Next Steps

▶ Join the interest list! Get invitations to on-campus and virtual events, plus timely updates whenever there’s new information or special opportunities: umsi.info/interest

▶ Participate in an information session. Attend an in-person or virtual information session where you can ask questions and hear presentations by UMSI admissions staff.

▶ Plan a visit. Meet on campus with an admissions advisor and discuss any questions about applying, the admissions process, funding, and other remaining questions. Sit in on a class of interest. Have lunch with a current student. Tour our buildings and learn about our use of technology and collaborative spaces.

Apply

Application deadline is December 1.

The School of Information doctoral program is administered by the Rackham School of Graduate Studies, which offers a convenient online application. Details: umsi.info/apply-phd.

Ideal doctoral applicants will have:

▶ At least a bachelor’s degree, preferably in a field relevant to their proposed area of research.

▶ A superior academic record, with evidence of ability to engage in independent and original study in an information field.

▶ A distinguished record of scholarship, maturity, integrity, intellectual honesty, leadership potential, professional promise, and the capability of making substantive and scholarly research contributions to the field.
7 Points of Distinction
FOR THE UMSI DOCTORAL PROGRAM

1. Impact. Faculty and students are attracted to UMSI because they aspire to understand and solve problems of practical import, in areas such as climate change, health and education.

2. Collaboration. From office layouts to lab meetings to practice talks, everything is organized to help you learn and succeed together with other students and faculty.

3. Breadth & Depth. You will master one area, but you will also gain a broad exposure to diverse subfields of computing, the social sciences and the humanities, and learn the translation and brokering skills of interdisciplinarity.

4. A World-Class Institution. You will have abundant opportunities to engage with other departments at the University of Michigan, nearly all of which are ranked in the top 10 in their fields.

5. Research. UMSI research covers topics from data science, health informatics, information economics, human-computer interaction (HCI), privacy, and social media. Wherever your passion and purpose lie, we can help you find your intellectual community.

6. Fully Funded. At UMSI, PhD candidates are fully funded, including your tuition, a stipend and a health plan, for the duration of your program.

7. A 100% Success Rate. For several years running, every UMSI PhD graduate has found employment in the teaching or research area of choice. As a graduate of this program, you will have a successful future.

“UMSI has a great mentoring program. I got to choose a mentor from the start. Traditional economics departments in China only have advisors in the third year. It’s not as close a relationship as UMSI. That’s a major advantage of this program.”
MING JIANG, PHD 2015
Assistant Professor
Antai College of Economics and Management
Shanghai Jiao Tong University

“The students I interacted with there were more than academic colleagues; we were friends. We challenged, encouraged, and supported each other. We laughed and worked hard together...I feel like I hit the jackpot at UMSI in that I made lifetime friendships at the same time I developed a professional network of incredible researchers.”
ANDREA BARBARIN, PHD 2017
UX Research Lead, IBM Watson Health

“UMSI’s culture and central campus location encourage the interdisciplinary collaboration required to foster research that results in meaningful impact in people’s lives.”
CHARLES SENTEIO, PHD 2015
Assistant Professor
School of Communication and Information,
Rutgers University

“When you join our PhD program, you gain skills to extend the frontiers of knowledge, build lifelong relationships with leading researchers and become a member of our scholarly community.”
ERIN KRUPKA, DIRECTOR
UMSI DOCTORAL PROGRAM
Associate Professor of Information