Relocation Assistance Program

humanresources.umn.edu/find-job/rap

While professional considerations are foremost in the minds of those contemplating positions at the University of Minnesota, personal issues can also affect whether candidates remain in the pool. The Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) works to ease the transition of moving to a new community by providing essential support to new and prospective faculty, staff, and their families. We encourage you to have candidates contact RAP early in the recruiting process.

Twin Cities Housing and Cost of Living (As of May 2016)
- Cost of Living Calculator: www.bestplaces.net/col
- Median home price: $222,000
- Average monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment: $1,100
- Typical monthly rent for a three-bedroom house: $1,700
- Average commute times for the metropolitan area: humanresources.umn.edu/relocation-assistance-program/housing
- Infant child care per week (U of M Child Care Center): $350

Note: The U of M Child Care Center has a 200-400 child waiting list.
For information on other child care options: humanresources.umn.edu/relocation-assistance-program/rap-child-care
- Tax reminder: The employee may be taxed on a portion of his/her moving allowance. For specific answers to relocation related tax questions, contact Dennis Nelson at 612-626-5866 or send an email to nels0280@umn.edu.

Area tours (approximate cost of $150) are an excellent way to introduce candidates to the Twin Cities. To schedule a tour, contact the RAP office at 612-626-0775 or rapland@umn.edu.

Schools
Most school districts host open houses and registrations in January. For a child to secure a spot in a specific school, he/she must be registered by January for the fall semester. For more information on school quality reports: http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Data/index.html

Spouse/Partner Employment
RAP offers Dual Career Services to help spouses or partners explore employment options in the Twin Cities. Dual Career Services brochures are available through the RAP office to send with materials to candidates and new hires. To obtain brochures, send an email to raprequests@umn.edu.
humanresources.umn.edu/relocation-assistance-program/spousepartner-employment

Diversity and Community
RAP provides information about diversity resources and multicultural communities:
humanresources.umn.edu/relocation-assistance-program/diversity-community-connections

Rental Resources
For more information on these or other relocation topics, refer to the “Information for Hiring Departments” section of the RAP Web site: humanresources.umn.edu/spousepartner-employment/information-hiring-dept
Comprehensive relocation packets may be obtained by emailing raprequests@umn.edu.

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