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THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CHICAGO



**At the University of Chicago, we're all about ideas.** Our commitment to Free Speech serves as a bedrock of academic exploration and open discussion. 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 from feedback. Through our Core curriculum, opportunities for real-world experience, and passionate and engaged community, students open new intellectual horizons. This approach empowers our students and fosters world-changing ideas.







# OPPORTUNITY

**Every college student should be free to focus on what matters.** UChicago provides over \$200 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 receive a financial aid award that meets their full demonstrated need with no loan expectation. Low-income students receive additional mentorship, funding, and career support through our Odyssey Scholars program. Additionally, UChicago Empower expands access for rural students, enhances financial support for first-generation students, veterans, and children of police officers and firefighters, and enables student ownership of the college process.

< **LEFT:** Hutchinson Courtyard hosts the Summer Breeze Music Festival every year. Most days, however, it offers a scenic setting for meeting friends, classmates, or faculty.





# RESEARCH

**Our scholars, scientists, and educators transform the world.** 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. Breakthroughs in the development of quantum technologies. The first controlled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. These advances are the result of research at the University of Chicago. As a world-renowned hub of innovation, UChicago challenges conventional thinking and accepted wisdom. UChicago's Pritzker School of 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.

< **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Scientists perform innovative research at Fermilab—one of two national laboratories operated by UChicago—including the development of an unhackable national quantum internet. / Students at UChicago have access to numerous research and internship opportunities through over 160 research institutes and centers, including at the Medical Center and in almost every departmental lab on campus. / The Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, provides students an opportunity to explore new frontiers in biological research. / Medical Center radiologists use an "intelligent" CT scanner to reveal the woman inside the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures Museum's 3,000-year-old mummy.





# STUDENTS

**Our students are recognized as among the brightest in the world.** The enduring values of a UChicago education give our graduates the intellectual skills, strengths, and approaches that empower them to be leaders, critical thinkers, and problem solvers who are willing to develop and test ideas that help make our world a better place. In classrooms across the university, free expression and open discourse ensure that students experience an unfettered exchange of ideas. You could be our next Rhodes Scholar, joining more than 50 other UChicago recipients since the award's inception in 1904. Our undergraduates become Churchill Scholars, Marshall Scholars, and Truman Scholars, as well as 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 your friends for life.

< **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Students in the College begin to form friendships as soon as they arrive on campus for Orientation Week. / 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 70 titles in 15 different sports, including 2 NCAA championships. / Through the Metcalf Internship Program, UChicago students have exclusive access to over 4,300 paid internships on campus, in Chicago, and around the world. / Each year, the University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt gives students four days to earn as many points as possible from a list of more than 300 items and events.



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

Willie Davis, MBA'68  
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MEMBER

Ray Suarez, AM'93  
JOURNALIST AND US CORRESPONDENT FOR EURONEWS

Nate Silver, AB'00  
SABERMETRICIAN AND FOUNDER OF FIVETHIRTYEIGHT.COM

Paul Sills, AB'51  
CO-FOUNDER OF SECOND CITY

Carol Moseley Braun, JD'72  
FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN ELECTED TO U.S. SENATE

Eliot Ness, PhB'25  
CO-AUTHOR OF AND INSPIRATION FOR THE UNTOUCHABLES

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ASTRONOMER, WRITER, EDUCATOR

Robert Lucas, AB'59, PhD'64  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PROFESSOR AND NOBEL LAUREATE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Jay Berwanger, AB'36  
FIRST HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER

Susan Sontag, AB'51  
CRITIC AND AUTHOR

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

Andrew M. Greeley, AM'61, PhD'62  
PRIEST, SOCIOLOGIST, AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

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FORMER UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PROFESSOR AND NOBEL LAUREATE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

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PUBLISHER OF THE WASHINGTON POST AND PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

David Axelrod, AB'76  
ADVISOR TO BARACK OBAMA

Jon S. Corzine, MBA'73  
FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY

Paul Volberding, AB'71  
CO-DISCOVERER OF HIV VIRUS

Kurt Vonnegut, AM'71  
LITERARY ICON

John Grunsfeld, SM'84, PhD'88  
ASTRONAUT

Edwin Hubble, SB 1910, PhD 1917  
ASTRONOMER WHO FOUND FIRST EVIDENCE FOR THE BIG BANG THEORY

Sara Paretsky, AM'69, MBA'77, PhD'77  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Philip Kaufman, AB'58  
FILM DIRECTOR AND SCREENWRITER

David Broder, AB'47, AM'51  
POLITICAL COLUMNIST FOR WASHINGTON POST

Joseph Mansueto, AB'78, MBA'80  
FOUNDER AND CEO OF MORNINGSTAR

# LEADERSHIP

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

Dan Hertzberg, AB'68  
PULITZER PRIZE WINNER AND AMERICAN JOURNALIST

Kimberly Ng, AB'90  
FIRST FEMALE GENERAL MANAGER IN THE MLB AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE MIAMI MARLINS

