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UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS CHICAGO

2023 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDEBOOK

Welcome to the University of Illinois Chicago

At the University of Illinois Chicago, we are researchers, teachers, achievers, adventurers, scientists, scholars, engineers, artists, activists, and entrepreneurs. Our top-ranked programs, research opportunities, world-class faculty, and campus life offer you an engaged and rewarding educational experience in one of the most diverse and vibrant cities in the United States.

International Student Services

About Our Signature Student Experience

As an international student enrolling through the UIC Global program, you have access to exclusive support services as part of your degree.

The UIC Global team gives you personal attention throughout your entire educational journey, from application to graduation. We set you up for success with:

APPLICATION SUPPORT
- Streamlined application process
- Assigned counselor
- Major/field-of-study guidance

PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDANCE
- Visa application and interview help
- Prep webinars and checklists
- Assistance with required forms

CAMPUS TRANSITION
- Airport transfer
- Student and parent orientations
- Cultural group outings and events

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- Classes for your academic level
- English-language and ESL help
- Tutoring support

CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- On-campus and virtual programs
- Internship and job assistance
- Resume and interview prep and more

At no additional cost to you — these are all included in your tuition!

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SERVICES AT
global.uic.edu

Take the Next Step

Discover Yourself at UIC

With a rich history dating back to the 19th century, the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) is recognized as one of the top research universities in the United States and is ranked among the top 15 public universities, according to *QS World University Rankings,* 2020.

UIC's welcoming and diverse environment gives you the opportunity to study, work, and grow alongside classmates from around the world who will broaden your perspective and worldview.

Many UIC students are high-achieving scholars, winning national and international recognition — including Fulbright, Gates Cambridge, Gilman, and Truman awards. More than 300 leading companies such as Deloitte, Google, and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) recruit on campus.

At UIC, you have the opportunity to work alongside renowned professors and lead the way in making discoveries, inventing new technologies, and driving innovations that change our world.

Highlights

#97
Best National Universities
—*U.S. News & World Report*, 2023

UIC
is among the most diverse campuses in the United States
—*U.S. News & World Report*, 2022

#8
Best Value Colleges
—*Wall Street Journal* and *Times Higher Education,* 2020

NCAA Division I
Horizon League

Unleash Your Potential

At UIC, you will be living and studying in the heart of Chicago, one of America's most vibrant cities and a national higher education destination — home to more than 250,000 students at the city's 50+ colleges and universities.

As the largest university and the only public research university in the city, UIC is a vital part of the educational, technological, and cultural fabric of Chicago.

#14
Public Universities in the United States
QS World University Rankings, 2020

#8
Best Value School
Wall Street Journal and *Times Higher Education*, 2020

3,800
international students from 100 countries

TOP 50
MS in Business Analytics programs in the World
QS World University Rankings, 2020

#23
Best Schools for Design Majors
College Factual, 2020

#75
Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs
U.S. News & World Report, 2023

$370+
million in research and development
National Science Foundation, FY17

33,000+
students

UIC GRADUATES EARN NEARLY 50% MORE
than the average salary of students who have also attended college in the United States

