UChicago Careers in Education Professions

To strengthen the University of Chicago’s reputation as the “teacher of teachers,” the College and the Career Advancement office launched **UChicago Careers in Education Professions** in the fall of 2012. UChicago Careers in Education Professions provides specialized preparation for students interested in pursuing careers in preK-12 teaching as well as educational administration, research, and policy. The program also supports students interested in postsecondary teaching and research.

**Careers in Teaching, Administration, Research, and Policy**

**Advising**
Students have access to one-on-one advising with the program director of UChicago Careers in Education Professions, an expert with extensive experience in education. The program director provides students with personalized assistance in career planning, finding job and internship opportunities that match their interests, and preparing application materials.

**Metcalf Internship Opportunities**
The Jeff Metcalf Internship Program provides paid, substantive internships exclusively to UChicago students. UChicago Careers in Education Professions places students in internships across the country in major cities like Chicago, New York, Washington, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Miami. Some Metcalf partners include:

- 1881 Research Institute
- Advance Illinois: Research Internship
- Academy for Urban School Leadership
- Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco
- Capital Preparatory Schools
- Chronicle of Higher Education
- Council for Adult and Experiential Learning
- Gallery 37-After School Matters
- Illinois Network of Charter Schools
- Los Angeles Unified Public School District
- Miami Children’s Museum
- New York State After School Network
- NYC Department of Education
- Stand for Children
- UChicago Laboratory Schools
- UChicago Promise (Admissions Academy)
- Urban Education Institute
- Youth Organizations Umbrella

**Workshops and Events**
UChicago Careers in Education Professions offers a variety of events and monthly workshops that provide Ed Pros students with career development and exposure to an array of current topics and issues in education. Some workshops and events include:

- Senior Etiquette Dinner
- Leaders in Education Alumni Roundtable
- Education Professions Innovation Challenge (EPIC)
- Education Professions Senior Certificate Ceremony
- New Professionals in Education Alumni Roundtable
- Mapping Out Your Career in Education
- Graduate School Preparation

**Speakers**
Students in UChicago Careers in Education Professions have access to enriching opportunities with special guest speakers who are leaders in their field. Special guest speakers include:

- U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan
- Pasi Sahlberg, Director General, Centre for International Mobility and Cooperation, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture
- Dr. Sara Stoelinga, Sara Liston Spurlark Director, Urban Education Institute
- Dr. Shelby Wyatt, Founder of The Brotherhood, Kenwood Academy College Prep
- Dr. Erin Mason, Associate Professor, Counseling, DePaul University
- Mimi Rodman, Executive Director, Stand for Children Illinois

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**CANDACE WANG**

**UChicago Degree**
AB’07, Economics and International Studies

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**Occupation**
Chief Operating Officer, Capital Preparatory Schools

“I believe that education is the great equalizer—a quality education allows all children to access their dreams. The critical thought and engagement that I experienced at the University of Chicago taught me to be rigorous and challenge assumptions, growing my knowledge to fulfill the Chicago commitment to enrich human life.”

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Local Site Visits and Treks
UChicago Careers in Education Professions students visit schools and education institutions in Chicago, nationally, and internationally throughout the academic year. Several local site visits and treks include:

- Advance Illinois
- Chicago Public Schools
- City Colleges of Chicago
- Center for Elementary Math and Science Education
- DC Public Schools
- Helsinki, Finland
- John Hopkins School of Education
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- New York City, New York
- Noble Charter Schools
- Northwestern School of Social and Education Policy
- San Francisco, California
- University of Chicago Laboratory Schools
- Urban Education Institute

Partnership with the Urban Education Institute (UEI)
Through a close partnership with the Urban Education Institute (UEI), students have access to unparalleled resources:

Course Offerings: UEI and UChicago Careers in Education Professions offer a course sequence to college students: Urban schools and Communities and Urban School Reform History and Policy. These courses are offered to students in any major.

Applied Research: UEI’s Consortium on Chicago School Research (CCSR) conducts innovative research on Chicago Public Schools to inform policy, practice, and the public. UChicago CCSR produces regular reports aimed at improving education methods and policy while identifying critical academic and social indicators that educators and policy makers can track to measure progress towards graduation and college readiness.

Tools and Training: UChicago Impact combines UEI’s research, training, and daily operations to create tools and training products designed to improve education. These products are used in school systems and states across the country.

Teachers and Leaders: The University of Chicago Urban Teacher Education Program (UChicago UTEP) prepares students of the highest caliber for teaching positions within Chicago Public Schools while empirically testing a model for urban teacher preparation. UTEP graduates engage in teaching as a highly intellectual career and are agents for educational equity in their schools and community. This two-year graduate program accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education awards a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree and state certification in elementary teaching, secondary biology, or secondary mathematics. Alumni receive up to three years of post-graduation support, making UChicago UTEP a unique five-year experience.

The College partners with UTEP to offer a special joint residency opportunity for UChicago undergraduates. Students can apply in their third year to begin UTEP coursework during their final year at the College. Successful applicants can begin UTEP’s intensive five-quarter clinical residency a year earlier than if they matriculated post-graduation.

Annual Education Summit
UChicago Careers in Education Professions will serve as a national model for undergraduate preparation for careers in education. The University of Chicago will collaborate with Amherst College and Grinnell College in order to promote this model across the country.

EPIC- Education Professions Innovation Challenge
The Education Professions Innovation Challenge (EPIC) aims to inspire and bring together students’ big ideas to present innovative solutions to current problems in education and has a positive social impact. This event provides individuals with the unique opportunity to get their ideas off the ground while learning valuable insight from successful entrepreneurs and education professionals who are working to solve some of the most pressing problems in education today. At the event, selected finalists pitch their idea to a panel of judges comprised of education experts, entrepreneurs, and the UChicago community.

Mentorship Program
The Ed Pros Mentoring Program aims to help prepare students for careers in education by pairing Ed Pros cohort members and alumni currently working in education. Mentors and mentees will have an opportunity to network and engage in conversations about academic and career preparation for personal and professional development.