



# Spring 2022 Freshman Checklist

**Welcome to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities!** This sheet serves as a reference for spring 2022 specific deadlines and adjustments for the attached Fall 2021 Admitted Student Guide booklet. The information covered in the attached guide is still relevant; however, important deadlines, next steps and dates for Spring 2022 are outlined on this sheet.

Some other items to note about this booklet: the cover page of this booklet says “Class of 2025,” but your term of admission is Spring 2022. The booklet also has tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 academic year. For 2021-2022 academic year costs, please visit [z.umn.edu/costs](https://z.umn.edu/costs).

You must complete these important steps to ensure you are ready to be a #FutureGopher this spring! If you have already completed some, or all of these steps, thank you!

## NEXT STEPS

### 1. Confirm Your Enrollment

All Spring 2022 freshmen are required to confirm their enrollment by **December 1, 2021**.

- **If you already paid your \$280 confirmation fee for Fall 2021**, it will be credited to your account for the spring. *You do not need to pay the confirmation fee again.*
  - **IMPORTANT:** you *must* confirm your intent to enroll through the form on your Application Tracker at [z.umn.edu/tracker](https://z.umn.edu/tracker).
- **If you still need to pay your \$280 confirmation fee**, you will need to pay the confirmation fee by **December 1, 2021** to reserve your place in the Spring 2022 freshman class. You can pay your confirmation fee by returning your new enrollment confirmation form in the mail, or by going online to [z.umn.edu/confirm](https://z.umn.edu/confirm).

### 2. Apply for Housing

If you have not arranged for housing, the University of Minnesota Housing & Residential Life application **opens in mid-October**. If you have already arranged to live on-campus, excellent!

For complete information about various housing options and to fill out the housing application, visit the Housing & Residential Life website at [housing.umn.edu](https://housing.umn.edu). *Note: the \$50 housing application fee is nonrefundable.* If you have any questions, please contact Housing & Residential Life at [housing@umn.edu](mailto:housing@umn.edu).



### 3. Submit Your Final Transcript

It is University of Minnesota policy that students must meet the following conditions before they are eligible to enroll: graduate from high school or pass the GED (or equivalent) before beginning classes, and successfully complete the courses listed on their application as “to be completed.” In order to verify you have met these requirements, you must request your high school submit your final transcript, including date of graduation, to the Office of Admissions by **December 1, 2021**.

### 4. Submit Your Official Test Scores

In order to verify the test scores you self-reported at the time of application, the Office of Admissions must receive your official test score report from the testing agency by **December 1, 2021**. A scanned or electronic copy of an official test score report is not considered official. Official results, including total, overall or composite scores and subscores, must match the information provided in the applicant’s Self-Reported Academic Record form.

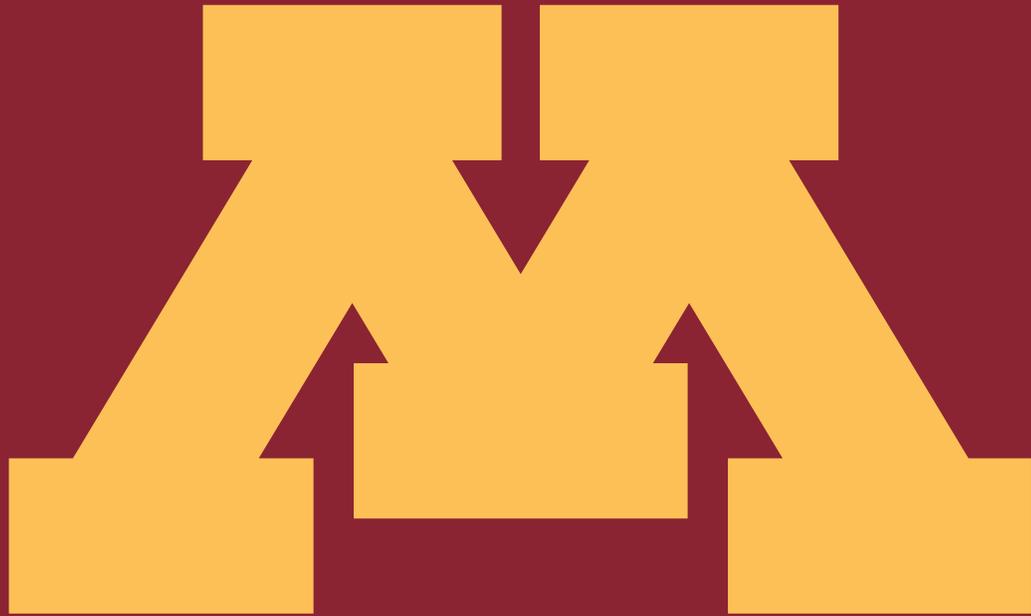
### 5. Attend New Student Orientation

Orientation is required for all new students. Once you have confirmed your enrollment, you will receive information from your college about completing your New Student Checklist and selecting an orientation date. Learn more at [ote.umn.edu/incoming-freshman/orientation](https://ote.umn.edu/incoming-freshman/orientation).

