

Welcome, International Graduate Students!

Guidelines for **New** International Graduate Students

In the U.S.

- If I-20 transfer from an approved Academic Program
Fully remote attendance OK (if enrolled in March)
- If a new student in the U.S.
Some in-person instruction needed: Program offerings or OGSA Research methods course (schedule forthcoming)
- If Graduate Assistants
 - Remote employment paperwork

Outside the U.S.

- Visa processing varies by country and city:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html>
- Can be a remote student without visa
- Deferral to spring (email program, then graduate.admissions@umb.edu, fill ISSS I-20 deferral e-form)
- If Graduate Assistants
 - Not eligible for employment
 - Some tuition scholarships for GAs

Guidelines for **Continuing** International Graduate Students

In the U.S.

- Remote attendance OK: Must remain in full-time enrollment
- Graduate Assistants
 - Remote work OK if possible/appropriate

Outside the U.S.

- Remote attendance OK: Must inform ISSS via e-form (to be sent). Must remain in full-time enrollment to ensure active SEVIS status. Cannot apply for OPT from outside USA.
- Graduate Assistants
 - Remote work OK if possible/appropriate
 - Country specific restrictions may apply

Graduate Student Resources

- Contact your program for course and registration information
- New student orientation
 - Monday, August 31, 12 – 2 p.m. (new GA training 11-12)
or
 - Tuesday, September 1, 6 – 8 p.m. (new GA training 5-6)
 - Register at umb.edu/gradorientation
 - Will be posted on [graduate student resource page](#)
- Remote graduate student resources
 - [Graduate Writing Center](#)
 - [Quantitative methods workshops](#)
 - [Help finding and applying for funding](#)