

Dear Fellowship Recipients,

Thank you for attending the Fellowship Recipient Luncheon on 10/4/06. I appreciate the feedback you provided, and want to share some information with you in regards to the topics that were discussed.

- 1) Dental Coverage—when students change status from GSRA/GSI to a fellowship or vice versa, there is a break in coverage. This is because the Benefits Office only oversees the dental insurance for GSRA/GSI students. However, if you change from a GSRA to a GSI or vice versa, there should be no break in coverage, as long as your department completes the appropriate paperwork in a timely fashion. We are in the process of working with Rackham to add dental coverage for fellowship students.
- 2) Health Insurance—this is not required for any University students, with the exception of international students. If your fellowship does not include health insurance, you should check with your department. Sometimes they will pick-up that cost. More information about benefits for graduate students can be found at [www.umich.edu/~benefits/jobgroups/grads.htm](http://www.umich.edu/~benefits/jobgroups/grads.htm). Information about the MSA-approved domestic student health insurance (Chickering) can be found at <http://www.uhs.umich.edu/insurbill/msa.html>.
- 3) There are several resources regarding taxes for fellowship recipients:
  - a. <http://www.finops.umich.edu/TaxDept/scholarship.pdf>
  - b. [https://umich-rackham.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/umich\\_rackham.cfg/php/enduser/std\\_adp.php?p\\_faqid=1586](https://umich-rackham.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/umich_rackham.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=1586)
  - c. <http://www.finops.umich.edu/TaxDept/pub520.pdf>
- 4) Please watch the Fellowship Recipient webpage for announcements, and don't forget to register your fellowship: <http://www.engin.umich.edu/students/current/graduate/funding/fellowshiprecipients.html>.

If you have any other questions or feedback you'd like to share with me, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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