More information on Spring 2022 orientation will be available later in 2021. If you have questions and concerns about Spring 2022 orientation and class registration, contact Orientation & Transition Experiences at [oteinfo@umn.edu](mailto:oteinfo@umn.edu).

*Please note:* Orientation & Transition Experiences will continue to monitor COVID-19, and communicate an orientation plan when available.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Gopher community! If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000, or online at [z.umn.edu/ContactAdmissions](https://z.umn.edu/ContactAdmissions). Again, congratulations!



**Class of 2025**  
**Admitted Student Guide**

**COME CURIOUS**

# CONGRATULATIONS!

The University of Minnesota is home to the curious, and those who strive to feed that curiosity. Two vice presidents have called the U of M home. Award-winning authors, musicians, and journalists have too. Astronauts. Civil rights leaders. Athletes. Ground-breaking physicians. Inventors. Nobel Prize winners. All have called our campus their home. **And now, we would like to add you to the list.**

We invite you to join the Class of 2025. As a U of M student, you will expand your global perspective, develop new passions, and accomplish more than you ever thought possible. Because you are Driven to Discover.

Please know, the University of Minnesota is closely monitoring COVID-19. We continue to work closely with state and federal agencies to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, staff and community members. For the most up-to-date information please visit [z.umn.edu/CampusUpdates](https://z.umn.edu/CampusUpdates).

## OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

We stand with those calling for sustained and meaningful change, including University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel and our university partners at the Office for Equity and Diversity, and pledge to:

1. **Listen:** Listen to members of Black, Indigenous, and communities of color who continue to experience the damaging effects of historical trauma, oppression, and systemic racism.
2. **Learn:** Learn about anti-Blackness and its pervasive and harmful impact. Learn more about our role in creating change. Dismantling systemic racism cannot happen without an understanding of the history of our University, state, and nation.
3. **Support:** Support impacted communities. Donate. Volunteer. Create intentional spaces to process anger, sadness, and grief. There are many immediate and long-term needs.
4. **Advocate:** Make your voice heard. Get involved in efforts to create change within and beyond the University. Systemic change cannot happen without direct action and advocacy.

*Source: Office for Equity and Diversity*

The Office of Admissions vows to support our community members who continue to face inequities. We acknowledge words are not enough. We must demonstrate we are taking that action. It will take courage to confront our past mistakes and our personal and institutional biases, to have difficult conversations, and to risk missteps. As an institution of teaching and learning, we are both obligated and well-positioned to do just that.

We have every confidence in this generation of students to move the world in a way that earlier generations have not. We commit to supporting those working to achieve the goal of a better, fairer, safer society. We hope you'll join us to be a part of this effort.



**CONGRATS  
AGAIN,  
#FUTUREGOPHER!**

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the University of Minnesota Twin Cities is on the traditional homelands of the Dakota people. It is important to acknowledge the peoples whose land we live, learn, and work on. We acknowledge words are not enough, and we must ensure our institution provides support and access to higher education for American Indian students, staff, faculty and community members.





## 1. CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT

When you confirm your enrollment, you are declaring your intent to attend the University of Minnesota, and we will hold a place for you in the incoming class. To confirm your enrollment, simply return the enrollment confirmation form (included with your admission letter) and your non-refundable \$280 confirmation fee to the Office of Admissions by **May 1**. You can also confirm online at [z.umn.edu/confirm](https://z.umn.edu/confirm). Confirmation forms and fees postmarked after the deadline are accepted on a space-available basis only.



# NEXT STEPS



## 2. APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at [www.fafsa.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov). Be sure to release your FAFSA information to us by including U of M Federal School Code: 003969. One application is all it takes, and you can use it for the U of M and any other schools you are considering. When you submit the FAFSA, we will consider you for grants, loans, work-study, and need-based scholarships! If you complete the FAFSA by **March 1**, you will receive an estimated financial aid award package prior to May 1. We encourage all students to apply for financial aid, even if they think they may not be eligible.



## 3. APPLY FOR GUARANTEED HOUSING

When you choose to live in campus housing, you'll join a community of 6,000 freshmen who enjoy the benefits of on-campus life. While living in University housing, you can:

- meet new people and develop lasting friendships.
- live close to classes, the student union, libraries, and the recreation center.
- get involved through social, educational, and cultural activities such as intramural sports, hall council, and Homecoming or Spring Jam events.

Apply early at [housing.umn.edu](https://housing.umn.edu)! Housing assignments are based on the date the completed housing application-contract is received, space availability, and whether students meet program requirements. The University of Minnesota guarantees housing to all admitted first-year freshmen who are willing to accept assignment to any space designated, and who:

1. Submit the housing application-contract and non-refundable housing application fee to Housing & Residential Life no later than **May 1**; and
2. Confirm their enrollment with the Office of Admissions no later than **May 1**.