300+
student organizations, clubs, and sports

250+
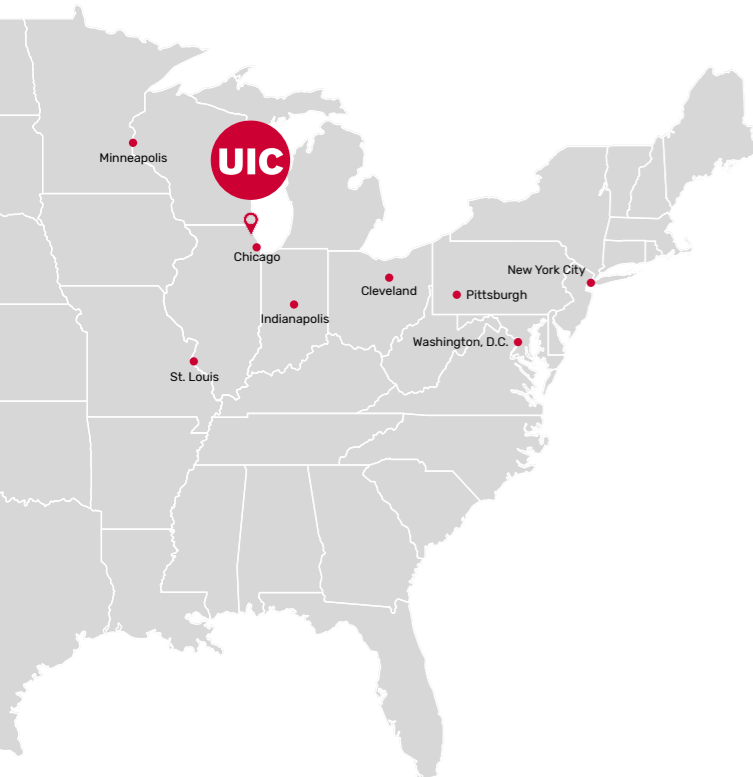undergraduate and graduate programs

#97
Best National Universities
U.S. News & World Report, 2023

Exploring Chicago, the City by the Lake

Chicago is known for its strong business economy, award-winning architecture, and world-class culture. Bike along Lake Michigan, enjoy authentic cuisine from every corner of the globe, attend a free concert at Millennium Park, or take the "L" train to one of Chicago's many outstanding museums.

Minneapolis · UIC
Chicago
Cleveland · Pittsburgh
New York City
Indianapolis
Washington, D.C.
St. Louis

City Highlights

· **#3** largest city in the United States
· **#3** in the nation for the number of fast-growing small businesses
  —*Inc. 5000 List*, 2018
· **#1** most diversified economy in the United States
  —Moody's Analytics, 2017

400+
museums, theaters, and art galleries

26
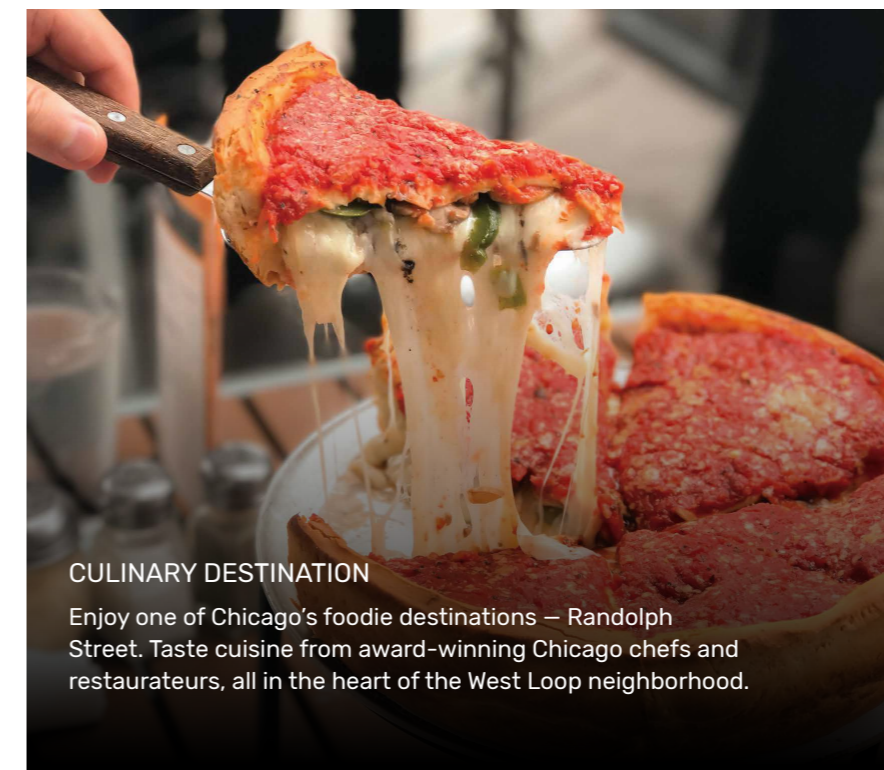miles of lakefront and 15 miles of beaches

100+
neighborhoods to explore

Weather

☀ **SUMMER**
25.1°C

❄ **WINTER**
0°C

A Food Lover's Paradise

Chicago is a city of vibrant, culturally rich neighborhoods with some of the top dining destinations in the country. As a UIC student, you will be living and studying near the heart of downtown Chicago, immersed in the city's evolving culinary scene. Students can find both authentic local bites and international cuisine right near campus.

