
UChicago Careers In
Business
Education Professions
Entrepreneurship
Health Professions
Journalism, Arts, and Media
Law
Public and Social Service
Science and Technology

The University of Chicago
Learn the Fundamentals

Ideas are at the heart of a UChicago education. Through a curriculum that spans five Collegiate divisions, students delve into topics that range from the mechanisms of biosynthetic reactions to the philosophy of Karl Marx. With fewer than 20 students in 80 percent of classes, you will learn to communicate your viewpoints effectively during thought-provoking debates with classmates and professors. By analyzing, testing, defending, and collaborating, you will gain new ways to approach challenges and achieve stronger solutions.

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Adam Green, AB’85, Associate Professor in History, Master of the Social Sciences Collegiate Division

Photo by L. Brian Stauffer, University of Illinois

ACADEMICS

Students of any major and background can explore experiential programs for postgraduate opportunities. An education in the College starts with the Core, where you learn the essentials in a broad range of disciplines. Next, choose from nearly 50 majors and 30 minors by the end of your third year. At any time during your UChicago experience, you can decide to participate in one of our pre-professional programs, which help you build on your academic skills to begin a successful career.
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UChicago Careers in Education Professions. Throughout the year, UCIEP workshops are held throughout the year and cover an array of topics including education policy, diversity and inclusion, and teaching in rural communities. UCIEP supports students in gaining exposure to a wide variety of practices and fields. Students are also encouraged to create their own opportunities through internships and other experiential learning opportunities. Jeff Metcalf Internships are available to students at nonprofit, policy, and educational administration and research. The program serves students interested in careers in the legal profession. The program offers workshops, presentations, and advising. The program supports students in gaining career opportunities at many different organizations in a variety of different fields. UCIJAM helps students develop their skills to launch successful careers, and connects students with professionals to learn about resources throughout the University, including the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship at the Booth School of Business.
Steer Your Course

Complement your education with real-world experience. As a student in the College, you'll build your resume and portfolio through internships, externships, research assistantships, and on-campus opportunities. Throughout the process, advisers guide you in taking the steps that match your interests and meet your goals.

**DISHA MALIK**  
UChicago degree: AB'11, English Language and Literature, Economics  
Home: Chicago, IL; Lucknow, India

“When I walked into UCIB I knew I was interested in business. It was through all the opportunities to meet and interact with people from all walks of life that I realized what I did (and didn’t) want. I really appreciated the interactions with the Booth School students, in my classes, through LEAD (the Leadership Effectiveness and Development program), and even through the recruiting process.”

**KATE MANUELLI**  
UChicago degree: AB'11, Art History  
Home: Hightstown, NJ

“Having the University of Chicago Medical Center right on campus was amazing. I was able to volunteer at Comer Children’s Hospital and shadow doctors. It was really easy to get my feet wet in all different kinds of medicine.”

**SAALIKA MELA**  
UChicago degree: AB'13, Political science, Comparative Human Development, Creative Writing minor  
Home: Lahore, Pakistan

“I was ecstatic to see the inception of UCIEP, a forum dedicated to students interested in the field of education. I’ve learned about a great number of opportunities through UCIEP, and also the plethora of opportunities to pursue within the States after I graduate—UCIEP always makes me feel secure that there is a career, not merely a job, waiting for me.”

**TIFFANY YOUNG**  
UChicago degree: AB'13, English Language and Literature  
Home: Laguna Niguel, CA

“My time in Booth's Accelerator, as well as the Building the New Venture class I took as a fourth-year, have allowed me to pursue a new venture that I couldn’t have predicted for myself when I first came to UChicago. These invaluable entrepreneurial resources introduced my company to crucial people and ideas I didn’t even know I was looking for.”

**CHIKA OKAFOR**  
UChicago degree: AB'11, Psychology  
Home: Lagos, Nigeria; Country Club Hills, IL

“When I came to UChicago, I was pre-med, but I decided to chase my dreams and become a sports journalist. Once I made that decision, my adviser at UCJAM gave me the advice and resources to make the dream a reality.”