Donald Johanson, AM'70, PhD'74  
PALEOANTHROPOLOGIST WHO DISCOVERED "LUCY," A LINK BETWEEN PRIMATES AND HUMANS

David Auburn, AB'91  
TONY AWARD- AND PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING PLAYWRIGHT

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

Alex Seropian, SB'91  
FOUNDER OF BUNGIE SOFTWARE, CREATOR OF HALO GAME SERIES

Evan Sharp, AB'05  
CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER OF PINTEREST

Philip Glass, AB'56  
COMPOSER AND MUSICIAN

Milton Friedman, AM'33  
NOBEL LAUREATE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

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LAWYER, PROFESSOR, AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

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NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE WINNER

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HEAD OF POLICY PARTNERSHIPS + SOCIAL IMPACT AT SNAP INC.

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CHAIRMAN OF CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, CHAIRMAN OF MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

David Brooks, AB'83  
NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST

Katherine Dunham, PhB'36  
GROUNDBREAKING CHOREOGRAPHER

Aviva Rosman, AB'10, AM'16  
CO-FOUNDER AND COO OF BALLOTREADY

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.





# ACADEMICS

**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 applicable to the University of Chicago's rich array of program offerings—and to life. The College offers a choice of over 50 majors and 50 minors, along with dozens of areas of specialized study, from traditional fields like anthropology and mathematics to interdisciplinary fields like molecular engineering and cinema and media studies. Pre-professional courses of study, supported by individualized guidance from our Career Advancement advisers, supplement the academic programs. The skills, strengths, and approaches that you develop in the classroom—combined with the comprehensive career support that the University of Chicago provides at every step of your college experience, from the day you step onto campus to the day you receive your diploma and beyond—will leave you prepared to make an impact as soon as you graduate. The powerful combination of a traditional liberal arts college at the heart of a leading research university provides the intellectual foundation; you build from there.

<CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Thanks to the University's Center in Paris, study abroad opportunities abound in the City of Light. / UChicago students graduate with intellectual tools gained in the classroom that last a lifetime. / The Arley D. Cathey Learning Center in Harper Memorial Library gives students access to a beautiful, quiet space to study and collaborate. / Two undergraduate physics majors conduct research on the levitation of macroscopic objects between warm and cold plates in a vacuum chamber.





# FACULTY

**The environment here produces ideas that make an impact.** 97 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, 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-to-faculty ratio is 5 to 1, allowing for the kind of access that changes lives—including yours.

<CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Former senior lecturer and Hyde Park resident Barack Obama meets with students at an event hosted by the Institute of Politics. / Richard Thaler, the Charles R. Walgreen Distinguished Service Professor of Behavioral Science and Economics, won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for work in the field of behavioral economics. / Shadi Bartsch-Zimmer, the Helen A. Regenstein Distinguished Service Professor of Classics and the Program in Gender Studies, is selected as the guest speaker for the highly anticipated Latke vs Hamantaschen debate, a UChicago tradition since 1946. / Paul Sereno, Professor in Organismal Biology & Anatomy and the Committee on Evolutionary Biology, is a leading paleontologist who has discovered several new dinosaur species.





# COMMUNITY

**Community starts with sharing a common space and a common spirit.** The University of Chicago's residential House 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!), while also hosting study breaks, Bad Movie Nights, and hiking excursions to the Indiana Dunes. Community lies beyond your house though, across every corner of our beautiful 217-acre campus. New friends and passions can be found in any one of UChicago's 450+ registered student organizations. Whatever you're searching for, it's here—lively discourse, experimental music, groundbreaking theater, the world's greatest scavenger hunt, and championship Division III sports teams. Our community 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, stars in works by student writers and filmmakers, and thrives far beyond the classroom.

**<CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Students enjoy the thrill of competition through activities ranging from Scav Olympics to intramural, club, and varsity sports. / At the heart of campus, the University's quadrangles are an ideal place to gather at any time of year. / Students pass through Hull Gate ceremoniously at the bookends of their time at UChicago and less ceremonially every day in between on their way to class. / One of many dining facilities on campus, Hutchinson Commons offers eclectic eats from Indian food to poke bowls.





**Chicago: Our city, our laboratory, our playground, our muse, and our home.** Students come to the University of Chicago expecting a world-class education and discover a world-class city. Our Chicago Studies program makes the city our biggest classroom—from curricula on Chicago film history and faculty researching urban issues, to events with metropolitan leaders and the chance to publish original research. The UChicago Urban Labs use Chicago-based research as a lens to address global challenges. Our city is home to the Chicago blues and Cubs baseball, deep-dish pizza and the Chicago Picasso, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and 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 like Saul Bellow and 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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