Students who apply for housing after **May 1** are placed in housing only on a space-available basis.

## Living Learning Communities

A wide variety of Living Learning Communities (LLCs) are available within University housing, including culturally focused houses, interest-based houses such as Biology House, and others. These communities offer a special opportunity for students to live and learn with other freshmen who share similar interests. Students who are interested in one of the Living Learning Communities are encouraged to apply online at [z.umn.edu/LiveLearn](https://z.umn.edu/LiveLearn) as soon as possible but no later than **March 1**. Assignments in Living Learning Communities are based on the date the completed housing application-contract is received, space availability, and whether students meet program requirements.



## 4. AFTER YOU CONFIRM

**Attend Orientation**—As a new student at the University, you will attend orientation, an event dedicated to easing your transition to college life. During orientation in June or July, you will meet with your advisor, register for classes and meet other incoming freshmen. **Students who have confirmed their enrollment will work with their college to set a specific orientation date. Details will be emailed beginning in April to students who have confirmed their enrollment.**

**Attend Welcome Week**—Developed to build upon your orientation—is an action-packed experience for new freshmen that includes events planned to connect and welcome you to the U of M, your college of enrollment and the Twin Cities community. At the end of Welcome Week, you will have many new friends and the tools needed to be personally and academically successful at the University of Minnesota. Welcome Week occurs the week before classes begin and is required.

**Please note:** In-person Orientation and Welcome Week activities were shifted to an online format due to COVID-19 safety measures for fall 2020. Orientation & Transition Experiences will continue to monitor the situation for fall 2021 and communicate a plan when available.



## 5. SUBMIT YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Prior to enrolling at the University of Minnesota, all confirmed students will need to submit official final transcripts and other verification documents. We will compare these documents against the Self-Reported Academic Record.

Applicants who misrepresent or falsify information may have their admission cancelled. In addition, failure to provide verification documents may result in the cancellation of enrollment.

Our goal is your success at the University of Minnesota. Because strong academic preparation through the senior year of high school enhances the likelihood of a student's academic success, it is University policy that students must meet the following conditions before they will be eligible to enroll:

1. Graduate from high school or pass the GED (or the equivalent) before fall semester begins.
2. Successfully complete the courses listed on their applications as "to be completed during the senior year."
3. If you selected to have your ACT/SAT test scores considered on your application, submit an official test score from the testing agency that matches the highest reported score on your academic record.

In order to verify that students have met these enrollment requirements, they must request their high school submit their final transcript, including date of graduation, to the Office of Admissions by **July 1**.

If students selected to have their ACT/SAT test scores considered on their application, they must also submit official test scores from the testing agency by **July 1**.

### Senior Year Grades Policy

Senior year courses and grades are very important, and are considered when making admission decisions. After final transcripts are received, we review each student's senior year coursework and grades to confirm completion and that student performance during the senior year is consistent with the academic performance at the time of application. Changes in senior year coursework may result in a change to the student's college of admission. Unsuccessful completion of senior year coursework and/or a significant decline in academic performance during the senior year will result in reconsideration of the admission decision and may result in the cancellation of admission.

"Successful completion" of coursework is defined as achieving grades consistent with (or better than) earlier terms on the transcript. **Each year, there are cases where admission must be rescinded based on significant declines in senior year grades.** If you are making changes to your senior year courses, or are experiencing declining grades in your courses, you must consult with an U of M admissions counselor right away at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000.

The U of M will not penalize students for changes made to school district grading systems due to COVID-19 and remote learning.

### Communications and information you may receive:

- If you complete any college coursework before enrolling at the University, arrange to have an official final transcript sent directly to the Office of Admissions from each college you attend. A transfer credit evaluation will be produced and emailed to you. *If these courses were completed at a University of Minnesota campus, you do not need to send your transcript.*
- We also award credits for Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and College in the Schools courses. For detailed information on these tests, please visit:
  - ▶ [z.umn.edu/AdvancedPlacement](https://z.umn.edu/AdvancedPlacement)
  - ▶ [z.umn.edu/InternationalBaccalaureate](https://z.umn.edu/InternationalBaccalaureate)
- After you confirm your enrollment, your college of admission will contact you in mid-April about the placement and/or proficiency tests you need to take. These steps will take place online through your "New Student Checklist."

