A CULTURE OF FEARLESS INQUIRY.

“Education is not to reform students or to amuse them or to make them expert technicians. It is to unsettle their minds, widen their horizons, inflame their intellects.”

Robert Maynard Hutchins, President, 1929–1951, The University of Chicago

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

At the University of Chicago, students attain a strong educational foundation by engaging their curiosity and love of learning, asking tough questions, celebrating new ideas, and forming a community of scholars with diverse perspectives. Our commitment to Free Expression encourages academic exploration and open discussion on our campus. Bright minds come together from all corners of the globe to live the life of the mind, then translate the skills, habits, and connections they’ve made into a positive impact on the global stage.

THE CORE

At the academic center of the College is UChicago’s distinctive Core curriculum. The Core is your introduction to the tools of inquiry used in every discipline—physical, biological, and social sciences; humanities, arts, civilizations, and mathematics. Crafted by our professors, each part of the Core is an intentionally designed piece of a whole. Core classes are small, intellectually rich, and active discussion-based sessions focused on the reading of primary texts and the analysis of evidence. Classes are available during Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters.

THE COLLEGE HOUSES

At the social heart of the College are UChicago’s College Houses. Each of the 48 Houses brings together students from a wide variety of interest areas, backgrounds, and hometowns. Houses have traditions ranging from excellence in intramural Broomball to weekly tea-times, lounges, where students study and socialize, and House tables in the dining halls, where you’ll overhear conversations about everything from the Marvel Universe and Plato’s Republic to the finer points of string theory. College Houses connect faculty and staff with students outside of the classroom. Faculty serve as Resident Deans of each hall and organize cultural activities, meditation nights, and lectures. Meanwhile, Resident Heads provide study break snacks, put together House trips, and build community.
A COMMUNITY UNLIKE ANY OTHER WITH A TRADITION OF NON-TRADITIONAL THINKING.

Representing diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, our students embrace new languages, cultures, and societies to discover innovative ways of thinking. Sharing a common space and spirit, your community learns in the classroom, continues the conversation in a dozen campus coffee shops, works out together in Ratner Athletic Center, participates in more than 450 campus clubs and organizations, volunteers with neighborhood outreach programs, cheers on championship-winning Division III sports teams, competes in the world’s greatest scavenger hunt, and howls with laughter at Off-Off Campus’s weekly improv shows.

And since new ideas arise out of inviting a true variety of voices to the conversation, inclusivity is an essential aspect of this community, woven into the fabric of each College House and Core classroom. From this fertile intellectual ground spring lively discourse and world-changing discoveries, with students beginning their own research starting their first year on campus.

Research Opportunities
Each UChicago student benefits from the resources of a research university that is a global leader in scientific advancement, playing a pivotal role as a hub for innovation in quantum science and engineering. Scholars harness powerful instruments—like Argonne’s Advanced Photon Source and, soon, the fastest supercomputer ever built in the United States—to search for solutions to issues of global significance. Some of the 160+ research institutions at UChicago include:

- Aragonne National Laboratory
- Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics
- Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Feitler Center at the Smart Museum of Art
- Fermilab
- Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering
- Institute of Politics
- Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society

The Arts
From the founders of the Second City comedy troupe to internationally recognized a cappella groups, UChicago students are passionate about the arts. Arts organizations include student theater, filmmaking societies, dance companies, and literary and cultural magazines. Campus is home to the oldest continuously running student film society in the country, Doc Films, as well as multiple professional arts organizations, including the Tony Award-winning Court Theatre. Students also have many opportunities to participate in research in the arts at various campus centers such as Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society and Gray Center for Arts and Inquiry.

Athletics
Whether they’re playing on varsity teams, club teams, or competing with their House in intramural sports, our student-athletes achieve competitive excellence on the field and educational excellence in the classroom at UChicago.