**ERIKA RIST**  
UChicago degree: AB'14, Philosophy  
Home: Reading, PA

“The UChicago Careers in Law Program has been truly instrumental in enabling me to begin thinking and learning like a lawyer. I have to credit the UCIL program with helping me get my foot in the door of what I hope will be a fruitful legal career, advocating for victims of sexual assault and exploitation.”

**JEREL DAWSON**  
UChicago degree: AB'11, Political Science  
Home: Fort Madison, IA

“On the UCIPSS career trip to Springfield, we met two state senators and a house representative who talked to us about how to get involved in politics. I was able to follow up with people I met to ask for advice when I was applying for my internship.”

**XIAOXING XIA**  
UChicago degree: AB'13, Economics  
Home: Beijing, China

“During my first year, there were not many opportunities for students interested in applied science and technology but then UCIST made all the difference. UCIST not only broadened my mind but also provided me with the opportunities to work at the Argonne National Lab and UChicago’s new institute for Molecular Engineering.”

**Where she is now:** Strategy and operations consultant at Deloitte. Disha had an internship at Deloitte during the summer before her fourth year in the College and was asked to come back full-time after graduation.

**Where she is now:** Student at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Before that, Manuelli worked as a clinical ethics research assistant at the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics after graduation and surveyed patients to improve patient care at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

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**Where she is now:** Jeff Metcalf Intern at the Center for Worklife Law, located in San Francisco. Rist plans to pursue a career in the nonprofit sector after graduation and apply for law school.

**Where he is now:** Legislative studies intern. Through Career Advancement, Dawson found his internship as a legislative staffer for the Illinois state government. His UCIPSS advisers helped him prepare for the interview through several mock interviews.

**Where he is now:** PhD candidate in the Materials Science Department at California Institute of Technology. Xia will focus his research on energy-related materials such as fuel cells, solar cells, and batteries. Post PhD, he hopes to bring such technologies into application.
Connect to Success

The UChicago Careers In (UCI) programs offer resources that help you translate your skills into leadership in your chosen profession. By building competence and confidence, job search and interview skills, and an understanding of your unique strengths, you will develop the skills to become a competitive force in any field or endeavor.

**Mentoring and Advising**
UCI advisers are experts who understand the nuances of their respective fields. Students meet one-on-one with advisers for resume and cover letter assistance, practice interviews, information on internship and job opportunities, and general advice. Many of the UCI programs also include peer mentorship opportunities in which College students are paired with third- and fourth-year students, graduate students, and alumni who volunteer to share their insights and experiences.

**Workshops and Guest Speakers**
UChicago is associated with many experts in a variety of fields—many of them our own alumni. Through specialized workshops and informational presentations, students learn important skill sets from leaders in their field. Past workshops have included “Hot Jobs at the Intersection of Law and Health,” “Entrepreneurship in the ‘New’ Energy Industry,” “Classical vs. Pop Careers in Music,” and “The Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting.”

**Graduate Application Support**
Students work with advisers to prepare competitive applications to graduate and professional schools. Advisers help students target the best programs for their interests, ensure they understand and fulfill requirements, provide feedback on application materials, and guide them as they make final decisions about which school to attend. UCI programs invite representatives from top schools to speak on campus about their programming, and students also explore graduate life through the University’s professional schools and graduate programs on campus.

**Campus Resources**
As a leading research university, UChicago provides many opportunities to work alongside graduate and professional students to pursue research, shadowing, or job opportunities. Students may take courses at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, the Harris School of Public Policy, Law School, the Pritzker School of Medicine, the School of Social Service Administration, and the Urban Education Institute.

**Treks, Networking, and Off-Campus Visits**
UCI programs provide networking opportunities with UChicago alumni and other industry experts through coordinated site visits for students to meet with professionals in their places of employment or at conferences in Chicago and other established and emerging markets. Students build their networks while learning about their selected industry and gaining an insider perspective on company culture. Site visit locations have included renowned organizations such as the Chicago Board of Trade, the White House, Paramount Pictures, and Facebook.

Throughout the year, Career Advancement also hosts Treks, career exploration trips in which groups of 10-15 students visit industry-specific organizations. Students have the opportunity to ask questions and network with successful professionals, who are frequently UChicago alumni. Treks have visited global locations as diverse as Beijing, Cincinnati, London, Los Angeles, New York City, and Sao Paulo.