# COSTS

## Estimated Tuition and Fees for New Students (2020-2021 Academic Year)

Undergraduates	Commuter	Resident <sup>1</sup> Dorm or Apartment (includes SD, ND, WI, Manitoba)	Non-resident <sup>2</sup> Dorm or Apartment
Tuition	\$13,318	\$13,318	\$31,616
Books & Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Estimated Fees <sup>4</sup>	\$1,824	\$1,824	\$1,824
Estimated Room & Board <sup>4</sup>	\$3,328	\$10,358	\$10,358
Transportation	\$228	\$228	\$1,728
Personal/Misc <sup>6</sup>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Loan Fee <sup>5</sup>	\$214	\$214	\$214
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,912</b>	<b>\$28,942</b>	<b>\$48,740</b>
Surcharge for CSOM students and CSE students <sup>3</sup>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total with Surcharge</b>	<b>\$23,912</b>	<b>\$30,942</b>	<b>\$50,740</b>

**Note:** The tuition and fees listed above cover one academic year (two semesters) of enrollment. This table is shared for planning purposes. As is the case with most public colleges and universities, tuition and fees for fall 2021 will be estimated in spring 2021 and finalized in July 2021. Please note that the exact cost of attendance varies slightly from student to student based on college of enrollment and courses taken. For more information about costs, visit [z.umn.edu/costs](https://z.umn.edu/costs).

<sup>1</sup> Resident definition: Students attending the U of M from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Manitoba, Canada. Residents of Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba, Canada must apply for reciprocity status.

<sup>2</sup> Non-resident definition: Students attending the U of M, but are not from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Manitoba, Canada.

<sup>3</sup> Students enrolled in the Carlson School of Management (CSOM) and College of Science and Engineering (CSE) will be charged an additional \$1,000 per semester tuition surcharge to maintain innovative classrooms and laboratories.

<sup>4</sup> Final housing and fees are estimates and will be determined in the summer of 2021 by the Board of Regents.

<sup>5</sup> Students who choose to take out a federal direct student loan incur origination fees set up by the federal program. These fees are included in the cost of attendance as the average amount paid by students who borrowed in the previous year at the U of M. Students who choose not to borrow do not incur any loan fees.

<sup>6</sup> Many students keep their miscellaneous expenses below this figure by spending responsibly. See budget tips and tricks at [z.umn.edu/livelikeastudent](https://z.umn.edu/livelikeastudent).

Reciprocity is not guaranteed. Students from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Manitoba must submit an application for reciprocity to the higher education office in their home state to be considered for reciprocity rates. Additional information and links to the applications can be found at [z.umn.edu/reciprocity](https://z.umn.edu/reciprocity).

# VALUE



## GREAT VALUE

The University of Minnesota offers students a great value. Our unique blend of widely lauded academic programs, real-world learning opportunities, and a major metropolitan location will prepare you to follow your dreams, no matter what path you take after graduation.

Actually, any credits you take over the 13-credit threshold are free of charge, so you can take a variety of courses without worrying about extra tuition costs. (Students take 15-16 credits each semester to graduate on time.)

## COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

The U of M will give you the tools and knowledge you need to be successful. Graduating in four years is important—it lowers your costs and gets you a top-notch degree sooner, so you can explore the world, secure a job, and find your future.

The U of M's commitment to your success is gaining attention. High retention rates, low debt burden, and high graduate salaries earned us *Forbes* magazine's "rising star college" title.

## MINNESOTA DREAM ACT

Minnesota residents eligible for the Minnesota Dream Act pay in-state tuition rates at the U of M, and are also considered for state financial aid and U of M scholarships. To learn more about the Minnesota Dream Act (also known as the Minnesota Prosperity Act), please visit [dream.umn.edu](https://dream.umn.edu) or contact the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000.

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Minnesota has a number of merit-based scholarships that are awarded to recognize students' outstanding academic achievements. A complete listing of freshman merit scholarships can be found at [z.umn.edu/AcademicScholarships](https://z.umn.edu/AcademicScholarships). There is no separate application for most scholarships. Admitted freshmen are considered for scholarships based on their application for admission. Scholarships are very competitive. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of March 2021.

Curiosity has a guaranteed return. Come curious and you will find that the U of M offers competitive tuition rates and a great value. Just ask *Forbes*, *Princeton Review*, and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. They have all ranked the University in the "Best Value" category.



# ACADEMICS



When you choose the University of Minnesota, you will study at one of the country's top public research universities, uniquely surrounded by a metropolitan area that is rich in opportunities. With access to 150 majors, you can follow in the footsteps of the notably curious. Like Roy Wilkins, national civil rights leader, Michele Brekke, NASA's first female flight director, and Walt Lillehei, open-heart surgery pioneer.



## YOUR PROFESSORS

When you study at the world-renowned University of Minnesota, your education won't come exclusively from a textbook; your college experience will be enhanced by award-winning faculty who are discovering new knowledge every day, plus state-of-the-art learning facilities, and an endless variety of options. Many of our professors are National Academy of Science members, published authors, or patent holders.

## YOUR INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENT

Your professors and fellow scholars have an international reputation as game-changing innovators. In 2019, the U of M was ranked 17th in the world for number of U.S. patents granted by the National Academy of Inventors. At the core of the University of Minnesota's culture of innovation and discovery is its talented staff and faculty.

