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GRAD

at a glance



We're Here For You!

The Graduate College staff is working remotely and is available to serve you Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stay well and stay in touch!

Application for admission

(269) 387-2228 or (269) 387-2025
admissions-graduate@wmich.edu

Graduate appointments

(269) 387-8259
grad-awards@wmich.edu

Graduate awards and fellowships

(269) 387-8209
grad-grants@wmich.edu

Theses and dissertations

Events

April 3

[Full body strength
online workout](#)

April 8

[Mindfulness
meditations](#)

April 8

[Talking to anxious
people in the time of
COVID-19](#)

(269) 387-8271

grad-dissertation@wmich.edu

Other

Live chat online at wmich.edu/grad

Funding Information

Grants and Awards

The Graduate Student Research and Travel Grants recipients from the winter 2020 award cycle were notified last week and the list of awardees has been posted to the Graduate College [website](#).

Grad Assistant Reminders

Due to distance learning for the Summer I session, the requirement to submit the Permission to Elect Extended University Program form has been waived for the Summer I session only.

All forms related to graduate appointments may be submitted with either a digital signature or accompanied by an email issuing approval.

Teaching Assistants: TAU has extended the deadline to apply for Delayed Tuition Remission for the Summer I term to April 13.

[Funding Questions? Click Here!](#)

April 8
[Mendeley reference management software](#)

April 15
[Mindfulness meditations](#)

April 15
[What to do when you can't do anything--self care in the time of COVID-19](#)

April 22
[Mindfulness meditations](#)

April 29
[Mindfulness meditations](#)

Resources

Invisible Need Project

[Food Pantry](#)

For the safety of students and workers, the Invisible Need Food Pantry is available by appointment only from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Email dosa-inp@wmich.edu to schedule an appointment.

Registered WMU students are permitted to visit the pantry once every two weeks. Visitors are no longer permitted to enter the pantry. Pick-up instructions will be provided with appointment details.

[Student Emergency Relief Fund \(SERF\)](#)

SERF is available to help students with any basic/urgent expenses, even those that haven't typically qualified for SERF (i.e. rent), since the view of "unexpected & emergency" expenses has broadened in light of COVID-19. All requests must be submitted through the application, including documentation. Financial aid eligibility is still part of the review process and direct deposit of funds is being used when possible.

International Graduate Students

The Haenicke Institute for Global Education (HIGE) has established an Emergency Fund to support international students who may be negatively

impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Questions? oiss-info@wmich.edu

Graduate College Updates

Dissertation and Theses FAQs During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Find answers to questions about finishing your dissertation or thesis on the Graduate College [website](#), including:

- How do I hold my defense?
- How do I obtain signatures for the approval form?
- What if my dissertation or thesis was interrupted?

Additional questions? grad-dissertation@wmich.edu

Dissertation, Specialist Project and Thesis Defense Submission Deadlines for Summer I

- Deadline to schedule defense: May 1
- Last day to hold defense: May 15
- Defended dissertation to Graduate College: May 22
- Commencement: June 27

Graduate College Honors Convocation

The COVID-19 situation requires that we cancel the annual Graduate College Honors Convocation, an event celebrating graduate students who were selected as All-University Research and Creative Scholar or Teaching Excellence Awardees, Department-level Awardees and Graduate Student Teaching Institute Honorees. The Graduate College is evaluating the possibility of holding an alternative event to celebrate the achievements of our awardees.

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

No new [RCR](#) registration holds will be placed for non-compliance with the requirement at least until the end of the Summer II session. The RCR course is still required, but we are relaxing the deadlines to remove additional pressure from new students who started in Spring 2020. Questions? Please email paige.warner@wmich.edu.

WMU Updates

WMU COVID-19 Updates

Updates are posted regularly at wmich.edu/covid-19.

Summer I Distance Education

All Summer session I classes (May 4 to June 24) will be offered through distance education. Details available on the March 31 update at wmich.edu/covid-19.

Financial Credits for Housing, Meal Plans and Parking Permits

As a result of early departure from campus this spring semester, WMU students may be eligible for partial credits for housing, meal plans and parking permits purchased. The University developed the credit plans in recognition of students' prior investments for the following services and accommodations. Details available on the March 26 update at wmich.edu/covid-19.