**Resources and Support**

**Career Advancement and the College** offer many opportunities for students to explore their fields of interest. Some of these include:

**Alumni Board of Governors (ABG) Externship Program**
Each year, the ABG Externship Program gives more than 250 first- and second-year students the opportunity to spend two or three days during winter and spring breaks shadowing alumni and parents at their places of employment.

**Jeff Metcalf Internship Program**
The Jeff Metcalf Internship Program provides substantive internships exclusively to UChicago undergraduates. Over 1,000 diverse internship opportunities around the country and the world are available to students each year. Past participants have interned at such organizations as Google, Paramount Pictures, U.S. Department of Energy, Apple, The New Republic, and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

**Summer Action and International Experience Grants**
Summer Action Grants and International Experience Grants offer undergraduate students funding for internships or projects that would otherwise be unpaid. Students are selected based on a submitted proposal, and receive substantive grants, allowing career exploration in any field of interest.

**Career and Internship Fairs**
Career Advancement hosts several large-scale career and internship fairs each year for students looking for internships or full-time jobs. Many participating companies conduct interviews as part of the career fairs.

**Alumni Directory**
The Alumni Directory is an online database of UChicago alumni who have volunteered to provide career-related support to students and other alumni. Alumni of the College, graduate divisions, and professional schools comprise this growing global network. Graduates report that their most valuable career advice often comes from other alumni, who offer information about career options, employment conditions, and job responsibilities, as well as how their UChicago educations prepared them for rewarding careers.
UChicago Careers in (UCI) programming throughout the year offers students the chance to explore career paths and meet alumni and employers across industries and around the world. Through workshops, treks, and speakers, students can immerse themselves in their chosen fields.

### BUSINESS

**BUSINESS: FINANCIAL MARKETS**

UCIB: FM transformed the University’s Gleacher Center into an electronic trading floor when it hosted the inaugural Midwest Trading Competition, powered by OptionsCity Software. The competition was sponsored by premier trading firms such as DRW Trading Group, Wolverine Trading, IMC, and CME Group. UChicago’s teams won the most cases of any school.

### HEALTH PROFESSIONS

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

The Institute for Molecular Engineering (IME), an interdisciplinary program dedicated to addressing societal problems with molecular science, allows students to get involved in the cutting edge of chemical and molecular research. Students can work with industry-leading faculty to conduct research with the IME as early as their first year.

### PUBLIC & SOCIAL SERVICE

UCIPSS partners with UChicago’s Institute of Politics (IOP) to provide a plethora of resources for students interested in public service. Leaders including David Axelrod, senior strategist for President Obama’s campaign and IOP Director, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel (pictured here with UChicago students) are among the figures that have connected with students through the IOP.

### EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

UCIEP, the Urban Teacher Education Program, and the Institute of Politics. He spoke on many pressing policy issues—special education funding, the role of non-cognitive skills such as grit, and teacher burnout—as well as answering personal questions about his goals as the nation’s top educator.

### JOURNALISM, ARTS, & MEDIA

UCIJAM students trekked to Los Angeles to visit with producers, writers, and executives, many of whom are UChicago alumni. David Goodman, AB’84 spoke about his 20-plus-year career as a writer for The Golden Girls, Star Trek and Family Guy, and Mass Animation co-founders Yair Landau, AB’84 and Susan Purcell, AB’85 hosted a panel on the animation industry.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Every spring Career Advancement hosts a startup career fair in conjunction with the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship at the Booth School of Business. Over 45 beginning and established startups participate, including Braintree, HireBrite, and Kentech Consulting, drawing over 350 students from UChicago, Northwestern, and the Illinois Institute of Technology.
A UChicago education empowers you for professional success.

In the College’s Core curriculum, you gain a broad understanding of the world through a rigorous liberal arts education and develop skills that give you a decisive competitive edge—innovative problem solving, articulate communication, and critical thinking among them. UChicago opportunities offer outlets to practice your future career: students produce movies through the student-run Fire Escape Films, prepare amicus briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court in legal internships, and travel to Switzerland to conduct particle physics experiments on the Large Hadron Collider. A UChicago experience includes a network of supportive faculty, staff, alumni, and fellow students. The result—the skills and resources for a successful career in whatever field you choose.