CULINARY DESTINATION
Enjoy one of Chicago's foodie destinations — Randolph Street. Taste cuisine from award-winning Chicago chefs and restaurateurs, all in the heart of the West Loop neighborhood.

Highlights

Restaurant City
of the Year
Bon Appétit, 2017

7,300+
Restaurants

26
Michelin-starred restaurants

40
James Beard award-winning restaurants

35
Food festivals

> " UIC is such a diverse university, and it helped me make a lot of new friends from different cultures. Professors and staff working around campus are so friendly and are available for you anytime you need help. I feel like I have found a new home here. "

PHOO, MYANMAR

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From UIC to Google Headquarters

UIC graduate Jenny Zhao went from honing her programming skills in campus computer labs to leading a global team of engineers at Google. Her drive and commitment to innovation have proven invaluable to her Google team. Zhao acts as an important link between China and the United States.

"I am very grateful for UIC," said Zhao during her UIC College of Engineering Commencement speech in 2015. "This school was my launching point for all the joy and valuable experience I have come to find in America."

Career Highlights

#79

Best Graduate Engineering Schools
U.S. News & World Report, 2021

25,000

UIC engineering students have been hired by 500+ companies over the last three years

300+

companies recruit on campus, including Deloitte, Google, and PwC

30+

Fortune 500 companies are headquartered in the Chicago area
Chicago Tribune, 2018

GUARANTEED PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The UIC College of Engineering provides first-year engineering students with the unique opportunity to serve as paid summer interns after their freshman year through the Guaranteed Paid Internship Program (GPIP).

"As a computer science student, I have the opportunity to work on algorithms and collect data regarding human brain imaging. I believe working on such projects, under experienced professors and research assistants, is a great way to make connections and gain valuable experience that will eventually help me with my career."

—Aryan, Computer Science student from India

Research That Shapes the World

Dream Big. Work Hard.

As Chicago's only public research university, UIC is dedicated to discovery and real-world solutions through innovation and research in health care, STEM, and the humanities.

With more than $370 million in total research and development expenditures (National Science Foundation, FY17), UIC is reshaping educational policy, developing sustainable energy solutions, pioneering analytic techniques in big data, and driving economic development.

At the UIC Innovation Center, your ideas can become reality — whether you are passionate about medical device product design or developing productivity apps, UIC can help you succeed. Here, you have access to opportunities, resources, and tools to support your work, promote collaboration, and inspire new ideas.

Research Highlights

- **Top 150**
  Research Institutions
  —*Forbes*, 2018

- **Carnegie Research 1 (R1)** University
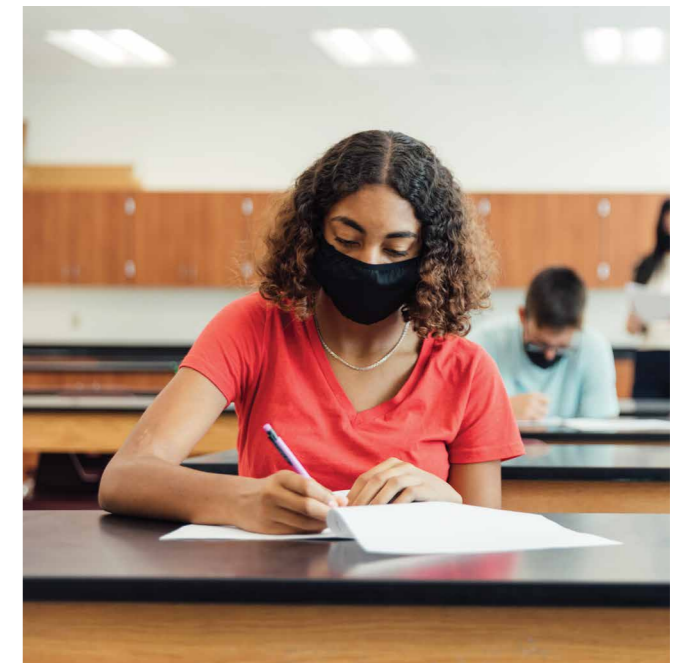 —Carnegie Foundation

