



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TWIN CITIES

Fall 2026
**Transfer Admitted
Student Guide**



CONGRATULATIONS

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The University of Minnesota Twin Cities (U of M) is home to the curious, and those who strive to feed that curiosity.

Two U.S. vice presidents have called the U of M home. Award-winning authors, musicians, and journalists. Astronauts. Civil rights leaders. Athletes. Ground-breaking physicians. Inventors. Nobel Prize winners.

And now, we would like to add you to the list. We are excited for you to be part of the next class of scholars to call our campus home, and we congratulate you on your admission! We are excited to officially invite you to be a #FutureGopher!

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Office of Admissions acknowledges that the University of Minnesota Twin Cities is built within the traditional homelands of the Dakota people. It is important to acknowledge the peoples on whose land we live, learn, and work as we seek to improve and strengthen our relations with our tribal nations.

We also acknowledge that words are not enough. We must ensure that our institution provides support, resources, and programs that increase access to all aspects of higher education for our American Indian students, staff, faculty, and community members.

NEXT STEPS



CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT

When you confirm your enrollment, you are declaring your intent to attend the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, and we will hold a place for you in the incoming fall class. To confirm your enrollment online visit z.umn.edu/confirm and pay your non-refundable \$160 confirmation fee by **May 1**. If you have not done so before this time, you will need to claim your account in Application Tracker, which is where you will find application updates, next steps for confirming your enrollment, missing checklist items still outstanding, and verifying your information. If you would like to do so before confirming, you can visit z.umn.edu/AppTrack.



Confirmation forms and fees submitted after the deadline noted on your admission materials are accepted on a space-available basis. If you were admitted after April 17, your confirmation deadline is within two weeks of your date of admission.



INTERNATIONAL NEW STUDENT I-20 REQUEST

All international students who need an F-1 visa to study at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities must request an I-20 document from the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office. After you have confirmed your enrollment, complete the Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request at myiss.umn.edu as soon as possible, but no later than **August 1**. The form can also be accessed directly through this link: z.umn.edu/I-20Request_NewUndergrad.

The Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request is required for all new F-1 undergraduate students, including students who will transfer their I-20 and F-1 visa status from a current U.S. school to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Questions about the I-20 request? Email issnew@umn.edu.



APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Students who are U.S. citizens, U.S. national, or eligible non-citizens can submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We encourage all students to apply for financial aid, even if they think they may not be eligible. Be sure to release your FAFSA information to us by including U of M Twin Cities Federal School Code: **003969**.

When you submit the 2026-2027 FAFSA (available at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>), we will consider you for grants, loans, work-study, and need-based scholarships! Financial aid packages will be sent starting in Spring 2026 for students who have a FAFSA on file and a complete financial aid record.



Students on temporary visas are not eligible to apply for U.S. or state of Minnesota financial aid programs.

Once enrolled/registered in a University Academic Program, you are bound by the University of Minnesota Student Code of Conduct, found at z.umn.edu/StudentCodeOfConduct





ATTEND ORIENTATION

After you submit your enrollment confirmation, you will receive an invitation to orientation from your college of admission. **Orientation will be held in the summer**, and your college will be in contact with you about the specific date.

If you have questions, reach out to Orientation & Transition Experiences at 612-624-1979 or oteinfo@umn.edu.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International students are **required to complete both** their New Global Gopher Required Tasks and Transfer Orientation. More information on these two requirements can be found in this guide on page 13.



OPTIONAL: ARRANGE HOUSING

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

A limited number of on-campus housing spaces are available for transfer students. For more information about available housing options, please visit the University's Housing & Residential Life website at housing.umn.edu/transfer.

If you have any questions, please contact Housing & Residential Life at housing.umn.edu/contact.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

If you want to live off-campus in a house, room, or apartment, Housing & Residential Life also has information about privately-owned housing at housing.umn.edu/offcampus. For listings of rental vacancies in campus area neighborhoods—including Dinkytown, Stadium Village, and West Bank—you also may check the classified ads in the Minnesota Daily, the student newspaper.



International students should arrive approximately 10 days prior to the start of classes. Those who plan to live off-campus should arrive three weeks before classes start to have sufficient time to search for housing.



ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS



SUBMIT YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPTS AND OTHER ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS

Prior to enrolling at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, all confirmed students will need to submit official final transcripts and other verification documents, depending on the conditions for admission.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPTS

Each admitted student may have different conditions to enroll at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, which may include submitting an official final transcript. If this is a condition for your admittance, or if you applied using an unofficial transcript, an official final transcript must be sent to the Office of Admissions before orientation from all colleges or universities you have attended.

