

## Financial Aid Information for Incoming MSW Students Questions Log - August 8, 2022

Question Asked	Answer Given
Is it realistic to hold a GSI position once field starts?	It can be tricky, but some students have been able to manage it. Often when you are a GSI you need to attend the undergraduate lecture in addition to running discussion sections. This would be something to explore when applying for the position. Some positions are smaller appointments and require less work.
Could you post the link for direct deposit?	<a href="https://wolverineaccess.umich.edu/collection/all/student-wolverine-access">https://wolverineaccess.umich.edu/collection/all/student-wolverine-access</a> . Go to Student Business, Payroll/Compensation, and you should see a Direct Deposit link
When you sign up for a payment plan, is it per semester or for a full year? Do you have to reapply for a payment plan each semester?	It is per semester. Yes you will need to reapply each semester
When will Financial Aid Review Statuses be updated to review any aid eligibility or awards?	Your financial aid need and merit-based review would have occurred when you applied to the program. If you can questions about this, you can check in with Cerise (cmcar@umich.edu).
Do we have to contact Financial Aid Office first regarding Loans? That page on Wolverine Access is not available yet to look into.	Yes, the University Office of Financial Aid manages your loans. 734-763-6600.
On what date are student loans officially used to pay tuition in our account?	This will occur prior to the tuition deadline. You can inquire about this and make sure you've submitted all required info. by contacting the Office of Financial Aid: Phone: (734) 763-6600 or Email: financial.aid@umich.edu
Can a Grad Plus Loan be taking out at any time? Or does it need to be applied for at the beginning of a semester?	You can access Grad Plus loans during the semester as long as the semester is not over. It takes some time to apply and get processed so you'll want to make sure to give yourself ample time.
How do I process checks made out to myself and the University from an outside scholarship?	<a href="https://finaid.umich.edu/types-aid/scholarships/scholarship-checks-eft-payments#what-to-do-if-you-receive-a-scholarship-check">https://finaid.umich.edu/types-aid/scholarships/scholarship-checks-eft-payments#what-to-do-if-you-receive-a-scholarship-check</a>
If I purchase a student health insurance plan and then in Winter semester obtain a GSI position, will I be refunded for the time that I'd have insurance through the university?	You are welcome to contact University Health services as I am not sure of the deadlines to potentially have this money refunded to you
I'm an incoming international student and I already got a position as a GSI. Is there any procedure which I need to proceed in advance?	Congratulations! You should let the Office of Student Services know if you have any grant/scholarship aid from the School of Social Work. We need to remove your aid so your GSI pays the entire tuition. Sometimes we can make our aid refundable so you can use it for living expenses. Email us at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu
The positions as research assistants in the school of social work are available for international students? and it's different from GSI ?	Yes, GSSRA positions are available to MSW students, but are quite rare. They are often reserved for PhD students. International students can hold GSSRA, GSI, or GSSA positions.
Can I borrow a loan to cover off campus housing?	Yes, you can use a Direct Loan or Grad Plus Loan to pay for campus or off-campus housing.
I am on studentaid.gov and it is very unclear where we are to go to accept loans. Where can we find more information, please?	Loans need to be accepted in your Wolverine Access account., Be sure to also send in your form to accept school of social work grant/scholarship aid. It was with the financial aid offer letter.
Who can help walk us through the financial aid process?	Please feel free to email Cerise (cmcar@umich.edu) to schedule an appointment.
How do we apply for GSI positions?	You'll want to look for GSI and GSSA positions at careers.umich.edu
I moved to MI 12/2021. Would I qualify as a MI resident?	This will have to be determined by the Residency Office: <a href="https://ro.umich.edu/tuition-residency/residency">https://ro.umich.edu/tuition-residency/residency</a>
Where can we see if we're missing any documents or parts of the process (e.g. the accept/decline, MPN, or entrance counseling)?	You can look at your financial aid information in your Wolverine Access account. I also recommend reaching out to the Office of Financial Aid 734-763-6600 to check on this.
If there is a loan approval but it is not needed right away (money saved to pay), then how is the loan accessed or applied when needed?	All aid (grants, scholarships, loans) will first go toward paying your tuition. If you have any excess money after tuition/fees are paid they will be refunded to you and you could use it to pay expenses for the future.
Would the SSW grants/scholarships with no separate application already be applied to our account if we received them?	You'll send in our SSW Form. You can reach out to Mike Leier (mleier@umich.edu) to make sure your forms were received.