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THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO





ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT INTELLECTUAL DESTINATIONS

A center for **inquiry, research, and education.**

Based in Chicago, with locations in Beijing, London, Luxor, Paris, and Singapore.

Home to an **internationally renowned medical center.**

More than 140 **research centers** and **institutes**, and two **national laboratories.**

Preeminent **faculty** whose research and discoveries impact the world.

Prominent **alumni** leading in more than 125 countries.

And **students** who challenge everything as they shape the knowledge of the future.

Our community has earned over 80 **Nobel Prizes.**

More than 30 **MacArthur "genius grants."**

National Medals.

Guggenheim fellowships.

This is a **destination** for creative, demanding, inspired scholars who debate and collaborate to enrich human life through their work.

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LEFT Inside Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, students await the Aims of Education address, a yearly faculty talk that welcomes the incoming College class.

PREVIOUS PAGE Located in the community of Hyde Park on Chicago's South Side, the University of Chicago contributes to and draws from the strength and diversity of the surrounding metropolis.

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Let knowledge grow from more to more; and so be human life enriched.

Our motto underscores our belief in the power of ideas. It appears on our official shield accompanied by the phoenix, a mythical bird that is reborn from its own ashes.

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Scientia
Vita
EXCOLATUR

FOUNDER
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

PRESIDENT
ROBERT J. ZIMMER



LIBRARY
more than
7.7 million
printed works



SIZE
211 acres
*designated a
botanic garden*



**GRADUATE,
PROFESSIONAL,
AND NONDEGREE
STUDENTS**

more than
10,000

FACULTY
more than
2,200
*including other
academic personnel*

MAIN CAMPUS
Chicago's
Hyde Park
neighborhood
near Lake Michigan



**UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS**
more than
5,000

ALUMNI
more than
147,000



INTERNATIONAL LOCATIONS
Beijing, London, Luxor,
Paris, Singapore



FIRST CLASSES
1892





ACADEMICS

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

The University of Chicago empowers scholars and students to ask big questions, cross boundaries, and challenge conventional thinking in virtually every field. From the University's inception, its academic structure broke with the status quo, combining an English-style liberal arts education with a German-style approach to graduate research. This became a model for many leading American universities.

Ours is an atmosphere of free and open inquiry, where everyone, undergraduate and Nobel laureate, poet and paleontologist, voices ideas and has them judged on merit alone. We teach not *what* to think, but *how*—to examine a problem from every angle, question what we know about it, and learn that the answer may not be what we expect.

We challenge and support one another, demanding evidence for our insights. In the

process, we frequently take ideas across disciplinary barriers and create new knowledge, new approaches to learning, and even new fields of study: The ethics of living-donor transplants. The analysis of legal issues through an economics lens. The efficient-market hypothesis. The fields of ecology and sociology.

The University of Chicago transforms individuals, industries, public policy, academic inquiry, the world.

ACADEMIC UNITS

Undergraduate College

Core curriculum
Nearly 50 majors and 30 minors
Student-faculty ratio of 7:1

Graduate Divisions

Biological Sciences
Humanities
Physical Sciences
Social Sciences

Graduate Professional Schools

Chicago Booth School of Business
Divinity School
Harris School of Public Policy
Law School
Pritzker School of Medicine
School of Social Service Administration

Continuing Education

Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies

UChicago also operates:

The University of Chicago Laboratory Schools

Nursery through 12th grade

LEFT Our academic programs are known for their emphasis on critical thinking and interdisciplinary exposure to foster intellectual discovery. Elizabeth Helsinger (pictured with her graduate seminar), John Matthews Manly Distinguished Service Professor, holds joint appointments in the Departments of English Language & Literature, Art History, and the College.



FACULTY AND RESEARCH

ENRICHING HUMAN LIFE

University of Chicago faculty produce ideas that matter—and change lives in Chicago and beyond. Through interdisciplinary collaboration, our scholars, scientists, and educators have contributed to some of the world’s greatest discoveries, advancements, and bodies of knowledge: The first controlled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. The structure of DNA and new species of dinosaurs. The origins of urban poverty and of the cosmos. New approaches to curb gun violence and new drugs to fight the most devastating diseases.

A rich and varied network of resources supports our work. We house one of the world’s largest research library collections and are poised to keep it all on our campus long into the future. We manage two major federal research centers, Argonne National Laboratory and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, in partnership. And we’re home to the University of Chicago Medical Center, Press, and more than 140 research centers and institutes spanning language, religion, art, culture, business, biology, law, and more.

Over 80 Nobel Prize winners—16 percent of all recipients since the award was introduced—have been associated with UChicago. Perhaps even more impressive is our faculty’s dedication to their students: Known as “teachers of teachers,” our faculty offer students mentorship and guidance, and undergraduates have access to faculty at every level, ensuring that the knowledge we produce benefits current generations as well as those to come.