NOTE: If a student applied using an unofficial transcript, an official transcript will be required in order to be eligible to enroll.

After we receive your official, final transcript(s), we will email instructions to view your transfer credit evaluation. This evaluation will show the courses and total credits transferred, the courses that did not transfer, and how transfer courses will fulfill any of the University's liberal education requirements (including first-year writing and writing intensive requirements). In order to receive transfer credit for the courses a student was enrolled in at the time of application, an updated transcript will need to be received by our office as soon as possible, but no later than July 1, 2026.

When you attend Transfer Orientation, you will receive an Academic Progress Audit System (APAS) report that shows how your transfer courses may have fulfilled any college or major requirements.

PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL/SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATION

Successful completion of high school/secondary school graduation is a U of M enrollment requirement. It is policy that students must submit proof of graduation by **August 1**:

- If you graduated from a U.S. high school, send your final transcript, including date of graduation, to the Office of Admissions.
- If you completed a GED program, provide an official copy of your GED certificate.

Exception: Students who have completed a previous Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree from a U.S. institution, or Bachelor's Degree do not need to submit a high school transcript, but are required to send an official final transcript with their completed degree listed.

If you completed a previous Bachelor's Degree from an institution outside of the U.S., the Office of Admissions may require additional official documents, such as official degree and/or graduation certificates.

If you are unsure whether or not your degree is considered as the U.S. equivalency, contact the Office of Admissions.



INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS REQUIREMENT

To see examples of official documents and submission instructions please visit z.umn.edu/officialdocs.

- All documents not issued in English must be in the original language and include a certified, true (word-for-word) English translation.
- Official documents are those that are original or attested copies of original academic documents mailed in a sealed, stamped envelope directly from the secondary school or examining board.
- A scanned or electronic copy of an official document submitted by a student is considered unofficial.
- Note that, official and complete academic records and proof of high school graduation may include exam results such as, but not limited to, IB, IGCSE, O/AS/A-level, WAEC, HKDSE, SPM, and CISCE/CBSE.

If you completed a non-U.S. high school curriculum, you may be required to submit an official copy of your graduation certificate and/or final secondary school transcript and/or leaving exam results along with a certified true (word-for-word) English translation by **August 1**.

IMPORTANT: If you do not complete this requirement by the stated deadline, you will have a missing document (MD) hold placed on your account which will prevent you from registering for classes.



ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

An AZ hold is a reminder that you must take a supportive English language course in addition to other courses in your major during your first semester in your degree program.

If you have an AZ hold on your record, you will be notified via email. There are a number of ways to clear your AZ Hold. These options, along with English proficiency tests and minimum required scores is available at z.umn.edu/EnglishReq

AP, IB, GCE AND A-LEVEL

University credit is awarded for qualifying scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), GCE A-Level exams and College in the Schools. For information on these tests, visit:

- ▶ z.umn.edu/AdvancedPlacement
- ▶ z.umn.edu/InternationalBaccalaureate
- ▶ z.umn.edu/ALevel

TRANSFER STUDENT EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS

Transfer Student Experience Programs are designed to help students who are transferring to the U of M learn about and connect to the University and each other. By providing intentional programming & resources, these programs help students adjust to their new home.

These programs are not limited to, but include:

- **First Six Weeks Calendar:** There is a lot to explore and learn as you transition to a new campus! In order to help you get off to a strong start and take advantage of all the U of M has to offer, a calendar of events and resources has been created to help new transfer students in their initial weeks on campus.
- **Transfer Student Navigator:** This program offers transfer students the opportunity to meet with a Transfer Student Navigator to get support and connect with campus resources during their first year at the U of M. Topics can include (but are not limited to) getting involved on campus, time management, health and wellbeing, major & career resources, and more.
- **25+ Transfer Student Support:** Transfer students who are older than the traditional college student can face their own unique challenges finding community on campus. With that in mind the U of M has created a virtual 25+ Transfer Student Group to help transfer students who are 25 years and older connect with each other.
- **Undergraduate Transfer Student Advisory Board:** This advisory board is made up of current U of M undergraduate transfer students who have completed at least one semester at the U of M. During bi-weekly meetings, members will provide feedback, personal experiences, and constructive ideas regarding how to optimize the transfer student experience.