$90M+

million in research grants have been awarded to UIC's College of Engineering
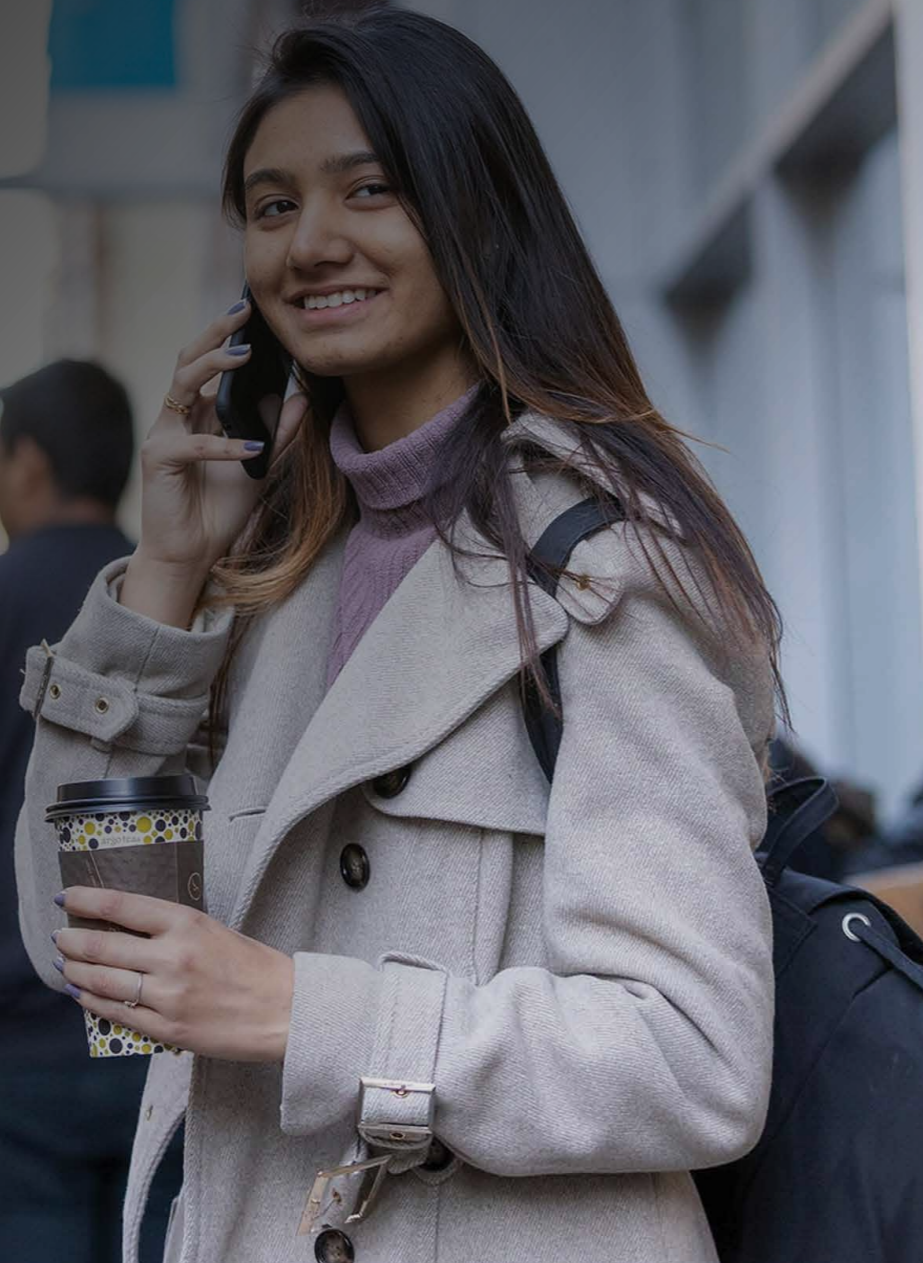
UIC Leads COVID-19 Public Health Efforts

UIC partnered with biotech company Moderna and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to test vaccines targeting the novel coronavirus — and it was the first site in Chicago to launch phase 3 trials. In fall 2020, UIC announced a second vaccine study in collaboration with Johnson & Johnson to serve vulnerable populations of color.

