The University of Chicago is deeply committed to ensuring that students from every background, regardless of financial need, can find a home here. Our No Barriers policy empowers UChicago College students to graduate debt-free and prepared for lifelong success—no matter their chosen major or background prior to enrolling in college. We will work with you and your family to create a financial aid package that fits your unique circumstances and ensures that a UChicago education is within your reach.

Families who apply for financial aid do not have to pay a college application fee to UChicago. You are welcome to attend a UChicago session in your area to learn more about applying to college.

UChicago's need-based financial aid is awarded as grants, which do not need to be repaid. Students can graduate without debt influencing their plans for the future.

Generous funding for summer and school-year involvement is available—from internships and research positions to study abroad and career exploration treks—for students of all majors and interests.

Career support starts with your personal career advisor, continues through four years of professional development, and becomes real experience through over 2,500 paid internships annually.

THE ODYSSEY SCHOLARSHIP

A key program supporting low-income and first-generation students, the Odyssey Scholarship was established in 2007 with a $100 million gift from an anonymous donor. Since then, over 13,000 additional donors have added to the program. The Odyssey Scholarship has brought a world-class opportunity within reach of students who might not otherwise seek it—approximately 40% of our Odyssey Scholars are the first in their family to attend college.

In addition to receiving our comprehensive need-based financial support, Odyssey Scholars have unparalleled enrichment opportunities to complement their transformative education. Funded summer internships or research opportunities allow Scholars to integrate classroom lessons into a real-world environment. Additionally, cross-year mentoring and alumni engagement provide current Odyssey Scholars successful role models from similar backgrounds.

When I think back to a year ago, I never would have imagined myself in my current position. Because of the University of Chicago’s Odyssey Scholarship, I see myself becoming the person I have always wanted to be—researching cellular biology by day and cultivating community by night. Odyssey has inspired me, encouraged me and compelled me to do my best and have fun in the process.

— Gabe M. Barrón, Odyssey Scholar, Class of 2020
NEED-BASED AID
The admissions process at UChicago is need-blind, meaning that we evaluate students on their merits alone, without weighing their financial situations. Through No Barriers, UChicago College students who receive need-based financial aid will receive aid awards containing grants instead of loans. We meet 100% of your family’s demonstrated financial need. This year, UChicago will award $159 million in financial aid. Though UChicago financial aid awards have no loan expectation, federal loans are available should families wish to use them.

International students, please visit collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/international-financial-aid to learn about international financial aid.

MERIT AID
In addition to comprehensive need-based awards, the University of Chicago is one of the few highly-selective universities in the country that also offers substantial merit scholarships to admitted students who show outstanding academic and extracurricular achievement, leadership experience, and commitment to their communities. Every first-year student admitted to UChicago is automatically considered for merit aid, which is usually awarded for four years of undergraduate study.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR FAMILY?

• UChicago’s need-based financial aid awards do not include loans. We meet 100% of a family’s financial need through UChicago grants, scholarships, and/or opportunities for student employment.

• Families whose total gross income is less than $125,000 (with typical assets) will receive a financial aid award that covers full tuition. Most families earning less than $60,000 will have tuition, fees, and room and board covered by financial aid.

• Admission to UChicago is need-blind for U.S. citizens and permanent residents, meaning a family’s ability to pay will not be considered in the admissions process.

• All first-generation college students will be awarded a $20,000, four-year scholarship, which will complement any need-based aid for which you qualify.

• All first-year Odyssey Scholars at UChicago receive a guaranteed opportunity to get a head start on their career with a research experience or Metcalf internship after their first year.

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*Students who submit their financial aid materials by the priority deadline will receive their financial aid award with their admissions decision. We will continue to receive and process materials at any time. All students are automatically considered for merit aid. These deadlines apply only to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. International students, please visit collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/international-financial-aid.

Please visit financialaid.uchicago.edu/undergraduate/apply-aid for more information.