From disease treatments to high-tech materials, world-changing breakthroughs are the fruit of time, effort and knowledge from U of M researchers. The knowledge unlocked in U of M classrooms and labs is headed straight to the marketplace. Just in the last five years, our researchers have filed for 900 U.S. patents and created 165+ start-up companies.

## YOUR CLASSES

More than four out of five U of M classes have fewer than 50 students. Language classes, composition classes, and freshman seminars have particularly low enrollment caps so that you have ample opportunities to connect with your professor and classmates alike. *What's a freshman seminar?* It's a discussion-oriented class of 15-20 first-year students led by a top professor. These unique classes cover one-of-a-kind topics like "Representation in the Time of Pandemics: Culture and Politics from AIDS to COVID-19" and "What is Space Weather (and why should you care?)." See samples at:

▶ [z.umn.edu/sem](https://z.umn.edu/sem)

## YOUR CLASSROOMS

Our active-learning classrooms use technology to foster connections and teamwork. The U of M is a pioneering leader in designing classrooms and curricula that get students engaged. In fact, representatives of universities from across the country come here and tour our campus to see how it's done!

"State of the art" isn't limited to the classroom. You will experience sophistication and technology throughout campus. For example, music students practice and perform in the only all-Steinway school in the Big Ten. Physics students conduct pioneering research with experts from around the world in the U of M's underground neutrino lab in Northern Minnesota, as well as in the newly-renovated Tate Hall on campus. Journalism students use cutting-edge equipment in broadcast studios and editing labs. Mechanical engineering students build solar cars.

## HONORS PROGRAM

Applicants selected for the University Honors Program will be notified by mail before the end of March if they apply by the November 1 or January 1 deadlines. No additional application is required.

Explore our majors at  
▶ [majors.umn.edu](https://majors.umn.edu)

The University of Minnesota's blend of resources, community, and opportunity has fostered a culture of discovery, and you reap the benefits.

# GRAND CHALLENGES

## DEPTH OF FIELD

U of M researchers and students are perfecting apple varieties in one lab and working on a cure to Alzheimer's in another. Students are picking up teaching skills to close the achievement gap in one classroom and studying the future legal implications of Supreme Court decisions in another. On our campus, you'll have curious students from 150 majors ready to share ideas and discover solutions.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

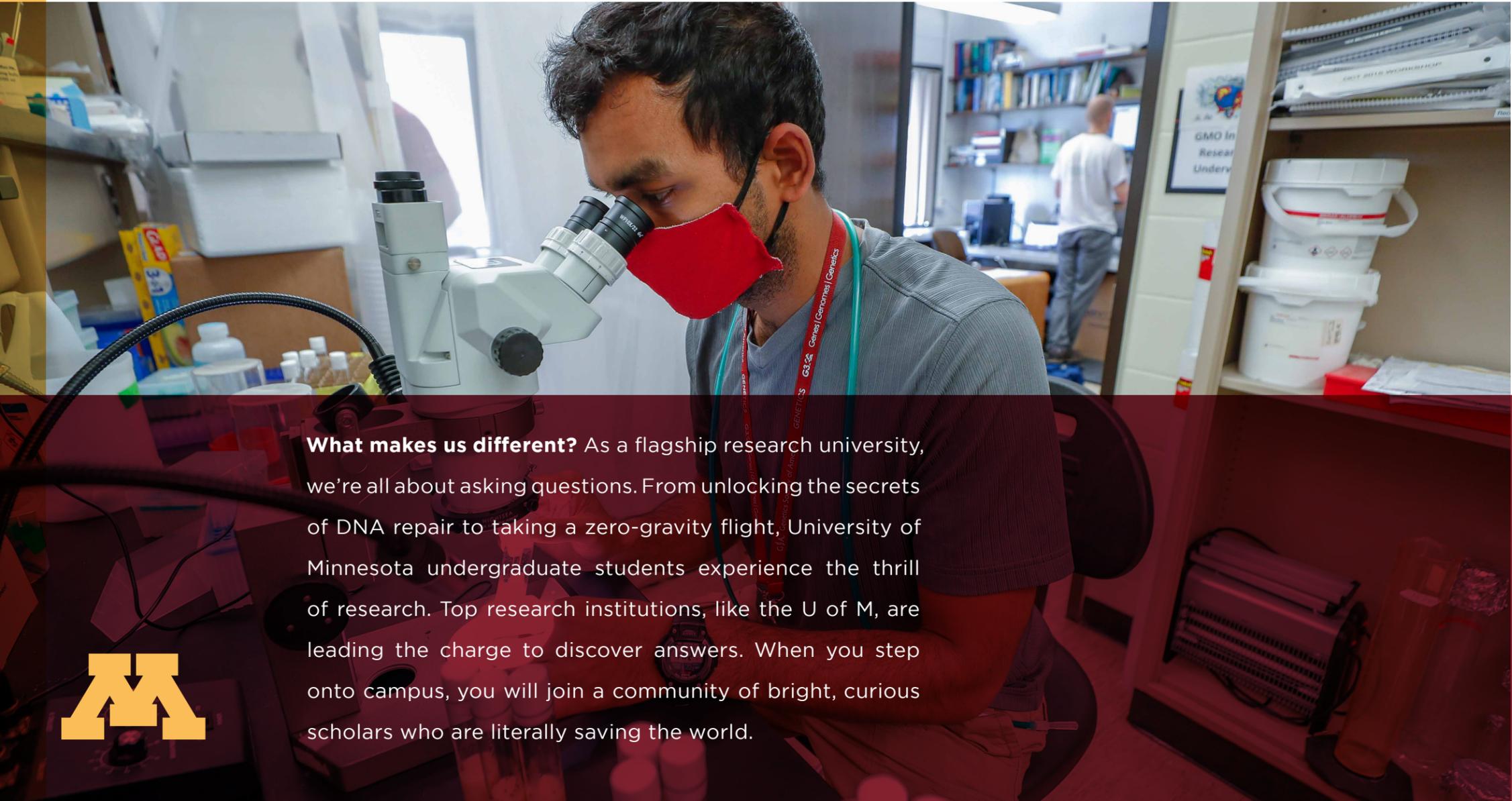
Do you have a burning question that Google just can't answer? A passion that exceeds the information found in your textbook? Professors are not the only people at the U of M who are pushing the boundaries of knowledge; you can work side-by-side with professors and play a role in our discoveries, too. One of the best benefits of a major university is the opportunity to conduct research as an undergraduate student. By pairing up one-on-one with a faculty mentor, you can explore your interests through projects and experiments you design in the topic of your choice. Follow your heart, feed your brain, build your resume, and expand your world!