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Undergraduate Programs

Choose from more than 80 undergraduate degrees and 60 minors, including architecture, education, engineering, health sciences, liberal arts, life sciences, and urban and public affairs. Designed to challenge and inspire, UIC's programs prepare you for success.

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APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
Disability & Human Development
Kinesiology[1]
  Exercise
  Movement Science
  Science & Health Promotion
Rehabilitation Sciences

ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS
Architectural Studies[2]
Architecture[2]
Art[2,4]
  Moving Image
  New Media Arts
  Photography
  Studio Arts
Art History
Graphic Design[2,5]
Industrial Design[2,5]
Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts
Music[3]
Music – Business[3]
Music – Jazz Studies[3]
Music – Performance[3]
Theatre, Acting[3]
Theatre & Performance[3]
Theatre Design, Production & Technology[1,6]

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Accounting
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Human Resource Management
Information and Decision Science
  Business Data Analytics
  Management Information Systems
  Operations and Supply Chain Management
Management
  Leadership & Managerial Skills
  Managerial Logistics
  Strategic Management
Marketing
  Innovation & Product Management
  Marketing Research
  Promotions & Communications
  Sales Leadership

EDUCATION
Human Development & Learning

ENGINEERING
Bioengineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
  Computer Systems
  Human Centered Computing
  Software Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Management
Engineering Physics
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
Anthropology
Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
  General Biology
  Molecular, Cellular, and Organismal Biology
Black Studies
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Communication
Criminology, Law and Justice
Earth and Environmental Sciences
Economics
English
  American Literature
  British & Anglophone Literature
  Creative Writing
  Media
  Professional Writing
  Rhetorical & Cultural Studies
French and Francophone Studies
Gender and Women's Studies
Germanic Studies
Germanic Studies with a Business Minor
History
Integrated Health Studies
  Behavioral Health
  Health and Science
Latin American and Latino Studies

Mathematics
Mathematics & Computer Science
  Algorithms and Theory
  Computational Mathematics
Neuroscience**
Philosophy
Physics
Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies
  Polish Studies
  Russian Studies
  Central and Eastern European Studies
Political Science
  Law & Courts
  Urban Politics
Psychology
  Applied
  General
Sociology
Spanish
  Hispanic Linguistics
  Hispanic Literature and Culture
  Hispanic Studies
Statistics
  Applied Statistics
  Statistical Theory & Methods

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES (SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS)
Teaching of English
Teaching of French
Teaching of German
Teaching of History
Teaching of Mathematics
Teaching of Spanish

PUBLIC HEALTH
Public Health

URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Public Policy
Urban Studies

[1] Pending Illinois Board of Higher Education approval

[2] Fall start only

[3] Audition required

[4] After completion of first-year Art Foundation program, student portfolio submission required for acceptance into major

[5] Incoming students are admitted to Design Foundation. Portfolio submission required for acceptance into the major

[6] Interview and portfolio required

**Specific courses are required for admission to major; incoming students are admitted to Liberal Arts and Sciences Undecided.

Go Beyond Your Limits

Our goal is to help you build skills for life. You will connect and learn from faculty mentors and new friends from around the world. At UIC, personalize your path to success with undergraduate research, internships, and study abroad opportunities.