BY THE NUMBERS

FACULTY HONORS

8 Nobel Prize winners currently on the faculty

2 current faculty have won the Fields Medal

220+ Guggenheim fellowships have supported research by current and former faculty

8 current and former faculty have won the Presidential Medal of Freedom

9 current and former faculty have won the National Humanities Medal

15 current and former faculty have won the National Medal of Science

5 Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Awards have gone to UChicago scholars in the humanities since 2001

RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY
Nearly **\$500 million** in sponsored research awards each year

2,000+ awards granted to UChicago investigators each year

INNOVATION
1,000+ active patent cases

45+ start-up companies based on UChicago technology

220+ active license agreements

RIGHT Through the integration of scientific and medical research with patient care, our faculty, physicians, and researchers have pioneered such medical discoveries and innovations as the first use of chemotherapy to treat cancer and a blood preservation method leading to the first blood bank.





ARTS AND CULTURE

INSPIRING CREATIVITY

At the University of Chicago, we paint and perform the same way we test and interpret—with an intellectual passion that enhances understanding and expands horizons. That was the case in a Hyde Park tavern in 1955, when, combining theater games and theories of Bertolt Brecht, a group of mostly UChicago students and alumni created a new form of comedic theater known as “improv.” Their approach—creative expression with theoretical underpinnings—continues to define the arts at the University of Chicago.

That might explain why the arts at UChicago move so seamlessly between independent work, classrooms, student groups, presenting organizations, and the city of Chicago—an elegant dance that will only be more fluid with the opening of the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts in 2012.

Whether students or faculty, artists or audiences, we can't help but get involved: Programming a series for Doc Films. Playing in a Music Department ensemble. Posing a question to a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Exploring the link between art and science. Across all media, we're thoroughly engaged. The result? Really smart art.

ORGANIZATION SAMPLING

Doc Films, the country's oldest student-run film society, screens nearly 300 films a year

Film Studies Center presents screenings and lectures with influential filmmakers and scholars

University of Chicago Presents brings world-renowned classical and jazz musicians to campus and the city

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel boasts a carillon, organ, and a space for vocal and instrumental performances

The Department of Music presents more than 100 concerts each year and has 13 student ensembles

Court Theatre was named “the most consistently excellent theater company in America” by the *Wall Street Journal*

University Theater involves about 500 students in over 35 productions a year

The Oriental Institute is a renowned museum and research center devoted to the ancient Near East

Smart Museum of Art, a leading academic museum, collaborates with art scholars and serves as a rich resource for campus and the art community at large

The Renaissance Society is one of the finest resources for vanguard art in the world

DOVA Temporary, a Hyde Park storefront gallery, shows student and faculty creations

Kestnbaum and Vare Writers in Residence have included James Fallows,

Walter Kirn, Jhumpa Lahiri, George Saunders, Stuart Dybek, and Art Spiegelman

Open Practice Committee, through events and programming, explores the atmospheres and attitudes that make art contemporary

Artspeaks engages internationally renowned artists in creative conversations with the campus and community; past residents have included Tony Kushner, Kara Walker, and Leon Fleisher

LEFT Colin Leipelt, a member of the art collective Carnal Torpor, installs *Purifications of the CalmDome*, a multisensory sculptural experience, for the *Heartland* exhibition at the Smart Museum of Art.



CAMPUS AND STUDENTS

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Among the brightest in the world—they come from more than 100 countries—our students engage with people, programs, and opportunities that help them stretch their capabilities and surpass their expectations. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students all experience small, discussion-based classes led by top faculty, fostering an extraordinary community of learning—and supporting extraordinary achievements.

Our students publish books, launch start-ups, play on title-winning athletics teams, and perform on stage and screen. They teach in local public schools and travel abroad to champion economic development and human rights. They make up one of the largest populations of Fulbright and Rhodes scholars and, as alumni, Teach For America corps members.

When not changing the world, our students chase their way to glory in our storied Scavenger Hunt, experience each other's cultures at student-group celebrations, perfect their Frisbee throws on our magnificent quadrangles, and plan their futures with the help of our career programming. Or they pass the time along 31 miles of lakefront—more than enough to hold all the energizing conversations and lifelong friendships that begin here.

