At the University of Chicago, we’re all about ideas. It doesn’t matter who you are, where you’re from, or what you’re studying—what’s important is that you’re courageous enough to take chances, express your thoughts, discover your passions, and learn and grow from feedback. Through our Core curriculum, opportunities for real-world experience, and intentionally constructed community, students open new intellectual horizons. It’s this approach that empowers our students and fosters world-changing ideas.
OPPORTUNITY
We believe every college student should be free to focus on what matters.
Each year, the University provides $135 million in need- and merit-based aid to ensure that undergraduate students of all backgrounds can access the University’s transformative education. Following our No Barriers philosophy, families applying for need-based financial aid pay no application fee to the College and are awarded a financial aid package that meets their full demonstrated need and does not include loans. Low-income and first-generation students receive additional mentorship, funding, and career support through our Odyssey Scholars program, funded initially by an anonymous $100 million donation with continuing support from hundreds of alumni and friends.
Our scholars, scientists, and educators transform our society—and the world.
The structure of DNA. New species of dinosaurs. The science of ecology. The
mathematical theory of black holes. Proof that cancer is a genetic disease.
Carbon-14 dating of archeological finds. Revolutionary theories of education.
Measurement of the speed of light. Efficient market theory. The age of the Earth. The
first controlled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. These advances are the result of
research at the University of Chicago. A world-renowned hub of innovation, UChicago
challenges conventional thinking and accepted wisdom. UChicago’s Institute
for Molecular Engineering, affiliation with the Marine Biological Laboratory, and
management of Argonne National Laboratory and Fermilab ensure that UChicago
students will have experience working at the leading edge of scientific research.
Our students are recognized as among the brightest in the world. You could be our next Rhodes Scholar, joining 51 other UChicago recipients since the award’s inception in 1904. Our undergraduates become Churchill Scholars, Marshall Scholars, and Truman Scholars, and receive prestigious fellowships in medical sciences, humanities, and foreign affairs. UChicago students make up one of the largest groups of graduates selected for Teach for America and the Peace Corps. They come from public schools and private schools. They represent diverse cultures and economic backgrounds. They are from down the street, across the country, and around the globe. Our students are smart, funny, and down-to-earth—the kind of people who become friends for life.
LEADERSHIP

John Paul Stevens, AB’41
FORMER U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

David Brooks, AB’83
NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST

Kimberly Peirce, AB’90
DIRECTOR OF FILM BOYS DON’T CRY

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GROUNDBREAKING CHOREOGRAPHER
University of Chicago alumni shape the world we live in. From astronomer Edwin Hubble, SB 1910, PhD 1917, namesake of the Hubble telescope, to David Brooks, AB’83, *New York Times* columnist, UChicago graduates share pride in an extraordinary tradition of excellence and leadership. Our 150,000 alumni are Nobel laureates, CEOs, university presidents, attorneys general, literary giants, and astronauts. They win Grammy, Emmy, Tony, and Academy Awards. They are Pulitzer Prize–winning journalists and Supreme Court justices. They form a network that spans more than 125 countries around the globe—and exemplify a stellar legacy of accomplishment reflected in every University of Chicago degree.

**PICTURED:** The gravity of galaxy cluster Abell 2218 bends and focuses the light from galaxies that lay behind it in this image from the Hubble Space Telescope, named for astronomer and alumnus Edwin Hubble.
Our academic programs prepare you for whatever path you choose. Our Core curriculum offers a broad perspective on human knowledge and furnishes tools of inquiry and analysis that are applicable to the University of Chicago’s rich array of program offerings—and to life. The College offers a choice of 50 majors, 40 minors, and dozens of areas of specialized study, from such well-defined fields as anthropology and mathematics to interdisciplinary programs like biological chemistry and cinema and media studies. Pre-professional courses of study, supported by individualized guidance from our Office of Career Advancement, supplement the academic programs. Drawing on the powerful combination of a traditional liberal arts college at the heart of a premier research university, we provide the intellectual groundwork; you define the boundaries.
The environment here produces ideas that matter—ideas that win Nobel Prizes. Nobel laureates—10 percent of all recipients since the award was first given in 1901—are associated with the University of Chicago, including five current faculty members. Our faculty are recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Fields Medal (the highest honor a mathematician can attain), the Pulitzer Prize, and the National Medal of Science. More than 30 current and former faculty have received “Genius Grants” from the MacArthur Foundation. And one former senior lecturer was recently President of the United States. The student-faculty ratio is 6 to 1, allowing for the kind of access that changes lives—including yours.
Community starts with sharing common space—and a common spirit.
The University of Chicago’s residential housing model integrates faculty, staff, upperclass resident assistants, and 50 to 100 students who live together and care for one another. Your House is a home as soon as you set foot on campus. Resident Heads open their doors to you, sharing their family lives (and pets!) and hosting study breaks, Bad Movie Nights, and hiking excursions to the Indiana Dunes. Your community learns in the classroom, works out together at Ratner Athletics Center, is nurtured in more than 400 campus clubs and organizations, broadens through neighborhood outreach activities, whispers in library study sessions, continues the conversation in campus coffee shops, skirmishes in intramural contests, skates down the Midway, and howls with laughter at Off-Off Campus’s weekly improv shows.

<CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Student-athletes at the University of Chicago are students first, but they know how to play a good game. The first Heisman Trophy winner was UChicago football legend Jay Berwanger. Since 1987, the Maroons have won 55 conference titles in 14 different sports. / At the heart of campus, the University’s quadrangles are an ideal place to gather at any time of year. / Recognized Student Organizations bring together students from various backgrounds but with similar interests and goals. / The Center for Identity + Inclusion serves as a hub for cross-cultural dialogue and community engagement.>
CAMPUS LIFE
Think of campus life as an endless feast for your mind. Whatever you hunger for, it’s here. A stunningly beautiful 217-acre campus with more green space than one typically imagines in an urban setting, the University of Chicago campus is a certified botanic garden that sprouts lively discourse, experimental music, groundbreaking theater, the world’s greatest scavenger hunt, and championship Division III sports teams. Our students act in, design, and direct an average of 35 productions annually with University Theater. The arts regularly take center stage, with museums and the professional Court Theatre on campus, as well as a steady stream of visiting artists who create literature, film, poetry, music, and genre-defying work. Campus life stays out late for Midnight Soccer and gets up early for the lakeside midwinter salute to the rising sun. It moves to live music in Hutchinson Courtyard, is captured by student writers and filmmakers, and extends far beyond the classroom.
Chicago: Our city, our laboratory, our playground, our muse, our home.

Students come to the University of Chicago expecting a world-class education and discover a world-class city. Our Chicago Studies program creates boundless opportunity to connect with the city, from curriculum on Chicago film history, to faculty researching urban issues, to events with metropolitan leaders, to the chance to publish original research. Chicago is home to the blues and the Bulls, deep-dish pizza and the Chicago Picasso, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Second City, and 77 neighborhood communities with a cultural—and culinary—diversity unmatched almost anywhere in the world. Our historic Hyde Park neighborhood has been home to residents ranging from Saul Bellow to Muhammad Ali. And, of course, there’s Lake Michigan, with swimming, sailing, and sandy beaches. It’s like having a water park bigger than Belgium in your front yard.

<LEFT> The University of Chicago is just seven miles from the heart of Chicago, easily reached by train, bus, car, or a scenic ride along the bike path bordering Lake Michigan.
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