> " I have had an endless number of research and networking opportunities. As a woman in engineering, I knew that I made the right choice [in] coming to UIC because of how much support I've been given to network with other women not just in UIC, but also with other women in universities across Chicago. "
>
> — ANGIE, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR, INDONESIA

Connect with Award-Winning Alumni

Adrian Smith, co-founder of Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture (AS+GG), was named the 2016 recipient of the Legacies and Leaders Award at UIC's College of Architecture. The award honors UIC alumni for their positive impact on the school. Smith was the lead architect for some of the tallest buildings in the world, including Dubai's Burj Khalifa and the Jeddah Tower.

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The Ultimate University Experience

WORLD-CLASS AMENITIES
University of Illinois Chicago is home to an innovative 10-story "living-learning" community tower — with both residential and academic spaces. The new building offers residents a view of the Chicago skyline and is adjacent to one of the "L" subway stations on campus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER
At UIC, your health and well-being are just as important as classroom success. You can work out, take a class, train with an instructor, or get a massage at UIC's state-of-the-art fitness centers. You also have access to UIC's Counseling Center to deal with stress and your transition to college.

CAREER SUPPORT
As a first-year student at UIC, you will take UIC Global's beneficial courses specifically designed for international students. The experiential skills-based curriculum is critical to your personal and professional growth and helps to ensure your success at UIC and beyond.

Undergraduate Costs and Dates

TYPICAL COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS		APPLICATION DEADLINES	
Tuition	$31,020	Spring 2023	December 11, 2022
Housing	$13,800	Summer 2023	April 15, 2023
Dining	$3,786	Fall 2023	July 20, 2023
Other	$2,000		

Note: Costs are estimates and subject to change. For the most accurate information on tuition and deadlines, please visit **global.uic.edu**

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Graduate Programs

With more than 100 graduate degree programs, UIC boasts award-winning faculty, life-changing research opportunities, and one of the most diverse student populations in the United States. *U.S. News & World Report* **ranks 42 UIC graduate programs in their top 100.**

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ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS
Architecture
Art History

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Accounting
Business Administration
Business Analytics
Finance
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Supply Chain and Operations Management

EDUCATION
Early Childhood Education
Instructional Leadership
Language, Literacies and Learning
Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics and Assessment
Science Education
Special Education
Youth Development

ENGINEERING
Bioengineering
Bioinformatics
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Energy Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Materials Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
Applied Economics
Communication
Latin American and Latino Studies
Political Science

SOCIAL WORK
Social Work

URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
City Design
Public Administration
Urban Planning & Policy

Ignite Your Future

As a graduate student at UIC, research and innovation play important roles in your success. UIC students conduct research in business, education, engineering, humanities and the arts, natural sciences, mathematics, the social sciences, and other fields. No matter your field of interest, UIC gives you the tools to change the world.

" The Master of City Design is part of a highly ranked college, which initially caught my interest. The program also opens doors for students with a background in architecture and planning, because of the diverse course topics. "

— SARTHAK, MASTER OF CITY DESIGN, INDIA

Go Beyond Your Limits

Through partnerships with theaters, cultural institutions, and local museums, the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts offers students the chance to prepare for a career in the arts and design. Our community of award-winning faculty includes museum professionals, designers, architects, theatrical performers, musicians, directors, and art historians.

"UIC has encouraged me to think very critically about my designs and most importantly, motivated me to go beyond the realms of existing and 'practical' constraints, giving me the freedom to imagine new concepts."

