THINK. TRANSFORM. THRIVE.
At the University of Chicago, it’s all about ideas. It doesn’t matter who you are, where you’re from, or what you’re studying—what matters is that you’re courageous enough to take chances, express your thoughts, discover your passions, and learn and grow from feedback. At the core of our curriculum, programs, and community, students learn how to think and open new intellectual horizons. It’s this approach that empowers our students and fosters world-changing ideas.
The environment here produces ideas that matter—ideas that win Nobel Prizes. More than 85 Nobel laureates—10 percent of all recipients since the award was first given in 1901—are associated with the University of Chicago, including eight current faculty members. Our faculty are recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom as well as the National Medal of Science. More than 20 current and former faculty have received “genius grants” from the MacArthur Foundation. And one former senior lecturer is President of the United States. The student-faculty ratio is 7:1, allowing for the kind of access that changes lives—including yours.
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. Measuring the speed of light. Efficient market theory. How to preserve blood. The correlation between poverty and inequality. The first controlled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. These advances are the result of research at the University of Chicago. A world-renowned place of innovation, UChicago fosters thought leadership by challenging conventional thinking and accepted wisdom.
STUDENTS
Our students are recognized as among the brightest in the world. You could be our next Rhodes Scholar. The University of Chicago consistently leads in the number of Rhodes Scholarships awarded, with more than 45 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. 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

James Watson, PhB’46, SB’47
NOBEL LAUREATE WHO CO-DISCOVERED THE STRUCTURE OF DNA

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

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

Milton Friedman, AM’33
NOBEL LAUREATE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

David Axelrod, AB’76
ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT OBAMA

Seymour Hersh, AB’58
PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST

John Ashcroft, JD’67
FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

Susan Sontag, AB’51
CRITIC AND AUTHOR

David Brooks, AB’83
NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST

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FOUNDER AND CEO OF MORNINGSTAR

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Katherine Dunham, PhB’36
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Bernard Sahlins, AB’43
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SENIOR CORRESPONDENT FOR PBS
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 more than 147,000 alumni are Nobel laureates, CEOs, university presidents, attorneys general, literary giants, and astronauts. They win Oscar, Grammy, and Tony awards. They are Pulitzer Prize–winning journalists and Supreme Court justices. They form a network that touches more than 125 countries around the globe—and exemplify a stellar legacy of accomplishment reflected in every University of Chicago degree.
Our academic programs prepare you for whatever path you choose. The core of undergraduate classes offers a broad perspective on human knowledge and the 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 49 areas of programmatic study, from such well-defined fields as anthropology and mathematics to such interdisciplinary programs as biological chemistry and cinema and media studies, as well as preprofessional courses of study, with every choice supported by our Career Advising and Planning Services. Drawing on the powerful combination of a traditional liberal arts college at the heart of a premier research university, students have almost unlimited options—classes from the fine arts to the physical sciences, from discussion-based seminars to innovative laboratory experiences. We provide the intellectual groundwork; you define the boundaries.
We believe every College student should be free to focus on what matters. And so does one generous, anonymous College alumnus who gave $100 million to launch the $400 million Odyssey Scholarships initiative—part of a tradition-rich commitment to providing financial aid for our students. Odyssey Scholarships replace loans with grants for low- and moderate-income College students, so they can focus on their studies rather than working part-time jobs. Each year the University provides over $90 million in need and merit-based aid to ensure that undergraduate students of all backgrounds, regardless of economic circumstances, are able to reap the lifetime benefits of a University of Chicago education.
We believe that 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 a cadre of 50 to 100 students who live together, learn together, laugh 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!), hosting study breaks and Bad Movie Night, 10-minute finals week dance parties and hiking excursions to the Indiana Dunes. Your community learns in the classroom, works out together in Ratner Athletics Center, is nurtured in more than 350 campus clubs and organizations, widens through neighborhood outreach activities, whispers in library study sessions, continues the conversation in a dozen campus coffee shops, skirmishes in 1,600-plus intramural contests, skates down the Midway, and howls with laughter at Off-Off Campus’s weekly improv shows.
Think of campus life as an endless feast for your mind. Whatever you hunger for, it’s here. A stunningly beautiful 215-acre campus with more green space than one 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 largest scavenger hunt, and championship Division III sports teams. Our students study with the Grammy-winning ensemble-in-residence, the Pacifica Quartet. They act in, design, or direct an average of 40 productions annually with University Theater. The arts regularly take center stage, with professional organizations and museums on campus and a steady stream of visiting artists involved in literature, film, poetry, music, and explorations that defy categorization. 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 lives far beyond the classroom, with countless opportunities for involvement and extracurricular enjoyment.

<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 over 40 conference titles in 12 different sports. / The Main Quad’s lush landscaping dates back to 1902, when the son and nephew of famed landscape artist Frederick Law Olmsted planned the gardens at the heart of campus. / Our more than 80 student-run cultural, religious, and LGBTQ groups produce popular programming throughout the year, such as the South Asian Student Association’s annual cultural show.>
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 as well. Our Chicago Studies program creates unlimited opportunities to connect with the city, from curriculum on Chicago film history to faculty researching urban issues, from 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 Picasso; the Chicago Symphony and The Second City; and 77 neighborhood communities with an ethnic—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 downtown Chicago, easily reached by train, bus, car, or a scenic ride along the bike path bordering Lake Michigan.>
Discover the University of Chicago. Visit collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu to learn more about the UChicago experience or admissions process, or to plan your campus visit. We look forward to meeting you!