► [ugresearch.umn.edu](https://ugresearch.umn.edu)

## GRAND CHALLENGES CURRICULUM

The U of M's Grand Challenges Curriculum is designed to address important global issues through a solution-driven, interdisciplinary approach to learning. Each course focuses on a particular global issue—like global health issues or solving world hunger while maintaining our environment—and will help you develop a foundational set of knowledge, skills, and values that can be applied across a range of potential grand-challenge topics.

► [z.umn.edu/UofMgrandchallenges](https://z.umn.edu/UofMgrandchallenges)



**What makes us different?** As a flagship research university, we're all about asking questions. From unlocking the secrets of DNA repair to taking a zero-gravity flight, University of Minnesota undergraduate students experience the thrill of research. Top research institutions, like the U of M, are leading the charge to discover answers. When you step onto campus, you will join a community of bright, curious scholars who are literally saving the world.





# OPPORTUNITIES

Let opportunity feed your curiosity. Stepping onto campus, you'll embark on an adventure that will truly open your mind. With more than 900 student organizations to choose from, you could join the Mock Trial, Board Gamers Club, or the Ski and Snowboard Club, or group that describes itself as "an organization for those interested in improving their lyrics, flow, and rhythm skills for freestyle rapping and beatboxing." Curious? You should be.



## EXPAND YOUR GLOBAL HORIZONS

The U of M is proud to offer one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive study abroad programs, with 200 opportunities in 60 countries. Advisors will help you find your ideal fit from a wide-range of academic, research, and internship opportunities abroad, so you can gain valuable experience to prepare for life in a global society.

Despite current world events, we are optimistic that travel will weave its way back into our lives again soon!



## SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Looking to get some tutoring experience? Want to help organize a fundraiser? What about a clothing or food drive? Without leaving campus, you can pitch in at the U of M Masonic Children's Hospital – one of the best children's hospitals in the United States – or the Ronald McDonald House. Or you can check out the Twin Cities for organizations like the Red Cross, Teach for America, and College Possible.

## YOUR STUDENT LIFE

Enjoy nature? You'll fall in love with the outdoors with the Hiking and Hammocking Club. Wish you were at Hogwarts? Here, you can at least play Quidditch and warm up in a maroon and gold scarf. Want to build a cool race car? Our Solar Vehicle project received 5th place at the 2019 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge. We have 900+ other student groups where you can learn skills, connect with peers, volunteer, build experience, and have fun.

## YOUR GREEK COMMUNITY

Through fraternities and sororities, you can make friends, connect with mentors, and find your home on campus. When you choose to join a fraternity or sorority, you'll join a strong community of over 3,300 students who are devoted to leadership, scholarship, community, and service. With 35 fraternities and 20 sororities, the U of M has many unique options for membership.

► [begreekumn.org](http://begreekumn.org)



The University of Minnesota is a public land-grant university in a major metropolitan area.