For a full program listing, visit z.umn.edu/TransferPrograms





COSTS

The tuition and fees listed in the following tables 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 2026 will be estimated in Spring 2026 and finalized in June 2026.

Note: 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.



For international costs, please see page 13.

Tuition and Fees for New Undergraduate Students (2025-2026 Academic Year)			
	Commuter	Resident¹ Residence Hall or Apartment (includes ND, WI, Manitoba²)	Non-resident³ Residence Hall or Apartment
Tuition & Fees ⁴	\$18,626	\$18,626	\$41,512
Books & Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Estimated Housing & Food ⁴	\$6,200	\$14,672	\$14,672
Transportation	\$200	\$200	\$1,700
Personal/Misc ⁵	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Loan Fee ⁶	\$158	\$158	\$158
Total	\$28,184	\$36,656	\$61,042
Surcharge for CSOM students and CSE students ⁷	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$2,900
Total with Surcharge	\$31,084	\$39,556	\$63,942

¹ Resident definition: Students attending the U of M from Minnesota*, Wisconsin, North Dakota, or Manitoba, Canada.

*The U of M defines residency as those who: 1) Are permanently residing in Minnesota, or 2) Have been continuously present in the state of Minnesota for at least one calendar year prior to the first day of class attendance at the U of M. During that time the student may not attend any other Minnesota post-secondary educational institution.

² While Manitoba students receive in-state tuition as part of reciprocity, students should see the international student costs for estimated fees and mandatory insurance on page 13.

³ Non-resident definition: Students attending the U of M, but are not from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, or Manitoba, Canada.

⁴ Final housing and fees are estimates and will be determined in the summer of 2026 by the Board of Regents.

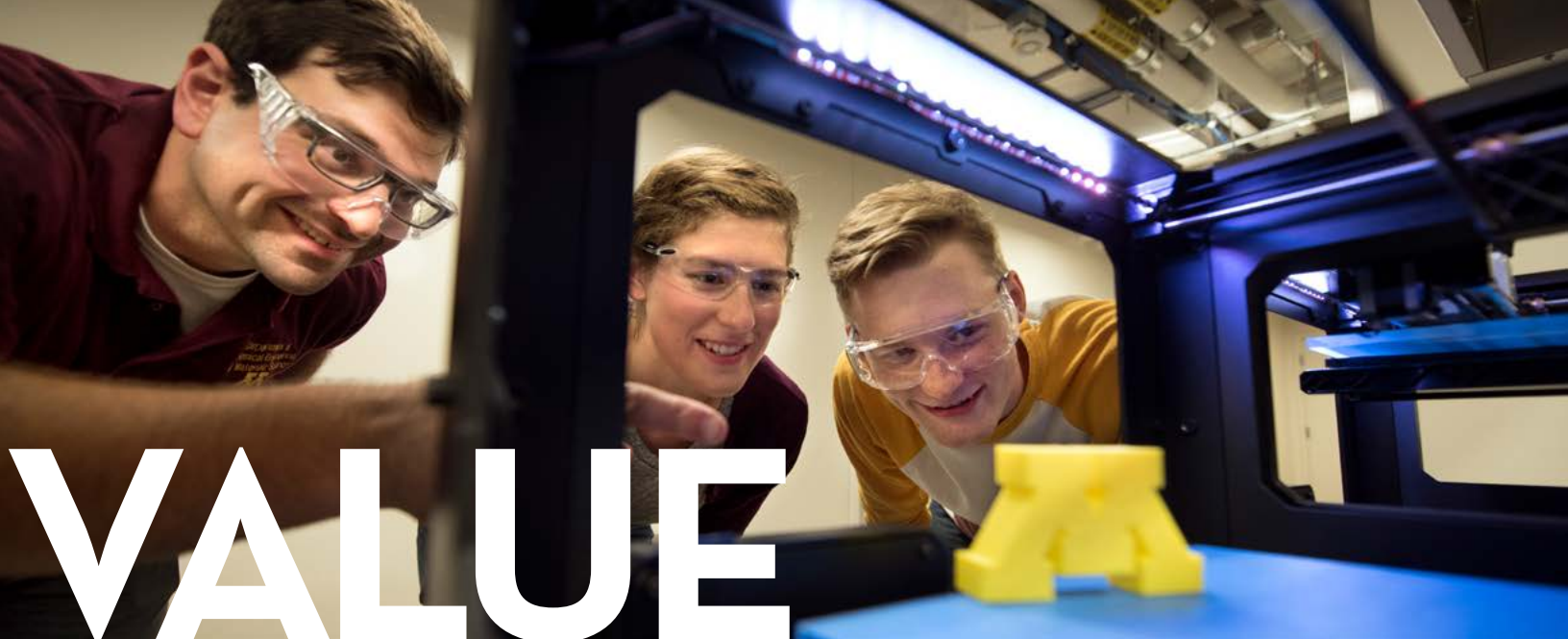
⁵ Many students keep their miscellaneous expenses below this figure by spending responsibly.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Students enrolled in the College of Science and Engineering (CSE) and Minnesota Carlson will be charged an additional \$1,450 per semester tuition surcharge to maintain innovative classrooms and laboratories.