BY THE NUMBERS

ACTIVITIES

- 350+** Registered Student Organizations, more than **50** dedicated to community service
- 700+** experiential, paid learning opportunities for College students in various areas, ranging from nonprofit to research to business
- 545** intramural sports teams, **38** sport clubs, and **19** varsity sports teams competing in NCAA Division III
- 23** Greek letter organizations

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2,500+** students participate in community service each year
- 70+** NCAA Division III All-Americans in the last seven years

In the last five years, UChicago students have included:

- 7** Rhodes Scholars (tied for the most American Rhodes Scholars in 2011)
- 5** Marshall Scholars, **2** Churchill Scholars, **13** Goldwater Scholars, **7** Gates Cambridge Scholars, **5** Truman Scholars

In the last five years, UChicago graduate students have received:

- 60+** Fulbright IIE U.S. Student Program Fellowships
- 100+** National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships
- 20+** Jacob K. Javits Fellowships
- 15** Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowships



RIGHT The University's quadrangles offer students an ideal environment for contemplation and relaxation. Depending on the time of year, the quads are host to lunchtime conversations, art installations, political expressions, snowball skirmishes, ceremonial convocations, and even entire class sessions.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Our research, conversations, and aspirations are shaped by, and contribute to, the great city of Chicago. Students and faculty engage the city as a subject for inquiry through our Chicago Studies program, and Chicago's diverse population and thriving business and cultural sectors give us rich opportunities for research, hands-on learning, volunteering, and work experience.

Based in Hyde Park on Chicago's South Side, we engage our community both as scholars and neighbors. In education, experts at our Urban Education Institute have done pathbreaking research on what fosters success in Chicago Public Schools. That fuels new theories of reform, which are put into action through our teacher training program and in four charter school campuses operated by the University.

We also mentor public school students from across the city to provide them with the tools they need to succeed in college. Our equally ambitious partnerships and programs extend to urban health care, the arts, business diversity, and public safety. We are not just in Chicago, we are *of* Chicago, setting a new standard for urban universities.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS SAMPLING

EDUCATION

Urban Education Institute works to create reliably excellent schooling for urban American youth and operates the University of Chicago Charter School's four campuses

Collegiate Scholars Program prepares talented Chicago Public Schools students to attend top colleges and universities

Neighborhood Schools Program

places UChicago students as classroom assistants to urban teachers and as interns to elected officials and community programs

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
Office of Business Diversity creates opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses

Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship and Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship provide services and support to local entrepreneurs

HEALTH AND SAFETY
Urban Health Initiative partners the Medical Center with community leaders, organizations, health care providers, and residents to improve the long-term health of the South Side

University Police protect and offer safety education and other services in the neighborhood

University of Chicago Crime Lab improves understanding of how to reduce crime and violence

OUTREACH
University Community Service Center matches over 3,000 UChicago volunteers with opportunities across the city

Mandel Legal Aid Clinic teaches students advocacy skills while serving people typically denied access to justice

Presenting arts organizations offer programs to make arts and culture meaningful and accessible to local children and adults

Cultural and civic partnerships exist with more than 100 organizations in the city of Chicago

LEFT Students at LEARN South Chicago are among those who benefit from the STEP (Strategic Teaching and Evaluation of Progress) Literacy Assessment® developed by the Urban Education Institute.



GLOBAL REACH

CROSSING BORDERS

University of Chicago ideas and people cross more than academic disciplines—they transcend languages and nations. For more than a century, UChicago scholars have worked around the world. Today that reach extends further than ever.

Our Center in Beijing, which opened in 2010, is an intellectual destination bringing together researchers and students at all levels to collaborate across the academic spectrum. At our Center in Paris, students learn from UChicago faculty, in conversation with experts from across Europe and Africa. And through our Study Abroad programs, students and faculty of the College travel the globe together, covering a UChicago curriculum while they uncover the histories and cultures of world civilizations.

With permanent campuses in Chicago, London, and Singapore, Chicago Booth draws top business executives from every continent to learn from each other and the same prestigious faculty who teach in Hyde Park.

Meanwhile, UChicago alumni are making a difference in more than 125 countries, in their careers and through volunteer work. For the past 10 years, our alumni have put us among the top U.S. schools for Peace Corps volunteers.

GLOBAL PROGRAM SAMPLING

CHICAGO CAMPUSES

Hyde Park
Downtown (Gleacher Center)

INTERNATIONAL CENTERS

Beijing
Paris

CHICAGO BOOTH

Chicago
London
Singapore

ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

Chicago
Luxor

COLLEGE STUDY ABROAD

16 Civilization programs in diverse cities on 4 continents

Thematic programs in Beijing, London, and Paris

Direct enrollment programs at 22 schools in 10 countries

Immersion language programs in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish

GRAHAM SCHOOL TRAVEL STUDY

International trips designed around curricula to deepen and broaden understanding of the sites visited

GRADUATE RESEARCH ABROAD

For 20 consecutive years, UChicago graduate students have won more Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowships, which fund dissertation research in non-Western countries, than students at any other U.S. educational institution

ALUMNI STUDY TRIPS

Faculty- and alumni-led tours of historic locales around the world



RIGHT Chinese dinosaur hunter Zhao Xijin, left, and University of Chicago Professor Paul Sereno, right, compare fossil bones at the site of a buried dinosaur herd in the Gobi Desert of Inner Mongolia, China. Chinese and American scientists who found the 25 fossils of ostrich-like *Sinornithomimus* say they shed new light on dinosaur social behavior.