20 Division III varsity teams:
- Baseball (M)
- Basketball (M+W)
- Cross Country (M+W)
- Football (M)
- Lacrosse (W)
- Soccer (M+W)
- Softball (W)

Our Neighborhood
Within a bustling city, UChicago’s neighborhood of Hyde Park provides a leafy residential setting along the shores of Lake Michigan for a community that’s home to 2/3 of our faculty and their families. The Midway Plaisance, constructed for the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893, stretches across the University campus. In winter, students skate and play Broomball on an ice rink that sits atop the pylons from the world’s first Ferris wheel. Hyde Park continues to entertain its residents with a vibrant restaurant scene, historic movie theater, and community events.
CAREER ADVANCEMENT

No matter what your interests are, your UChicago education will prepare you for a meaningful career after graduation. You can take advantage of personalized career advising, industry expertise, hands-on experience, and the faculty and resources of our graduate and professional schools to help you apply your UChicago education to professional success.

Career Advising starts during Orientation Week and continues all four years.

Professional Development transforms students into young professionals.

Alumni Mentoring programs guide students on their career journey.

In addition to individualized career advising and support, UChicago partners with employers across industries to provide hands-on experiences for students. Ranging from one-day job shadowing opportunities to year-long fellowships, these experiences prepare students for meaningful careers in their field of interest.

Internships for over 4,000 paid, substantive positions are available each year worldwide.

50+ Career Treks each year bring students to positions available each year worldwide to provide hands-on experiences for students. Ranging from one-day job shadowing opportunities to year-long fellowships, these experiences prepare students for meaningful careers in their field of interest.

Job Shadowing allows UChicago alumni to host students for one to five days at their workplace.

Micro-internships are paid, short-term projects across a wide range of industries.

Recurring Forums feature “speed networking” events to meet many employers at once.

Industry Pre-Professional Programs like the “Careers In…” programs bring in industry experts to prepare students for careers in specific fields:
- Arts, Culture, and Entertainment
- Behavioral Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Computer Science
- Education Professions
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Healthcare
- Journalism and Media
- Physical Sciences
- Policy and Social Impact

Post-College Outcomes: Your career journey begins your first day on campus, and after four years of meaningful academic and career experiences, UChicago students apply their education to a highly diverse range of opportunities after graduation.

- 98% of recent graduates have substantive post-college plans
- 88% of UChicago alumni attend graduate school during the course of their career
- Graduating classes secure opportunities at 400+ organizations each year
- 85% medical school acceptance rate in recent cycle, more than double the national average
- 97% acceptance rate to Top 20 law schools in recent cycle
- At or near 100% job placement rates for students in selective business programs

Gain Experience, Discover your Passion
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO: A GLOBAL CAMPUS IN A WORLD-CLASS CITY

Chicago is a major commercial, political, and cultural epicenter, home to an arm of the Federal Reserve, one of the world’s largest municipal GDPs, and more than 2.5 million people. Our students explore 77 distinct neighborhoods, 26 miles of beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline, and 601 public parks year-round through cultural celebrations, historic traditions, and a smorgasbord of cuisine. And with train and bus transportation free to UChicago students during the school year, the opportunities to explore are endless.

The exploration at the heart of the UChicago experience is not bound by the city limits. Our spirit of diverse collaboration is made possible by a campus with a global consciousness and a global reach. Through a variety of meaningful international engagements, students gain an understanding of and respect for other people and their ideas, a central component of the transformative, impactful, and worldly education that the University of Chicago provides. By engaging in the rigorous pursuit of knowledge through intelligent interaction with other languages, cultures, and societies, UChicago students graduate as citizens of the world prepared to make a positive impact on the ever-changing global stage.

ENGAGING THE CITY

““You have the right to do things in Chicago. If you want to start a business, a theater, a newspaper, you can find the space, the backing, the audience.” — Bernie Sahlins, AB’43, co-founder of The Second City

Have fun!
- Bike the length of the city along the lakefront!
- Take in a show at the Steppenwolf, The Second City, or the Neo-Futurarium!
- Visit the greatest museums in the world for free with the UChicago Arts Pass!

