



INCOMING VIPP VISITING SCHOLARS TRAVEL PREPARATION & SETTLEMENT AT MSU

2 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL:

- Prepare for your visa interview.
- Start preparing for your travel to MSU.
- Get familiar with MSU and Michigan by browsing the [VIPP website](#) for resources, including the [VIPP Handbook](#).
- Book your plane ticket: Our recommended way of getting to MSU is to fly to Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) and transfer to Lansing Capital Region International Airport (LAN), or take the Michigan Flyer bus from Detroit Airport to East Lansing. VIPP will provide pick-up service.



1 MONTH BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL:

- Apply for housing: Please contact your program coordinator about on-campus and off-campus apartment information. Your program coordinator will guide you through the application process.
- Prepare things to bring to MSU including plug converters and a router (if applicable.) You may also bring some common medications. Be sure to check the [TSA website](#) for things that are considered illegal under federal law.



2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL:

- Send your “Arrival Information for Pick-up” form to your program coordinator to schedule airport pick-up and other settlement services.
- Enroll in health insurance: You must fill out the Health Insurance Enrollment Form and submit it to Michelle Fewless at fewless@msu.edu at least two weeks before your arrival.

FIRST MONTH AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL:

- Sign lease, move into your apartment, and do first-time grocery shopping supported by your program coordinator (if applicable).
- Complete the government check-in process online at myoiss.msu.edu.
- Attend OISS Virtual Orientation.
- Attend VIPP In-Person Orientation.
- Enroll in VIPP courses.
- Activate your MSU student account, get student ID, open a bank account, apply for Social Security Number and Michigan driver’s license (if applicable.)
- Enroll your children at local K-12 schools and arrange vaccinations for them (if applicable.)

