Welcome to the Master of Information Management Program at the UMD College of Information Studies!

Congratulations on your acceptance to the MIM program, at the University of Maryland’s iSchool!

Welcoming new students to campus is one of the most exciting parts of the year and we look forward to seeing you!

Those of us in admission have enjoyed getting to know you through the application process, and are excited to introduce you to the rest of the iSchool community when you arrive. You are beginning a great academic and personal journey, and we look forward to seeing things and opportunities unfold for you. We’ll see you around campus and at iSchool events, and we hope you will keep us updated on how you’re doing.

In anticipation of your arrival, we are planning New Student Orientation – the day-long program that includes different activities designed to acquaint you with college life, with each other, and with the people and services that are here for your benefit.

We believe you will find Maryland’s iSchool to be a place where you are both respected and motivated, in and out of the classroom. Enclosed is information on different matters that you may have questions about. Please make sure to review all of the information to contact us if you have questions.

Once again, congratulations and welcome to the Maryland’s iSchool community!
Please remember to accept your enrollment!

In your official offer letter from the Graduate School there is a link to accept admission (confirm your enrollment) to the MIM Program. You must accept enrollment using that form by April 15, 2015.

After you accept admission, please navigate to the Welcome MIM page - http://ischool.umd.edu/content/welcome-mim-program - to find answer to the most frequently asked questions and to declare your home campus (College Park or Shady Grove). Please Note: campus declaration won’t restrict you from taking courses in another iSchool location (campus).

New Student Online Information Session

Remember that we will also be hosting a virtual information session for all students where we will go over all necessary campus/program information and requirements, available in the program specializations/courses, MIM faculty members and their research topics, etc. Also, we will have plenty of time to answer your questions. Sessions will be hosted online via Adobe Connect on: April 2, 2015 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (EST).

To join the session, go here: https://webmeeting.umd.edu/miminfosession/?launcher=false
Can’t make it? Not to worry, we’ll record and post it after!
The Information session slides can be downloaded from the following link:
http://mim.umd.edu/resources-and-tools/mim-information-session-presentation/

**Orientation – Save the Date**

The iSchool orientation will take place on August 25, 2015 on the College Park campus. More information about this would be coming soon.

**Registration**

Registration for the fall 2015 semester is scheduled to begin April 2, 2015 at 8:30am. You can find detailed instructions on how to register in our How to Register Guide (at the end of this document).

Please remember that all MIM students should complete MIM core courses (listed below) within the first 18 credits in the program:

- INFM 600 - Information Environments
- INFM 603 - Information Technology and Organizational Context
- INFM 605 - Users and Use Context
- INFM 612 - Management of Information Programs and Services

Note, if you have sufficient professional experience and/or educational background in technology, management, or user interface, you would be able to apply for the INFM 603, INFM 612, or INFM 605 course waiver (more information on course waivers can be found here). INFM 600 cannot be waived – all MIM students have to complete this course. If your waiver gets approved, you will be allowed to take a more advanced technology/management/user interface course in place of a core course you waived.

Due to a high graduate course work level, students are strongly encouraged to register for no more than 4 (12 credits) graduate level courses per semester.

You may choose to complete all four MIM core courses in your first semester. However, if you cannot register/complete some of mentioned above core courses in your first semester due to a limited course capacity, you would be able to register and complete those in your following spring semester.
Fall billing information and billing due dates can be found here: [http://bursar.umd.edu/t_billDueDates.php](http://bursar.umd.edu/t_billDueDates.php).

### Estimated tuition and fees for one academic semester (fall or spring semesters):

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Summer 2015 (starts June 1st) registration is currently underway. If you are already accepted for admission to the fall semester, you may also elect to register for summer courses. NOTE: One of the MIM core courses – INFM 605 – will be taught this summer online.

Check available iSchool summer courses:
- **INFM courses** - [https://ntst.umd.edu/soc/search?courseId=INFM&sectionId=&termId=201505&_openSectionsOnly=on&courseLevelFilter=ALL&instructor=&teachingCenter=ALL&courseStartCompare=&courseStartHour=&courseStartMin=&courseStartAM=&courseEndHour=&courseEndMin=&courseEndAM=&creditCompare=&credits=&_classDay1=on&_classDay2=on&_classDay3=on&_classDay4=on&_classDay5=on](https://ntst.umd.edu/soc/search?courseId=INFM&sectionId=&termId=201505&_openSectionsOnly=on&courseLevelFilter=ALL&instructor=&teachingCenter=ALL&courseStartCompare=&courseStartHour=&courseStartMin=&courseStartAM=&courseEndHour=&courseEndMin=&courseEndAM=&creditCompare=&credits=&_classDay1=on&_classDay2=on&_classDay3=on&_classDay4=on&_classDay5=on)
- **INST courses** - [https://ntst.umd.edu/soc/search?courseId=inst&sectionId=&termId=201505&_openSec](https://ntst.umd.edu/soc/search?courseId=inst&sectionId=&termId=201505&_openSec)
Summer courses have an alternate billing schedule than fall/spring. You can review the billing policies [http://oes.umd.edu/summer-term](http://oes.umd.edu/summer-term).

