



LSA TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY

Providing equipment so all members of LSA can fully engage in learning opportunities

The LSA Technology Services Technology Library loans audio-visual and computing equipment to all College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA) and College of Engineering (CoE) students, faculty, and staff for their curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular projects while at the University of Michigan. What started as a small pool of equipment for use by those in LSA grew exponentially during and after the pandemic and now offers over 140 different types of equipment totaling more than 2200 pieces. In 2023, with collaboration with the College of Engineering and the Duderstadt Center, we opened a branch on North Campus that could expand service to the CoE. We now serve more than 35,000 students, faculty, and staff through four locations on Central and North Campuses of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. We grew along with the needs of students on campus to access equipment.

That access includes everything from essential calculators to specialized technology. Being able to borrow an important device can remove a barrier for a student who wants or needs to participate but cannot afford to purchase something extra. It means a student doesn't have to worry about how to secure one, and instead can focus on what that tool can add to their learning experience. It can open up their journeys to include experiences they hadn't imagined were possible.

Whether it is taking a course in Film, Television, and Media, creating a podcast for student organizations, photographing one's travels to Antarctica, taking iPads to the BioStation, or using a different computing platform for a group project, students (and faculty and staff) need equipment that they can use short term without the cost of purchase and ownership. The Technology Library also loans laptops to those not eligible for them through other university programs and calculators to students in the LSA math and physics classes that are required by programs in many of U-M's schools and colleges.

Currently we serve about two thirds of the U-M Ann Arbor's academic campus. Data shows that students in schools and colleges beyond LSA and CoE need equipment as well—and that's an additional 20,000 individuals to support. Our goal is to continue our pattern of growth so that we can remove obstacles to accessing foundational and transformational opportunities across campus.

TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY GIFT FUND

This fund will give us the opportunity to extend the LSA Technology Library to the rest of the U-M Ann Arbor academic campus by first and foremost expanding our equipment pool. We can't serve another 20,000 students, faculty, and staff without expanding the number and type of equipment we have available for loan. This also includes expanding the support for them, including storage and maintenance peripherals. It is especially important that we are able to loan hard-to-purchase equipment such as video cameras and lighting kits. Gifts of all sizes are welcome, with gifts of \$10,000 - \$50,000 being critical to increase our offerings and expand the use of the Technology Library to the entire Ann Arbor academic campus.

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"I am incredibly grateful to have been given the opportunity to use the department's equipment to document my trip to Antarctica. Having access to a high-quality camera made it possible for me to accurately capture the beautiful landscape as I once saw it with my own eyes. This was an environment very few get to see in person, and the ability to not only capture these moments, but relive and share them with others is something I will forever be grateful for. Without the generosity of LSA's Technology Service Department lending me their camera, the immense beauty of the trip would not have been done the justice it so deserved!"

—NINA BANDUCCI, LSA Communication and Media Student

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