UCHICAGO BREAKTHROUGH
Established proof that cancer is a genetic disease

ALUMNI

LEADING THE WAY

University of Chicago alumni shape our world. They're recognized by the way they dive into conversations, tackle challenges, and solve problems—all with a creativity that draws on philosophy as easily as economics. From the namesake of the Hubble telescope to one of President Obama's top advisors, UChicago graduates share pride in an extraordinary tradition of excellence and leadership.

Our alumni are Nobel laureates, CEOs, university presidents, attorneys general, literary giants, and astronauts. They win Oscar and Tony awards. They've won the Pulitzer Prize for journalism and sat on the Supreme Court. They are entrepreneurs

and National Medal of Science winners. Civil rights leaders and societal trailblazers. They form a network that touches nearly every corner of the globe—and exemplify the stellar legacy of accomplishment reflected in every UChicago degree.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- 147,000+** alumni
- 125+** countries in which alumni live and work
- 70+** alumni clubs worldwide

NOTABLE ALUMNI SAMPLING

- John Ashcroft**, JD'67, former U.S. Attorney General
- David Auburn**, AB'91, Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning playwright
- Gary Becker**, AM'53, PhD'55, Nobel laureate in economics and price-theory pioneer
- David Brooks**, AB'83, *New York Times* columnist

- Arne Duncan**, LAB'82, U.S. Secretary of Education
- Milton Friedman**, AM'33, influential Nobel laureate in economics
- Katharine Graham**, AB'38, longtime leader of the *Washington Post*
- Seymour Hersh**, AB'58, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

- Edwin Hubble**, SB 1910, PhD 1917, astronomer who found first evidence for the big bang theory
- Donald Johanson**, AM'70, PhD'74, paleoanthropologist who discovered "Lucy," a link between primates and humans

- Sherry Lansing**, LAB'62, first female chairman and CEO of a major film studio, Paramount
- Benjamin E. Mays**, AM'25, PhD'35, civil rights activist and former president of Morehouse College
- James O. McKinsey**, PhB'16, founder of McKinsey & Company
- Sara Paretsky**, AM'69, MBA'77, PhD'77, best-selling author
- James B. Parsons**, AM'46, JD'49, first African American Federal District Court judge
- Philip Roth**, AM'55, Pulitzer Prize-winning author

- Bernard Sahlins**, AB'43, co-founder of the Second City comedy troupe
- Nate Silver**, AB'00, political analyst and founder of FiveThirtyEight.com
- John Paul Stevens**, LAB'37, AB'41, former Supreme Court Justice
- Kurt Vonnegut**, AM'71, writer and essayist
- James Dewey Watson**, PhB'46, SB'47, Nobel laureate who co-discovered the structure of DNA
- Carter G. Woodson**, AB 1908, AM 1908, historian whose work led to the establishment of Black History Month

LEFT TO RIGHT FROM TOP Justin Yifu Lin, PhD'86, World Bank chief economist and senior vice president; Philip Glass, AB'56, composer and musician; David Axelrod, AB'76, advisor to President Obama; Patsy Mink, JD'51, first Asian American woman elected to U.S. House of Representatives; John W. Rogers Jr., LAB'76, founder of Ariel Investments and University trustee; Susan Sontag, AB'51, critic and author; Katherine Dunham, PhB'36, dancer and choreographer; Sam Kass, LAB'98, AB'04, White House chef; John Grunsfeld, SM'84, PhD'88, astronaut; Janet Rowley, LAB'42, PhB'44, SB'46, MD'48, cancer research pioneer and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom; Ray Suarez, AM'93, broadcast journalist; Kimberly Peirce, AB'90, director of Oscar-winning film *Boys Don't Cry*; Studs Terkel, PhB'32, JD'34, Pulitzer-winning oral historian

DISCOVER

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

LOCATIONS

Hyde Park Campus

5801 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60637

Downtown Chicago Campus

Gleacher Center
450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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Center in Beijing

20th floor, Culture Plaza
No. 59A Zhong Guan Cun Street
Haidian District
Beijing 100872
People's Republic of China

Center in Paris

6, rue Thomas Mann
75013 Paris, France

Chicago Booth Asia Campus

101 Penang Road
Singapore 238 466

Chicago Booth Europe Campus

Woolgate Exchange
25 Basinghall Street
London EC2V 5HA
United Kingdom

Epigraphic Survey/Chicago House

The Oriental Institute
Corniche el-Nil
Luxor, Egypt

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