As a parent or family member, you play a vital role in your student’s transition to college life. That is why we want parents and family members to attend an Orientation program. Being a parent of an international student means you have options as to what type of Parent Orientation program to attend:

- **Parent Orientation:**
  University wide orientation program hosted by Orientation & First-Year Programs

- **International Parent Orientation (IPoP) Program:**
  hosted by International Student & Scholar Services

- **Chinese International Parent Orientation Program (CHIPoP):**
  hosted International Student & Scholar Services and delivered in Chinese language.

At all programs, you will learn about the business of interacting with the University and its many resources. At the Parent Orientation program, you will become aware of the transitional issues students experience during their first year at the U of M and some strategies for supporting them through this transition. Even if you’re familiar with the U of M campus, Parent Orientation offers relevant and timely information on: tuition expenses (including how the tuition bill can be paid), health insurance, safety on campus, academic expectations, academic advising, registration, and University resources.

The Parent Orientation runs concurrently with your students’ Orientation date however, the IPoP program is on Tuesday, August 25 and the CHIPoP program in on Friday, August 28. More information regarding the IPoP and CHIPoP program can be found on next page.

For the Parent Orientation program schedule, visit [www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent](http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent).
INTERNATIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION (IPoP) PROGRAM

This half-day program on Tuesday, August 25 will address any international student and parent related questions. This session is a supplement to the one-day Parent Orientation program. There is no additional charge for this program.

For questions about IPoP, please e-mail to ipop@umn.edu. We are able to respond in different languages, if needed.

CHINESE INTERNATIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM (CHIPoP):

Chinese speaking international parents are invited to join a one-day alternative orientation session on Friday, August 28. This session is delivered in Chinese language and addresses specific questions and concerns of Chinese parents.

To read more about this program in Chinese language, go to www.isss.umn.edu/new/pdf/chipop_us15.pdf. For questions about CHIPoP, please e-mail lixx0887@umn.edu.

ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

As students begin their careers at the University, it is important that they register for classes on their own with the guidance of their academic advisers, and that they begin making their own decisions about their academic futures.

Encouraging students to be self-sufficient will help them develop confidence, improve problem-solving skills, and enhance their overall experience at the U of M.
PARENT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

On Campus

AUGUST 27 OR 28:
On-campus lodging is available at 17th Avenue Hall. The rate for a single room is $43, or $66 for a double room per room, per night including tax. You will be able to check into your room at 3:00 p.m., or earlier if your room is ready. Your room will have basic amenities such as linens and towels.

To make your reservation:
z.umn.edu/parenthousing

AUGUST 31:
There is no on-campus overnight option.

Hotels

The following hotels are close to Orientation activities. When making your reservation, let them know you are visiting the University of Minnesota. A discount may apply.

DAYS HOTEL ON UNIVERSITY (EAST BANK)
www.daysinn.com/hotel/08225
1-800-375-3990 or 612-623-3999

COURTYARD MINNEAPOLIS DOWNTOWN (WEST BANK)
www.courtyard.com/mspdc
612-333-4646
Get University of Minnesota discount using promotion code “UoN”

THE COMMONS HOTEL (EAST BANK)
www.commonshotel.com
1-800-822-6757 or 612-379-8888
Get University of Minnesota Orientation discount at The Commons by using promotion code “UorientationX”
Once school begins, here are some great ways for parents and families to stay connected with the University:

**Parents Association**

The Minnesota Parents Association and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association have created a dual membership offer that provides parents and their student with valuable programs and rewards. As a parent, you will have access to communications and programming designed especially for you. Parents and students receive a subscription to *Minnesota*, the award-winning Alumni Association magazine that highlights what's happening at the U.

Membership also includes a 10 percent discount at the University Bookstore; special pricing on travel and hotels, including The Commons Hotel on campus; information on special events; and student prize drawings. Registration information is available at [www.umn.edu/parent/association](http://www.umn.edu/parent/association). Stop by their table at the Resource Fair during Orientation.