



Laptop Program

\$10,000 supports 7 students

Laptops are an essential tool for students to thrive in college and are needed for almost every single academic activity, including writing papers, creating presentations, taking notes while reading and studying, conducting research, accessing online materials, and working collaboratively with others. For low-income LSA students, not having a reliable laptop to use in class is a major obstacle to academic success. Each year a surprising number of students arrive at Michigan with no laptop of their own, or with substantially outdated technology.

As a part of the college's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, LSA is addressing barriers to access for our students. It is crucial to LSA that all students have adequate resources to help them succeed. To address the digital divide among undergraduates, LSA piloted the Laptop Program. Low-income students are offered a free, new MacBook Air, with essential software, to use throughout their undergraduate years. Laptops are loaned to students so as not to reduce their financial aid.

Now as it moves out of the pilot phase, the program has provided more than 1,300 students with laptops, and they are making a significant, positive impact on academic outcomes.

According to one student, “My family, particularly my dad, was stressing out for not being able to provide a laptop that could run all the required programs for college. I was using an old Chromebook that would constantly crash during class if it was running too many processes at once. I’m ever so grateful for this laptop, and it truly lifted a lot of burdens off of my and my family’s shoulders. It helped with my studies, and I was able to accomplish so much more.”

Support is needed to continue offering this important resource that helps level the academic playing field for low-income students. With nearly one-third of the incoming class qualifying for the program, we are falling short of the need. Gifts of any size will help provide students with the tools to thrive during their time on campus.

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