"We have an obligation to see that the greatest variety of perspectives is brought to bear on the issues before us as scholars and citizens."

ROBERT J. ZIMMER, UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

The University of Chicago thrives on the diversity of voices found in its student body. Our students are from every corner of the world and from an incredible range of backgrounds. This dynamic environment fuels groundbreaking innovations, conversations, and exchanges that reverberate across continents and make UChicago a leading global institution.

- UChicago was ranked 9th in the QS World University Rankings for 2019, 10th in the 2019 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, and 10th in the Academic Ranking of World Universities for 2019.
- UChicago Centers in Beijing, Delhi, Hong Kong, and Paris extend the international experience for all students in the College. Undergraduates take courses and conduct research with faculty engaged in intellectual inquiry around the world.
- Nearly 60 quarter-long and year-long study abroad programs are available in cities such as Athens, Barcelona, Dakar, Jerusalem, London, Oaxaca, Pune, Rome, and Vienna.
- The Metcalf Internship Program provides over 2,800 paid internships exclusively to UChicago students. In 2018-2019, UChicago students held internships in 250 cities across the U.S. and around the world.
- 96% of the Class of 2019 graduated with plans for employment, graduate school, and other substantive opportunities.

“My time at UChicago has shown me that home isn’t necessarily where the accents are the same or the food is familiar; it’s where you feel loved, appreciated, and respected for your differences.”

PETER E., AB‘17, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
UChicago partners with employers around the world to provide internships, career ‘treks,’ networking events, and other substantive opportunities for students. From two-day explorations to lifelong careers, UChicago prepares students to be top candidates for jobs and graduate schools anywhere in the world.

International Experiences

UChicago’s network of more than 1,500 employers provides internship opportunities with more than 50 countries and 95 cities outside of the U.S. each year.

Career Treks

Career Treks are career exploration experiences that bring students face-to-face with potential employers around the world. Treks are designed to give students a practical understanding of both daily life in their field of interest and the best way to successfully find a career in that field. Participating students have the opportunity to expand their professional network and find out whether a particular career matches their interests—from venture capital in Silicon Valley to publishing in London. Previous international trek destinations include Beijing, Dubai, Helsinki, Hong Kong, London, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Seoul, and Tokyo.

International Recruiting Forums

These “speed-networking” events help students meet many employers in just one day. UChicago holds recruiting forums in several cities around the world, including Hong Kong, Paris, and Shenzhen.

Funding for Career and Research Experiences

Students are eligible to apply for grants to fund unpaid internships and research opportunities around the world. The Jeff Metcalf Global Fellowship and the International Experience Grant are specifically designed to support summer professional opportunities for students outside of the United States. These grants have supported experiences across a wide range of countries, including Brazil, Cambodia, China, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Jordan, Rwanda, and Spain.

Wansiang Ambassador Fellows Program

Organized in partnership with the Wansiang Corporation, the program brings students to a six-week immersion experience in Hangzhou, China on Chinese language, culture, and clean technology initiatives.

Global Health Summer Research Fellowship

In partnership with the Center for Global Health at UChicago, this program funds global health research projects around the world. Students receive mentorship from a UChicago faculty member in Chicago and a local, in-country professional.

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ADRIAN DI MEO, CLASS OF 2020, CANADA

Top Internship and Post-Graduation International Employers

UChicago graduates are making an impact in their work at leading organizations throughout the United States and around the world.

Online Resources

Students have access to Goings Global, an international internship database, and WYSI, a platform that connects students to UChicago alumni mentors.

One-on-One Advising

Each international student is paired with an expert career advisor trained to support international students.

Student Employment

Professional experiences on campus help students build their resumes with no work authorization needed.

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Thais Branco, AB’19
Home Country: Brazil
Current role: Kraft Heinz Company, Chicago, IL

American University

Students also have access to an exclusive network of career fairs, with international and domestic locations in Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Chicago.

Office of International Affairs

OIA offers expert guidance for international students navigating visas and travel documentation, from day one to graduation.
A COSMOPOLITAN CITY

Chicago is the third largest city in the United States. Home to a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, more than 30 Fortune 500 companies, and one of the world's busiest international airports, Chicagoland is a major commercial, industrial, and political hub. With the UChicago Arts Pass, students have access to over 70 world-class fine arts and cultural institutions like the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Art Institute of Chicago, Lyric Opera, and Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. Our students explore this city of 77 distinct neighborhoods through cultural celebrations, historic traditions, and a smörgåsbord of cuisine.

STUDENT LIFE

Student life at the University of Chicago reflects a rich range of backgrounds and interests, with more than 400 student organizations on campus. Some of our student organizations that focus on multicultural life include:

- African and Caribbean Students Association
- Argentine Tango Club
- Brazilian Student Association
- Chinese Undergraduate Students Association
- International Student Association
- Korean Student Organization
- Movimento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MECHA)
- Muslim Students Association
- Organization of Latin American Students
- Chicago Raas
- Singapore Society
- South Asian Students Association
- Turkish Students Association

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Nearly $20 million in need-based financial aid has been offered to international students in the past four years, and a recent gift of $35 million for international financial aid has strengthened the University’s commitment to enroll students of high academic ability from around the world, regardless of financial means. Although the admissions process is need-sensitive for international students, we are committed to meeting 100% of the demonstrated financial need of all admitted first-year students, including international students.

To learn more about international financial aid, visit us online at: collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/cost-aid/international-financial-aid

I participated in the 2018 Tokyo trek in hopes to gain an understanding of business internationally. I was more than satisfied with my experience, as I was able to gain invaluable experiences and insights into the business sector in Tokyo. Being an international student from Tokyo, this experience has provided more career paths for me as I was able to network and grasp the key similarities and differences between business sectors in different countries.

Daisuke Tanioka, Class of 2021
Home Country: Japan
Major: Economics
Tokyo Business Trek, Winter 2018

FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION CHECKLIST

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

☐ Coalition for College (coalitionforcollegeaccess.org) or Common Application (commonapp.org)
☐ UChicago Supplement
☐ Application fee (no application fee if applying for need-based aid)
☐ School report and transcript
☐ 2 letters of recommendation from teachers
☐ International Student Financial Aid Application (required if you seek need-based aid)
☐ SAT, ACT, or other standardized testing*
☐ Proof of English proficiency: TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test (unless exempted)

OPTIONAL ELEMENTS

☐ 1 supplemental letter of recommendation
☐ SAT Subject Test scores
☐ UChicago Arts Supplement
☐ Video Profile

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Early Action & Early Decision I: November 1st
- Early Decision II & Regular Decision: January 2nd

*Students can visit our website to find details on permissible test results to submit instead of the ACT or SAT and learn more about UChicago’s Empower Initiative: collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/empower