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 meets your particular needs is to contact the University's Work/Life Resource Center. The Center is a free
finder service available to full-time and part-time U-M faculty, staff and students.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current University Employees
If you have a GSRA appointment with the University, you will be required to certify your employment effort at the end of each term you worked. Those required to certify will receive an email from the Cost Reimbursement Office asking them to complete the process. The email will provide detailed instructions to follow, requiring only a few minutes of your time. It is extremely important that you respond to this email. Certification of effort is a government mandated policy and failure to comply could result in a fine for the University.

Temporary Employment
While it is not recommended that full-time graduate students seek employment in areas that are unrelated to their field of study, there are sometimes opportunities for temporary and part-time employment. Work Study jobs, as well as other part-time or temporary positions, are generally posted on the Student Employment website. Additionally, part-time or temporary positions may be posted through student e-mail groups.

Students who are hired by a faculty member as an hourly employee must complete the on-line employment application before employment paperwork can be processed. To complete the application, go to “Wolverine Access”; “Student Business”; “Student Employment Application” and follow the instructions. Approval from your Faculty Advisor is required since your primary responsibility is to your education and research.

Career Services and Resources
The Engineering Career Resource Center provides valuable free services to graduate students who are planning or undertaking the transition from graduate study to full-time employment. ECRC services include:

- On-campus recruitment by employers
- Curriculum vitae or resume development assistance
- Workshops on topics including interviewing skills and salary negotiation
- An online job posting system exclusively for U-M Engineering students
- Industry and employer profiles
- International student assistance

The Career Center, on Central campus, also offers services to all University of Michigan students.

NCEES develops, administers and scores the examination for used for engineering and surveying licensure in the United States leading to the Professional Engineering credential.