

## **Welcome Events and Orientation**

If you arrive at the beginning of the fall term, you may want to participate in campus-wide events that are designed to both orient students to the campus and answer general questions about programs and services. Welcome and orientation activities are sponsored by the [Rackham Graduate School](#) and the [College of Engineering](#) and take place just prior to the first day of classes. [The International Center](#) conducts additional orientation activities for international students. The [Rackham website](#) also contains additional information for new graduate students.

**Civil & Environmental Engineering has a separate departmental welcome in late August/early September. New students are advised on an individual basis by their Faculty Advisor.**

## **Libraries**

[University of Michigan libraries](#) contain 7.1 million volumes and nearly 70,000 current journals. Over 29 libraries are located at approximately 16 locations on and around campus. [The Art, Architecture and Engineering Library](#), located in the Duderstadt Center, is one of the newest library facilities and is located on North Campus, conveniently close to engineering facilities.

## **SECURING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **Financial Aid**

The [College of Engineering](#) makes every effort to ease financial barriers to students' academic progress. Much of the financial aid offered to graduate students may be in the form of an assistantship or a fellowship awarded through your department. Other sources of financial assistance, such as awards, grants, or loans may be pursued through the Rackham Graduate School or the [Office of Financial Aid](#). Students having unusual financial situations may contact their Faculty Advisor, Graduate Committee Chair or the Department Chair. For more information, visit the [Rackham website](#).

### **Financial Emergencies**

Even with an adequate financial aid package, sometimes emergencies necessitate seeking other assistance. Depending on the nature of the financial emergency, it is usually a good idea to begin by talking with someone in your department. The department may have resources to assist you during an emergency, or may be able to access other emergency funds within the College. Additionally, the [UM Credit Union](#) and area banks may be helpful.

### **Budgeting**

In addition to securing adequate financial aid, many students also must give attention to cutting expenses or developing a budget in order to manage their finances while in graduate school. The [Office of Financial Aid](#) provides confidential budget counseling for all enrolled students. To set up an appointment with a counselor, call (734) 763-6600. There are also several credit and debt counseling services in the community that may be able to assist you.

### **Child Care/Elder Care**

There are many services at the University and in the community that provide child care and elder care for dependents of enrolled students. One of the best ways to find a service that