Student Staff Assistant
Typically administrative support positions
For Example: Rackham Honors, DEI office
Posted publicly on careers.umich.edu
Preparing for funding

GSI Application and Preparation Process

Positions are posted one semester in advance. SEAS posts positions for winter semester in the fall

You will need:

- Your Resume & Cover Letter
- Unofficial Transcript
- Teaching Evaluations (if applicable)

You can apply to positions in other departments. They will have their own hiring policies, timelines, and deadlines. Like SEAS, some departments only hire their own students.
Finding GSI positions and other student employment opportunities

Search on UM Careers website for GSI positions careers.umich.edu

- Search “Graduate Student Instructors (GEO)” and “Ann Arbor”
- If a position is posted here that means it is not promised to another student through a funding package. APPLY!
- Sign up to get emails whenever a position is posted.
- Don’t just apply for SEAS positions!

Hourly positions

- Ask Faculty if they have funding to hire an hourly research assistant
- Search for campus-wide student hourly positions on https://studentemployment.umich.edu/
Rackham Funds

Types of Rackham Funding

- Fellowship Opportunities Nominated
- Conference Travel Funding
- Emergency Funding
- Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant

https://rackham.umich.edu/funding
Fall Action Plan

1st year student opportunities
*Deadlines will be early in the fall semester

- **Rackham International Student Fellowship**
  - Must apply to be nominated by SEAS
  - Award decisions are made by Rackham
  - Overall university competition

- **Ann Arbor Farm & Garden Club Scholarship**
  - MLA preference

- **Dow Sustainability Fellowship**
  - Ten students nominated to overall competition

- **Tamara Reeme Fellowship**
  - Donor funded award
  - Preference given to Behavior, Education, and Communication or Environmental Policy and Planning programs
  - Returning student award
  - Graduating student award
Fall Action Plan continued

• **Wyss Scholarship**
  – Two to three annual awards
  – Provides one-half cost of tuition for two years
  – Provides summer stipend
  – Two post grad payments

• **SEAS Travel Grant**
  – Provides $200 for travel
  – Must provide proof of registration
  – One per academic year
  – Can be combined with Rackham Conference Travel Grant

• **Honor Awards**
  – Nominated by faculty
  – Monetary payment or certificate
  – Awarded Winter semester of each academic year
External Funding

• Applied as third party payments
• Non profits, civic organizations, Government entities, foundations, public charities and corporations
• Utilize the SEAS external funding sources webpage

External Funding Sources

There are several funding resources outside of SEAS students covering almost all fields of interests for both US and International Students. To help students with their search, we have compiled a list of external sources that fit the student’s interest and criteria. Check out these sources below.

• Scholarship programs by Interest
• Other scholarship sources
• Scholarships for minority students
• Scholarships for international students

For additional information, please feel free to email us at seas-financial-aid@umich.edu
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