Reciprocity is not guaranteed. Students from North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Manitoba, Canada 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.





VALUE

GREAT VALUE

Curiosity has a guaranteed return. Come curious and you will find that the U of M offers competitive tuition rates and a great value. Our unique blend of 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. Just ask *Forbes*, *Princeton Review*, and *Money Magazine*. They have all ranked the University in the “Best Value” category for our high retention rates and high graduate salaries.

MINIMUM CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Most of our degree programs require you to complete 120 credits. A few require 128 credits. To graduate in four years, you need to average 30-32 credits a year (15-16 credits a semester). 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.

All new degree-seeking students who enroll at the University are required to register for a minimum of 13 credits each semester until they graduate. Students with exceptional circumstances may apply to take less than 13 credits. The University has implemented this 13-credit requirement to help keep you on track to graduate in a timely fashion.





CAREER ADVANTAGE

YOUR ALUMNI NETWORK

When you graduate from the University of Minnesota, you'll join a legacy of excellence and an alumni network with 500,000+ Golden Gophers.

- What do the Chief Scientist and AI Lead at Google 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.

YOUR CAREER CENTERS

The U of M offers specialized career centers, each tailored to serve undergraduate students on a specific career path. Our career advisors can help you:

- **Explore majors and choose one.** They do this via individual assistance, personality and interest tests, and exploration classes.
- **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.
- **Attend the University of Minnesota Job and Internship Fair,** featuring hundreds of employers from across Minnesota and the world.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAREER CONSULTANT

To speak with the International Career Consultant, and learn more about resources available just for international students, visit z.umn.edu/INTLcareer.

THE SHOE TREE IS WAITING

The "Shoe Tree" is a 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.





COMMUNITY

MULTICULTURALISM

As part of the U of M student community, you'll find 200+ culturally-focused student groups, 14 multicultural fraternities and sororities, and some of the oldest cultural studies programs in the United States.

At the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, you can celebrate your own culture and learn about others at z.umn.edu/CommunitiesUMN.

CENTERS OF COMMUNITY

Exploration and awareness of the cultures that make up our campus community is an important part of the college experience. The U of M has nine student cultural centers that each have a dedicated gathering space in our student union. See what each has to offer at z.umn.edu/StudentCulturalCenters.

FALL 2024 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

American Indian or Alaskan Native	493
Asian	5,095
Black or African-American	3,658
Hispanic / Latino	1,963
International	1,975
White	18,099
Unknown	511
Total	31,855

Source: idr.umn.edu



STUDENT RESOURCES




BOYNTON HEALTH

With locations on the East Bank, St. Paul, and the West Bank, as well as telehealth, Boynton Health provides comprehensive healthcare to students when and where they need it. Our clinics provide a welcoming environment to access Primary & Urgent Care, Mental Health Care, Dental and Eye clinics, Pharmacy, and more. Boynton also provides access to vaccines, the Nutritious U Food Pantry, and other services that promote public health and campus-wellbeing.

 boynton.umn.edu  bh-quest@umn.edu
 @boyntonhealth


DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The University of Minnesota is home to the nation's first Disabled Student Cultural Center, which is committed to providing accommodations to students with disabilities. To receive accommodations or services for a documented disability, please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC).

 disability.umn.edu  drc@umn.edu
 612-626-1333 (voice or TTY)

FIRST-GEN STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

First-Gen Student Success Center empowers first-generation undergraduate students as they navigate their college experience. This center exists to bridge gaps in support, especially for those who may not yet be engaged in existing programs or services. They strive to create a lasting impact that ripples out from individual students to their families, communities, workplaces, and society at-large.

 firstgen.umn.edu  firstgen@umn.edu

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 U of M students, staff, faculty, and community members by developing and supporting a more inclusive understanding of gender and sexuality through education, advocacy, outreach, and support.

 gsc.umn.edu  gsc@umn.edu
 612-625-0537

MCAE

MCAE is a campus-wide resource that promotes an inclusive atmosphere for all students to live and learn together. MCAE's commitment to creating such a climate is driven by a student-first ethos, in which students are the highest priority.

 mcae.umn.edu  mcae@umn.edu
 @umnmcae

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)

DPS is committed to partnering with our campus community to ensure students, faculty, staff and visitors are safe. DPS has three departments dedicated to campus safety.