**Financial Aid**

Specific questions regarding financial aid must be directed to the Office of Financial Aid.

Financial Advisors are available by appointment, which can be set up by phone at (301) 314-9000 or via email at umfinaid@umd.edu. For more information see the Financial Aid Office webpage here: [http://financialaid.umd.edu](http://financialaid.umd.edu).

**Scholarships**

iSchool specific scholarships and award announcements are shared through the iSchoolAnnouncements and program specific listservs as well as program blogs like MIM Central (MIM program blog) and blogMLS (MLS program blog).

To subscribe to the iSchool listserves, visit the following page: [http://ischool.umd.edu/content/ischool-information-resources-handbook](http://ischool.umd.edu/content/ischool-information-resources-handbook).

The iSchool also maintains a webpage dedicated to financial aid information, which can be found here: [http://ischool.umd.edu/content/financial-aid](http://ischool.umd.edu/content/financial-aid)

These scholarships can be found here: [http://ischool.umd.edu/content/other-financial-aid-opportunities](http://ischool.umd.edu/content/other-financial-aid-opportunities).

The University of Maryland takes pride in its ability to attract and recognize students with a passion for excellence, superior motivation and intellectual curiosity. These students comprise the backbone of Maryland’s reputation as a top research institution and public university. The University of Maryland awards a variety of scholarships from federal, state, and institutional resources to help defray the student’s cost of education. Find more information about university-wide graduate student scholarships here:
Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Assistantships (Administrative Graduate Assistantships, Teaching Assistantship, and Research Assistantships) or GA/TA/RA positions are available through many university offices and departments.

GA positions include a stipend, health benefits, and tuition remission. The amount of tuition remission and stipend ranges will depend on whether the student is at the master’s or doctorate level and whether the assistantship is a 9.5-month or 12-month position.

You can find available on-campus GA postings on the MIM Central website (mim.umd.edu). Graduate assistantships are also available through the UMD Job Announcements website here: https://ejobs.umd.edu.

Internships and Full-time/Part-time Employment

If you are looking for career opportunities, the MIM program regularly posts available in the area internship/full-time/part-time opportunities to the MIM Central site (mim.umd.edu).

It is never too early to start thinking about where you will do your summer internship to fulfill the MIM internship requirement!

ListSers

MIM2015: The MIM2015 listserv is for Fall 2015 incoming MIM students. The MIM program administrators use this list to send out official announcements such as changes in course schedules and information on events like our iSchool Internship and Networking Fair. You can expect to receive several emails each week from this list. It is very important that you read the emails sent by this list as they may contain essential administrative information. You will be automatically subscribed to this list and will remain subscribed during each semester that you are registered for courses.
**iSchoolAnnouncements:** The iSchoolAnnouncements listserv is for every student in the iSchool. This is used by the iSchool administrators to convey official information that affects all students (e.g. scholarship opportunities at the iSchool). It is also used by our very active student organizations to promote their various events. You can expect one or two emails a week depending on the level of activity from our student organizations. It is very important that you read the emails from this list, as they may contain administrative information, such as how to apply for graduation. You will be automatically subscribed to this list and membership is mandatory.

**iSchoolDiscussion:** The iSchoolDiscussion listserv is the public-facing listserv where students, faculty, and alums post news, events, and general announcements. To join, send an email to listserv@listserv.umd.edu with the first line in the message “SUBSCRIBE ISCHOOLDISCUSSION your name” excluding quotation marks. The subject line of your email should be left blank. Membership is optional.

**MIM Central** *(mim.umd.edu)*

MIM Central is the official blog of the MIM Program at the iSchool. It is maintained by the MIM Director and MIM Program Coordinator. On it you will find official program information, iSchool news and events, resources for MIM students, and much more. There is some overlap between official announcements on the MIM2015 listserv and this blog. This is to ensure that students see the information and have a centralized place to find announcements send previously.

**New Student Checklist**

Here’s the 2015 New Student Checklist to get you started.

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If you have any further questions, please contact the MIM program Coordinator, Tetyana Bezbabna at tbezbabn@umd.edu