Work as a Metcalf Intern at places like:
- Morningstar
- The Art Institute
- Nielsen
- Bain & Company
- Argonne National Laboratory
- JPMorgan Chase
- The Shedd Aquarium
- Digitas

Volunteer or contribute to research with community and nonprofit organizations around Chicago, like:
- The Neighborhood Schools Program
- Metrosquash
- Peer Health Exchange
- University of Chicago Community Service Center
- UChicago Urban Labs
WE WELCOME BRIGHT MINDS TO CAMPUS FROM AN INCREDIBLE RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS.

Through our No Barriers financial aid philosophy and the Empower and Stand Together initiatives, the University of Chicago is expanding access to higher education and enabling students to graduate debt-free and prepared for lifelong success—no matter their chosen major or background prior to enrolling in the College. UChicago commits to meeting the full demonstrated need of every admitted first-year student through a grant-based financial aid package that does not include a student loan expectation. Key programs like the Odyssey Scholarship provide financial assistance and continue to support students once on campus, both inside and outside of the classroom.

The college admissions process is about finding a college home that is a good fit for your personality and your plans. We review a wide variety of information to look for bright minds, both inside and outside of the classroom.

We review a wide variety of information to look for bright minds, both inside and outside of the classroom. We are looking for students with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and an interest in encountering new ideas. No one quality on its own can determine the strength of an application—we’re looking to get a sense of who you are and hope to become as a whole person.

UCHICAGO FINANCIAL AID

- **Need-Based Aid**: UChicago commits to meeting each admitted student’s full demonstrated need.
- **Need-Blind Admissions**: Domestic first-year applicants are considered on the merits of their applications alone, without weighing their financial situations. International students, please visit collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/coalition/international-aid
- **No Application Fee**: Families who apply for financial aid do not pay a college application fee at UChicago.
- **Free Tuition**: Families earning less than $60,000 per year (with typical assets) attend UChicago for free. Families earning less than $250,000 per year (with typical assets) will receive full tuition scholarships to UChicago.
- **No Student Loan Expectation**: Our need-based financial aid is awarded as grants, which do not need to be repaid.
- **University Merit Scholarships**: All first-year applicants are automatically considered for four-year UChicago scholarships.

KEY PROGRAMS

- **The Odyssey Scholarship** supports students receiving our guaranteed free tuition, including many first-generation students. Robust aid packages are complemented by guaranteed funded opportunities, peer mentorship, and funding for UChicago Study Abroad programming.
- **UChicago Promise** offers scholarships, application support, and an application fee waiver to students from Chicago.
- **Stand Together** reinforces educational access and career success for students of color and other underrepresented cohorts.
- **The Neubauer Scholarship** builds on the mission of the Adelante Summer Scholars program to provide summer and academic-year funding for students engaged in Hispanic and Latino communities.
- **UChicago Empower** expands access for first-generation students, enables student agency and ownership in the college application process, and enhances financial support for those who serve our communities.
- **Emerging Rural Leaders** provides support for students from small-town and rural communities through summer enrichment opportunities and mentorship programs for high school students, as well as robust, specialized financial support for College students once they matriculate.
- **Veterans Scholars Program** provides admission support and access through a customized application process, dedicated career counseling and programming, academic advising, social programming, tailored financial aid, unique housing options, and student support services.

ADMISSIONS

Applicants choose one of the two applications listed below, submit a school-specific essay supplement, have the option to submit standardized test scores, and are given the freedom to include additional supplemental materials of their choice. If you have any questions about our holistic review process, feel free to contact your regional admissions counselor through our website at collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/contact.

Choice of Applications

- Coalition Application
- Common Application

Application Deadlines

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

*If an application deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will instead be the next business day.