- The Public Safety Emergency Communications Center (PSECC) is a 911 dispatch and monitoring center.
- University Security is a uniformed security department that focuses on safety escorts and providing security services.
- University of Minnesota Police Department is a state licensed police department.
- Gopher Chauffer is a free service that provides safe rides for University of Minnesota Twin Cities students.

 publicsafety.umn.edu

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, please reach out via the following methods:

 veterans@umn.edu  612-625-8076



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS)

ISSS cultivates an inclusive community by providing expertise and leadership with compassion to prepare international students to meet complex challenges in a diverse, interconnected, multiracial, multicultural world. ISSS also provides advising, counseling, programs, and advocacy for international students and scholars to strengthen connections and understanding that advance campus internationalization and enrich the academic experience of all.

NEW GLOBAL GOPHER REQUIRED TASKS:

After you confirm your enrollment, you will receive instructions from the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office for starting your New Global Gopher Required Tasks in MyISSS. This list of tasks will guide you through pre-arrival and post-arrival steps that you need to complete as an incoming international student, including important requirements for your F-1 or J-1 visa status.

The New Global Gopher Required Tasks is only for international students, and it is a separate requirement from the New Student Checklist and Transfer Orientation requirements.

Tuition and Fees for New Undergraduate International Students (2025-2026 Academic Year)	
Tuition and Fees* (9-month academic year)	\$42,694
Books and Supplies (9-month academic year)	\$1,000
Mandatory Health Insurance (12 months)	\$3,590
Living Expenses (12 months)	\$22,496
Total	\$69,780

Unless you have received a Global Excellence Scholarship or an ISSS need-based scholarship, as an international student at the University of Minnesota, you are expected to take full responsibility for financing your education. International students must prove they have sufficient funds available to pay their educational and personal expenses.

* Some programs and colleges have additional mandatory fees and/or tuition surcharges. Additional fees and surcharges (\$2,900) for the College of Science of Engineering and Minnesota Carlson students are not included here.

- In order to issue an I-20, which is needed to obtain an F-1 student visa, the U of M is required by the U.S. government to maintain records that demonstrate international students have the funds necessary to cover their tuition, fees, and living expenses for their first year of study. For visa application purpose, this chart includes one full academic year (2 semesters) of tuition, and international student fees, in addition to living expenses for 12 months and mandatory health insurance.
- Students graduating from a Minnesota high school who have an H-4 visa may be eligible to pay MN resident tuition rates. Learn more at z.umn.edu/residency.

GOPHER FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Gopher Family Engagement is here to support the parents and family members as they support students of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. They support parents and family members by answering questions, helping navigate the university, assisting in finding the appropriate resources and helping talk through any challenges the parents and family members of our students are experiencing.

They communicate with families primarily through a family portal called Gopher Family Connection. Through the portal, regular posts are shared to inform parents and family members and you are even able to join various communities of interest. To join, visit z.umn.edu/GopherFamilyConnection.

Additionally, Gopher Family Engagement hosts events throughout the year to connect family members with campus and with the day-to-day lives of their students. These activities will help you to become more familiar with the campus and become a part of



the University of Minnesota tradition. Among these events is Family Weekend, which is a great time for families to visit campus, enjoy some of the great activities available, and to explore the day-to-day of your student's life.

For more information on Gopher Family Engagement, visit their website at family.umn.edu.



CELEBRATE!

Visit z.umn.edu/Congrats for more ways to celebrate and confirm!

Schedule your campus visit at z.umn.edu/VisitUofM

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QUESTIONS? WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP!



Explore our website at admissions.tc.umn.edu.

Find your admissions counselor at z.umn.edu/counselor.

Find all the ways to contact the Office of Admissions at z.umn.edu/UMNAdmissions.

Phone: 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000

Fax: 612-626-1693