PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS
UChicago’s Office of Career Advancement empowers students of all majors and interests to apply their world-class education to a fulfilling career.
As high school seniors, they said “yes” to their offer to study at UChicago. After four years of dedicated study, research, and career preparation, UChicago graduates say “yes” to an incredible range of fulfilling post-graduation opportunities.

Throughout their journeys at UChicago, our students develop the skills and knowledge they need to build not just successful careers, but meaningful lives. Their innate talents paired with the College’s transformational coursework, research opportunities, and internships have proved to be a highly effective combination. At every step of the way, UChicago’s Office of Career Advancement provides personalized advising, employer connections, and hands-on experiences to help students find meaningful careers in their fields of interest.

Because of this partnership, 96% of recent graduates have substantive post-graduation plans. These plans include working at leading organizations throughout the United States and abroad, continuing their studies at some of the world’s most respected graduate and professional schools, starting their own businesses, and serving the greater good through organizations like Teach for America.

“I have had such an amazing experience with Career Advancement this year. Most especially, the advisers have been fantastic. They helped me think through the internship search process in ways I never would have considered, encouraging me to focus on the skills I would gain rather than what would look good on my resume. Because of their efforts, I feel much more confident in myself as I enter the professional environment.”

Shelby S.  
AB’20, Global Studies  
Enrolled in Master of Arts Program at Tufts University Fletcher  
School of Law and Diplomacy
EXCELling FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

UChicago students begin their paths to career success from the moment they arrive on campus. By taking advantage of career advising, job shadowing, student organizations, research, on-campus employment, and other UChicago resources, they place themselves in strong positions for competitive internships and job opportunities.

On average, alumni, parents, and friends of the University give $5 million each year to support student career programs at UChicago.
During their first year, every student receives an assigned career adviser to support their professional growth and development.

SUPPORT FROM DAY ONE
Before students even arrive on campus, they’re matched with a Career Advancement adviser who helps them create a plan for the next four years and beyond. Students receive personalized support, virtually and in person, while working closely with their adviser to explore potential career paths, identify opportunities that match their interests, and prepare effective application materials for jobs, internships, and other exciting experiences.

A GLOBAL NETWORK
From their first internship applications to their final-round job interviews, UChicago students receive support from the University’s worldwide network of alumni, parents, friends, and employers. The UChicago community hosts hundreds of students for treks and internships, donates millions of dollars to fund impactful career programs, and shares their years of experience and expertise. Their generosity inspires each graduating class to pay it forward to the next generation.

“Interacting with alumni in various fields made me realize that A) I will eventually end up as an alum speaking with future curious UChicago minds, and B) what it means to be a UChicago alumnus. The mutual devotion of making the University a better place in the future is a universal idea shared by them all.”

Tony Z.
AB’16, Economics
Hired after graduation at Broadhaven Capital Partners
Currently working at Tencent

IN RECENT YEARS
Scholarships
Members of the UChicago community have received several prestigious scholarships and fellowships, including:

• Astronaut Scholars
• Boren Scholars
• Critical Language Scholars
• DAAD Postgraduate Fellows
• Davis Projects for Peace Grant
• Fulbright Grants
• Gates Cambridge Scholars
• Gilman Scholars
• Goldwater Scholars
• Lincoln Academy Student Laureates
• Marshall Scholars
• National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellows
• Rhodes Scholarship
• Schwarzman Scholars
• Truman Scholars
• Yenching Academy Scholars Program
GETTING EXPERIENCE

After exploring their possible career paths, UChicago students gain hands-on experience in their field of interest through Career Advancement resources such as the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. By participating in these programs, students build the skills and experience needed to thrive in today’s job market. These experiences also give students an opportunity to apply what they’ve learned in the classroom.

“I appreciate how UChicago has such strong connections with leading companies in the media and entertainment industry, and how we were able to meet and learn from leading executives. It truly was an invaluable experience being in a room with the president of Disney or head of promotion at Warner Brothers Records.”

Sonia G.
AB’19, History, Gender and Sexuality Studies
Hired at NBCUniversal

50+
Career Treks
UChicago students have traveled to dozens of cities across five continents for site visits with employers in their fields of interest.

3,000+
Internships
Through the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program, students gain employment experience with leading organizations in a diverse range of fields.

600+
Job Shadowing Opportunities and Micro-Internships
Job shadowing and micro-internships give students an opportunity to meet employers, explore different career paths, and build their resume by working on short-term projects.

1,000+
Employer Connections
Leading organizations from many industries partner with UChicago to hire new talent.

3,500+
Campus and Local Jobs
Students gain skills and experience through opportunities with UChicago departments and nearby nonprofits.
RECENT YEARS

Top 20 Destinations for Employment and Grad School

Credit Suisse  Columbia University  Deloitte  Stanford University  Accenture

Goldman Sachs  Teach for America  JPMorgan Chase & Co.  MIT  Massachusetts Institute of Technology  Yale

BCG  Northwestern University  M  University of Michigan  Harvard University  CRA Charles River Associates

Amazon  Citi  Morningstar  Google  NIH National Institutes of Health

"The students at UChicago never cease to amaze me with their drive to be involved on campus and the breadth of experience that they build for themselves."

"It is not an exaggeration to say that all the candidates were outstanding, and we would have been pleased to work with any one of them. Sometimes the cliché is true, that these are 'the best of the best.'"
UChicago students launch careers across a highly diverse range of industries and geographic locations. In the past few years, recent graduates have secured employment and graduate school opportunities in every region of the United States and more than 40 countries around the world. Every year, UChicago students are highly competitive candidates for jobs with top employers, leading graduate and professional school programs, and prestigious national fellowships.