# DIVERSITY



# STUDENT RESOURCES



## MULTICULTURAL CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (MCAE)

The Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence (MCAE) is a campus-wide resource that promotes an inclusive atmosphere to foster and enrich multicultural understanding among all members of the University of Minnesota community. MCAE's commitment to creating such a climate is driven by a student-first culture in which students are the highest priority. To stay connected with events, services, and opportunities such as the MCAE Kick Off event for new freshmen, contact MCAE at [mcae.umn.edu](http://mcae.umn.edu), or 612-626-9671.

## VETERANS RESOURCE OFFICE

The Veterans Resource Office is a one-stop service destination for students and family members of veterans and current members of the military. The Office provides academic support and a gathering place for those who serve in the military. To request services, get information about education benefits, or get involved with the Student Veterans Association, visit [z.umn.edu/veterans](http://z.umn.edu/veterans), call 612-625-8076, or email [veterans@umn.edu](mailto:veterans@umn.edu) for more information.

## DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The U of M is committed to providing accommodations to all qualified students with disabilities. Students with disabilities can take advantage of the nation's first Disabled Student Cultural Center. To register to receive accommodations or services for a documented disability, email [drc@umn.edu](mailto:drc@umn.edu) or call 612-626-1333 (voice or TTY). You can also visit [diversity.umn.edu/disability](http://diversity.umn.edu/disability) for more information.

## THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY CENTER FOR QUEER AND TRANS LIFE

The Gender and Sexuality Center for Queer and Trans Life is dedicated to transforming campus climate for University of Minnesota students, staff, faculty, and community members by developing and supporting more inclusive understandings of gender and sexuality through education, advocacy, outreach and support. For information, visit [diversity.umn.edu/gsc](http://diversity.umn.edu/gsc), call 612-625-0537, or email [gsc@umn.edu](mailto:gsc@umn.edu).

Diversity is a core value of life at the University of Minnesota. Our campus community is made up of students and staff with different backgrounds, interests, and experiences. Living and learning in a diverse community prepares you for a future in a global society. Here, you'll be encouraged to think critically, grow intellectually, and challenge the status quo.

How do we define "diversity"? In the broadest sense. Our university community is strengthened by our students, staff, professors, and alumni representing different races, economic backgrounds, geographic origins, ages, genders, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, abilities, talents and beliefs, as well as those with disabilities both apparent and non-apparent.

On this page, you can find info on opportunities in our multicultural communities. For more information on campus communities, head to our website:

► [z.umn.edu/diversity](http://z.umn.edu/diversity)

## MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

As part of the U of M student community, you'll find 200+ culturally focused student groups, nine student-run cultural centers, 13 multicultural fraternities and sororities, and some of the oldest cultural studies programs in the United States. At the U of M, you can celebrate your own culture and learn about others!

### FALL 2019 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

African-American	1,979
American Indian	418
Asian/Pacific Islander	4,038
Chicanx/Latinx	1,341
White	20,469
International	2,619
Not Reported	503

Source: [www.oir.umn.edu](http://www.oir.umn.edu)

## FEEL AT HOME

Living Learning Communities (LLCs) give you a chance to live with students that share your interests and background. If you're looking to dive into a cultural community on campus, make sure you check out culturally focused LLCs – like the American Indian Cultural House, CASA SOL, and Huntley House – before you apply for housing.

► [z.umn.edu/livelearn](http://z.umn.edu/livelearn)



# LOCATION

Curiosity drives discovery of the world around you. Studying at one of the only Big Ten universities within minutes of a dynamic metropolis, you'll benefit from all that a city — actually two cities — has to offer. The Twin Cities have a proud sporting heritage, with many professional sports teams calling the area home. Visit the Guthrie Theater and you'll see why the Twin Cities also has a reputation for maintaining the most active live theater scene outside of New York City.



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

If you're career curious, you can intern at one of the 15 Fortune 500 companies based in the Twin Cities, only minutes from campus. Or for a more relaxing escape, stroll the eclectic bookstores, music shops and boutiques that give the Twin Cities its unique, indie charm. At the U of M, the curious always have something to do. From Dinkytown to Uptown, there are hundreds of eateries to savor. Close to campus, you can feast on a slice of mac and cheese pizza at Mesa Pizza or wrap your hands around an American classic at Annie's Parlour.

At the U of M, you'll have a major metropolitan area where there's something new to do every day.

## YOUR CAREER ADVANTAGE

Minnesota is home to 16 Fortune 500 companies statewide—one of the highest per capita rates in the nation—so you'll have lots of options for professional experience. Local headquarters for companies like 3M, Target, Boston Scientific, and General Mills recruit on campus for internships and permanent positions.

## YOU'LL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS

If you want to explore a new culture—or connect with your own—you're in luck. When you live in the Twin Cities, you'll be minutes away from Somali, Latino, American Indian, and Hmong communities, just to name a few. So come ready to check out a Dragon Festival, or the Festival of Nations.

## YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

Want to see your favorite artist live? Beyoncé, One Direction, U2, The Rolling Stones and Luke Bryan have all played shows on campus at TCF Bank Stadium. Want to cheer on your favorite player? Professional teams—like the Timberwolves, Wild, Twins, and Lynx—often host “college nights” where you can get discounted tickets. Come ready to have some fun.

## FOUR SEASONS

Minnesota enjoys the full scope of all four seasons. You can paddleboard in the summer, pick apples in the fall, cross-country ski in the winter, and bike the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway in the spring. No matter what season it is, there are plenty of places to enjoy it, from more than 10,000 lakes, to the Mississippi River, and 66 state parks. In 2020, The Trust for Public Land ranked Minneapolis #1 and Saint Paul #3 in the nation for best park systems. In addition, the American Fitness Index named Minneapolis #3 and Saint Paul #12 for their 2020 rankings on personal and community health.



# BIG TEN

**Soak in the spirit.** The University of Minnesota is a member of the legendary Big Ten conference, known for the last 120+ years for its stellar athletics and academics. We love to celebrate school spirit and community at events like Homecoming and Spring Jam. You'll get caught up in the whirlwind of Gopher Pride.

While we don't know the future, we look forward to welcoming back Gopher sports when the time is right. We eagerly await the next time 50,000+ maroon and gold clad fans return to TCF Bank Stadium. In the meantime, learn more about memorable sports moments and other Minnesota traditions at:

► [z.umn.edu/BigTEN](https://z.umn.edu/BigTEN)



# EXPLORE CAMPUS



While we prefer to show you around our beautiful, Big Ten campus in person, we invite you to virtually explore the U of M from the comfort of your couch. We offer a variety of experiences, from self-guided tours, to one-on-one appointments with admission counselors, to virtual events; all of which will give you a glimpse of the opportunities that await you at the University of Minnesota. For a list of all offerings visit [admissions.tc.umn.edu/visit](https://admissions.tc.umn.edu/visit).

- **Explore the Minneapolis Campus**  
[z.umn.edu/MinneapolisCampusTour](https://z.umn.edu/MinneapolisCampusTour)
- **Explore the St. Paul Campus**  
[z.umn.edu/StPaulCampusTour](https://z.umn.edu/StPaulCampusTour)
- **Take a virtual, self-guided tour of campus**  
[z.umn.edu/VirtualTour](https://z.umn.edu/VirtualTour)

## EXPLORE THE TWIN CITIES

As one of the only Big Ten universities within walking distance to a dynamic metropolis, students benefit from all that the city has to offer. The Twin Cities offered endless opportunities for you to explore outside of the classroom. Check out your options at [z.umn.edu/greatlocation](https://z.umn.edu/greatlocation).

Despite current world events, we are optimistic we can welcome you back to campus soon! To see the most up-to-date information on the return of on-campus tours and events, please visit [admissions.tc.umn.edu](https://admissions.tc.umn.edu).



## SCHEDULE A VISIT TODAY

**Tour:** [z.umn.edu/ExploreCampus](https://z.umn.edu/ExploreCampus)  
**Appointments:** [z.umn.edu/AdmissionsAppointment](https://z.umn.edu/AdmissionsAppointment)



# CURIOSITY PAYS

## THE SHOE TREE IS WAITING

The “Shoe Tree” is a time-honored campus tradition. When students graduate, they toss their shoes off the Washington Avenue Bridge and into the branches of the tree, symbolizing the start of their next journey. What will the next step in your journey be? A dream job? A graduate or professional degree? Travel? Whatever it may be, your future starts here.



## YOUR ALUMNI NETWORK

When you graduate from the U of M, you'll join a legacy of excellence and a 450,000+ strong alumni network that is working, volunteering, and innovating across the world.

U of M students, faculty, and alumni have founded approximately 19,000 companies worldwide, employing 1.1 million people. What do the *Wall Street Journal's* mobile news editor, and NASA's first female flight director have in common? They're Golden Gophers. How about former Vice Presidents Hubert H. Humphrey and Walter Mondale, and the former press secretary for President Barack Obama? Golden Gophers. In fact, a recent alumni survey estimated that one of every 14 Minnesota alumni has served in elected office. The Oval Office is calling you!

## YOUR CAREER CENTERS

To help you achieve your personal and professional goals, the U of M offers seven specialized career centers, each tailored to serve undergraduate students on a specific career path. Stop by the Pre-Health Student Resource Center to develop your pre-med plan or get connected at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital. Swing by the Undergraduate Business Career Center for an on-campus interview with Target or 3M. Our career advisors can help you:

- Explore majors and choose one. They do this via individual assistance, personality and interest tests, classes, and resource rooms full of information you can browse.
- Connect your major to potential careers. You're likely to find options that you didn't know were available.
- Search for internships and jobs. They'll teach you effective job-search strategies, resume writing, and interviewing skills.
- Decide if you want to attend grad school and help you apply.
- Attend the University of Minnesota Job and Internship Fair, featuring hundreds of employers from across Minnesota and the world.

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