“...the singular method and quality of the College of the University of Chicago initiates its undergraduates into a rich intellectual tradition—deepening confidence and honing the capacity for rigorous inquiry. Upon graduation, our students are all once pragmatic and creative and ready to impact a dynamic world in meaningful and lasting ways.”

Adam Green, AB’85, Associate Professor of American History and the College
MAJORS, MINORS & OTHER AREAS OF STUDY

**MAJORS**

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Astrophysics
- Biological Chemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Classical Studies
- Cognitive Science
- Comparative Human Development
- Comparative Literature
- Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Data Science
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Economics
- Engineering, Molecular
- English Language and Literature
- Environmental and Urban Studies
- Environmental Science
- French and Francophone Studies, Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Fundamentals: Issues and Texts
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Geophysical Sciences
- Germanic Studies
- Global Studies
- History
- History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences of Race and Medicine (HIPS)
- Human Rights
- Inquiry and Research in the Humanities
- Italian Studies, Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Latin American and Iberian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Latinx, Letters, and Society
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Media Arts and Design
- Medieval Studies
- Music
- Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Neuroscience
- Norwegian Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Portuguese
- Quantitative Social Analysis
- Quantum Information Science
- Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity
- Religious Studies
- Renaissance Studies
- Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Russian and East European Studies
- South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Systems Bioengineering
- Theater and Performance Studies
- Visual Arts

**Minors**

- Architectural Studies
- Art History
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Biological Sciences
- Catalan
- Chemistry
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Classical Studies
- Computational Molecular Engineering
- Computational Neuroscience
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Education and Society
- Engineering, Molecular
- English and Comparative Literature
- Environmental and Urban Studies
- French and Francophone Studies
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Geographic Information Science
- Germanic Studies
- Health and Society

**Specializations**

- African American Studies
- African Past and Present
- Applied Mathematics, Mathematics
- Arabic Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Architecture and Art of the Ancient Near East, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Armenian Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Asian American Studies
- Astrophysics, Physics
- Bioengineering, Molecular Engineering
- Business Economics, Economics
- Cancer Biology, Biological Sciences
- Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biological Sciences
- Chemical Engineering, Molecular Engineering
- Classical Hebrew, Language and Civilization, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Computer Security, Computer Science
- Computer Systems, Computer Science
- Curricular Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Data Science, Computer Science
- Data Science, Economics
- Ecology and Evolution, Biological Sciences
- Egyptian Languages and Civilizations, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Endocrinology, Biological Sciences
- Genetics, Biological Sciences
- Global Health Sciences, Biological Sciences
- History, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Human Computer Interaction, Computer Science
- Immunology, Biological Sciences
- Islamic Thought, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Israel and Jewish Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Latinx/o Studies
- Machine Learning, Computer Science
- Mathematics with a Specialization in Economics, Mathematics
- Microbiology, Biological Sciences
- Native American Studies
- Persian and Iranian Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Philosophy and Allied Fields, Philosophy
- Programming Languages, Computer Science
- Quantitative Biology, Biological Sciences
- Quantum Engineering, Molecular Engineering
- Semitic Languages and Literatures, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Theory, Computer Science
- Turkish and Ottoman Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

**UCHICAGO AT A GLANCE**

- 51 student-to-faculty ratio
- 7,000 undergraduates from 50 states and 100+ countries
- 85% of classes have 25 students or fewer
- 60% of faculty call our Hyde Park Campus home
- 12 MILLION volumes in 6 libraries, all located on campus
- 4 international centers in Paris, Beijing, Hong Kong, and Delhi
- 450+ Recognized Student Organizations
- 160+ research centers and committees
- 80% of students are involved in research
- 4,000+ Metcalf internships (paid, career-relevant opportunities for students)
- 2 National Labs managed by UChicago, plus an affiliation with the Marine Biological Laboratory
- 1,000+ guest speakers hosted by our Institute of Politics since its founding in 2003
- 94 Nobel laureates are associated with the University of Chicago, including seven current faculty members
- 236 items on the 2022 Scav Hunt list