Industry Outcomes

Every year, students in the selective Trott Business Program and Financial Markets Program have a post-graduation placement rate at or near 100%.
Medical School Acceptances: UChicago vs. National Average*

85% of UChicago applicants were admitted to medical school, more than double the national average of 41%.

“Being at UChicago, I gained the confidence necessary to be able to be curious and pursue the many intersections of my passions within the context of Medicine. I loved that at UChicago I could start off my day discussing the rationale behind Plato's Republic, figuring out how to do SN1 reactions in the next hour, solving maximization functions in relation to basic economic models, and end the day with a dining hall discussion on the role of identity in college housing. Without growing under the constant interdisciplinary stimulation at UChicago, I don’t think I would have quite the same motivation or vision and for that, I am very grateful.”

Elizabeth W.
AB’17, Economics
Enrolled at Yale University School of Medicine

Top-Tier Law Schools Acceptances*

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Law School Acceptance Rate

97% of UChicago applicants were admitted to a Top 20 law school

83-93% of UChicago students and alumni who apply to Top 15 law schools are accepted each year

*Data from 2020 application cycle, of those reporting outcomes
†Data from 2015-2020 application cycles, of those reporting outcomes
THINKING ABOUT THE SPECIFICS

UChicago’s “Careers in” programs prepare students for careers in their specific field of interest with expert career advisers, skill-building workshops, and networking events with potential employers. UChicago currently offers “Careers in” programs across 11 different industries.

Entrepreneurship

“The Careers in Entrepreneurship program at UChicago changed my outlook on my career path and my future aspirations. The prospect of creating a company always excited me but I never thought that I could because I did not know where to start. Careers in Entrepreneurship provided me with the necessary foundation to turn an idea from a passion into a reality.”

Jessica G.
AB’17, Public Policy
Co-founded Frönen Foods

Policy and Social Impact

“In a year that is so critical in terms of career planning, the Careers in Policy and Social Impact program has been tremendously beneficial to me. I have received help with countless cover letters, attended several panels and student sessions, and gotten valuable 1-on-1 academic and career advice from a graduate student in my field of study.”

Tim K.
AB’20, Public Policy
Enrolled at University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

Business

“The Trott Business Program gave me an exclusive view into the fields I was interested in and connected me with the resources to land the job. From Career Treks in London and Brazil to the Mock Interview Program, I received invaluable mentorship and preparation to secure internships in Marketing, Consulting and Investment Banking. I could not have done it without the support of Trott.”

Victoria M.
AB’17, Political Science
Hired after graduation at Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Currently working at Dalberg Advisors

Arts, Culture, and Entertainment

“All in all, this really was a life-changing experience for me. Today, I have a clear picture of the skills I need to develop and a variety of paths that I can follow, and I am confident that I will be able to use this knowledge to build my career in the entertainment industry.”

Ben L.
AB’19, Economics
Enrolled at University of Southern California Peter Stark Producing Program

Education Professions

“My experiences in the College and the community affirmed my view that education is the best way to change lives.”

Grace M.
AB’19, Public Policy
Hired at Peace Corps

Law

“My undergraduate career at UChicago prepared me to read, write and think critically about my interests and goals. I was taught to chase my passion and advocate strongly for my ideas. Those lessons have stuck with me and keep me motivated and confident in my abilities.”

Colin P.
AB’17, Environmental Studies, Public Policy
Enrolled at University of Chicago Law School
Healthcare

“I am beyond grateful for my time at the University of Chicago. My academic experience here and the support I received from the Careers in Healthcare office prepared me well for medical school applications. At every step of the journey, starting first year and continuing all the way through fourth year, the advisers at Careers in Healthcare have provided the resources I needed to succeed.”

Ade A.
SB’18, Biological Chemistry, Chemistry
Enrolled at Stanford University School of Medicine

Science, Computation, Innovation, and Engineering

“As a molecular engineering major who focused on the quantum track, I have had the unique opportunity to synthesize my fundamental physics understanding with experience in specialized topics in quantum technologies. My background from the department, which blends fundamental sciences, advanced topic specializations, and practical problem-solving skills, have thoroughly prepared me for future graduate research in the field of quantum technologies.”

Hope L.
SB’20, Molecular Engineering, Physics
Enrolled at Stanford University Ph.D in Applied Physics Program

Computer Science

“UCB not only prepared me academically, but also socially and emotionally for my future career goals. From the many triumphs and mistakes I’ve made in the classroom, as part of RSOs on campus, and in research labs, I’ve become a more well-rounded and confident person.”

Laya G.
SB’20, Computer Science, Economics
Hired at Apple

Behavioral Science

“I joined UChicago knowing I wanted to pursue a career as a helping professional having ‘something to do with the brain.’ I was able to explore my interest in neuroscience, mental health, and health disparities through the Core, volunteering in two research labs, co-founding the NEURO Club, and through a Community & Social Medicine Fellowship, which really opened my eyes to the valuable work that behavioral health professionals do every day. Now, as a Counseling Psychology Ph.D student, I have been able to rely on the critical thinking skills I developed at UChicago to help me thrive not only in my coursework, but also in my research and clinical training.”

Christian A.
AB’15, Psychology
Enrolled at Columbia University Teachers College Ph.D in Counseling Psychology Program

Journalism and Creative Writing

“Journalism is a chaotic and challenging calling to get into right now—but the one-on-one attention and the access to rich and robust opportunities I got helped me carve out a concrete and compelling path in journalism. The program not only clarified for me why I’m doing what I’m doing, but how to do what I want to be doing.”

Dake K.
AB’16, History, Mathematics
Hired at Associated Press

Christian A.
AB’15, Psychology
Enrolled at Columbia University Teachers College Ph.D in Counseling Psychology Program