START PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE NOW.

No matter your stage of life, there are a number of steps you can take to make retirement work for you.

EVERY YEAR WHILE WORKING

• Review your savings progress and meet with TIAA or Fidelity to make sure your investments match your savings goals.

AT AGE 50

• Bump up your savings in the 403(b) SRA or 457(b) plans. Annual limits on contributions to each of these plans increase by $6,500 at age 50.

ANNUAL LIMITS ON RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS INCREASE BY

$6500

AT AGE 50

5-7 YEARS BEFORE RETIREMENT

• Visit hr.umich.edu/retirement-benefits to learn about the cost of retiree health benefits.
• Meet with TIAA or Fidelity to start discussing retirement income, budgeting for retiree health benefits, tax considerations and estate planning.
• Get Social Security income estimates online at socialsecurity.gov or by calling 800-772-1213.
• Some individuals choose to reduce long-term disability and life insurance coverage as they approach retirement, putting those funds into retirement savings instead.

1-2 YEARS BEFORE RETIREMENT

• Attend a Planning for Retirement class offered monthly by the Benefits Office.
• Attend a presentation offered periodically on campus by the Social Security Administration.
• If they aren’t already on your plan, add any dependents you want to cover in retirement to your benefits during the open enrollment period before you retire.
• Faculty—Follow your department’s process for developing a retirement agreement.

3 MONTHS BEFORE RETIREMENT

• Staff—Notify your supervisor of your retirement date in writing so that it can be processed and entered into the system.
• Join the University of Michigan Retirees Association.
• Apply for Social Security, if applicable based on your age and plan for retirement income.

2 MONTHS BEFORE RETIREMENT

• Contact the Shared Services Center to obtain your retirement checkout kit (forms for retiree ID, parking permit, automatic payment for benefits and more).

1 MONTH BEFORE RETIREMENT

• Submit forms to TIAA or Fidelity to begin retirement income payments.

AT AGE 65

• If you are still working, you can either apply for Medicare Part A at age 65 and wait until retirement to apply for Medicare Part B, or you can wait to apply for both Parts A and B no later than the end of the month in which you retire. Your U-M health plan will remain your primary coverage until you retire.
• If you have already retired and are receiving Social Security benefits when you turn 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. If you are not yet receiving Social Security benefits, it’s a good idea to apply for Medicare Parts A and B three months before you turn 65.
Eligibility for Benefits

Eligibility is determined by a point system:
points = age + years of service

Examples
80 points = age 65 + 15 years of service
80 points = age 58 + 22 years of service

Points required for eligibility
If you retire in 2017 or 2018 78 points
If you retire in 2019 or 2020 79 points
If you retire in 2021 or later 80 points

For more complete information about eligibility, visit: hr.umich.edu/retirement-eligibility

Healthcare Coverage

As a U-M retiree, you can maintain your U-M health plan, but it will become secondary to Medicare coverage at age 65 (or earlier if you become eligible due to disability).

The amount the university will contribute to your healthcare premium varies based on a number of factors, including your date of service, retirement date, age and years of service. If you retire before age 62 (and your date of service is on or after July 1, 1988), you’ll pay the full cost until age 62. At that time, the university will contribute to your monthly premium.

If you are still working when you turn 65, you may either enroll in Medicare Part A and wait to enroll in Part B until you retire, or enroll in both shortly before retirement.

For more information about healthcare in retirement visit: hr.umich.edu/retirement-benefits
Medicare
(800) 633-4227
medicare.gov

Retirement Income

There is no pension at U-M.

When you are nearing retirement, you will need to decide how and when you want to begin receiving payments from your retirement accounts. You should contact the Social Security Administration, TIAA and/or Fidelity Investments well in advance of your expected retirement date to begin planning, as well as maximizing your voluntary contributions to the retirement savings plans the university offers.

For more information about retirement savings plans, visit:
hr.umich.edu/retirement-savings-plans

TIAA
(800) 732-8353
tiaa.org/umich

Fidelity
(800) 642-7131
netbenefits.com/uofm

Social Security Administration
(800) 772-1213
socialsecurity.gov

Staying Connected

When you retire from the University of Michigan, you’ll remain a part of large, connected community. You can trade in your ID card for a retiree ID card and take advantage of many privileges and discounts, including:

- U-M Retirees Association
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Recreational Sports facilities
- University libraries
- Athletic ticket discounts
- University Record subscription
- Computing services, including umich.edu email
- After-hours Ann Arbor Blue lot parking permit

For more information about retiree privileges, visit:
hr.umich.edu/retiree-privileges