

Application Cover Page

Date:

Name:

UMID:

Email address:

I am currently enrolled in the following LSA undergraduate degree program

Department:

Major:

Minor (if applicable):

Expected date of graduation for undergraduate program:

A complete application to the Accelerated Master's Degree Program in Transcultural Studies will contain the following:

1. Application Cover Page
2. Current Transcript - Applicants must be in good standing in LSA.
3. Statement of Purpose - An essay of 2-3 pages explaining your interest in the program, the kinds of questions you would like to pursue, the kinds of graduate courses you would like to take, provisional ideas for a capstone project, and your long-term career goals.
4. Writing Sample - Please submit a term paper completed for a course in your junior or sophomore year as a writing sample. A good writing sample addresses a topic in the humanities or social sciences that interests you. It should display good organization, original thought, and polished writing.
5. Two Letters of Recommendation - Both letters should be from LSA faculty members, with one of them indicating a willingness to serve as your advisor. Faculty letters should discuss the student's ability to thrive in and contribute productively to graduate-level courses in participating departments. Letters should be sent directly by the faculty member to tcs-admin@umich.edu and are due by the application deadline.

Submit completed application materials to tcs-admin@umich.edu.

Optional

The [Rackham Master's Award \(RMA\) Program](#) helps sustain the academic excellence and inclusiveness of the Michigan graduate community, one that embraces students with diverse experiences and goals, and who come from many educational, cultural, geographic, and familial backgrounds.

The Rackham Merit Fellowship is open to newly admitted students in a Rackham graduate degree program who:

- Have a record of superior academic achievement (e.g., grade point average, honors, or other designation);
- Are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or undocumented students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)

And meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Come from an educational, cultural, or geographic background that is underrepresented in graduate study in their discipline in the United States or at the University of Michigan;
- Have demonstrated a sustained commitment to diversity in the academic, professional, or civic realm through their work experience, volunteer engagement, or leadership of student or community organizations. By commitment to diversity, we mean efforts in the U.S. to reduce social, educational, or economic disparities based on race, ethnicity, or gender, or to improve race relations in the U.S.;
- Have experienced financial hardship as a result of family economic circumstances;
- Are first-generation U.S. citizens or are the first generation in their families to graduate from a four-year college.

Do you believe that you qualify for the Rackham Master's Award? If so, can you explain how?