SOWMYA, INDIA

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Cultivating Potential

RESEARCH SUPPORT
UIC's Research Resources Center (RRC) provides our research community with access to high-end scientific equipment and project support services.
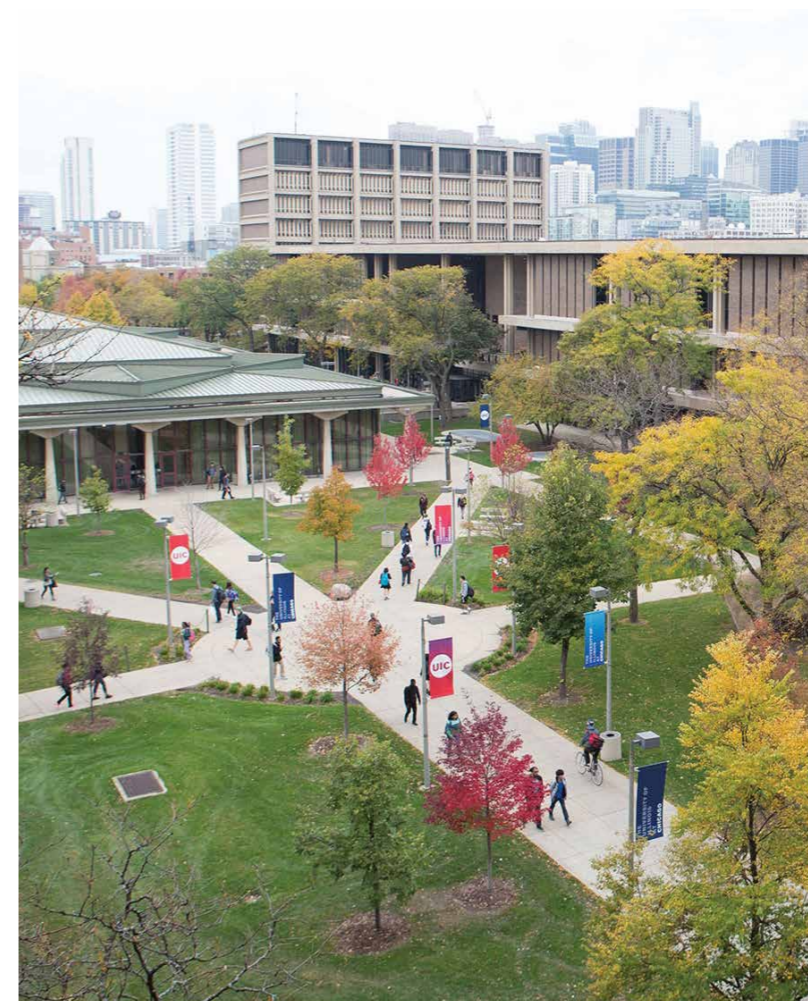
IMPACT AND RESEARCH DAY
During UIC Impact and Research Day, the campus celebrates the research and engagements of our dedicated undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The celebration showcases their scholarly pursuits and impactful experiences.

BUSINESS STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
The institute for Leadership Excellence and Development (iLead) program fosters the development of real-world competencies, both in and out of the classroom, to equip tomorrow's business leaders with the soft skills employers expect.

Career Services

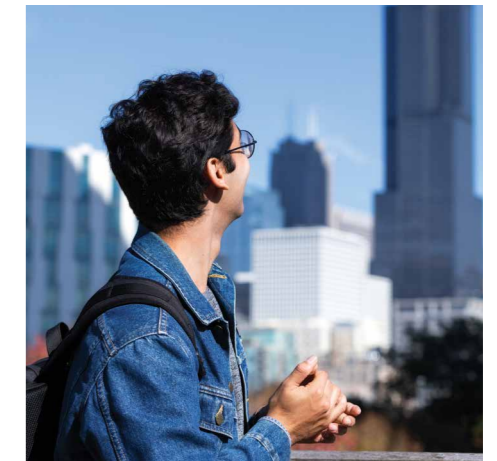## Preparing You for the Global Workforce

Our career services are designed to give undergraduate and graduate-level students the skills and knowledge they need to launch their careers. The on-campus, in-person, and virtual internship options provide international students the flexibility to gain access to practical work experience and develop in-demand skills with top employers — whether they study in person or online.

- Career coaching and personal advisors
- Internship and job search help
- Resume, cover letter, and interview prep
- Networking opportunities

" One of the benefits of UIC is that it's located in Chicago and surrounded by many larger corporations. UIC career services hold a lot of events both on and off campus. During my first week in Chicago, we took a trip to the SC Johnson building in Wisconsin, where we were exposed to key leaders at top companies in cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. I had the opportunity to talk to senior engineering managers and even CEOs. Although you will have to put in some hard work while you are at UIC, in the end, you know it is valued. "

— MEHDI, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, IRAN

Your Career Starts Here

As an international student, you bring a unique set of skills that are valuable in the US job market — a global perspective and a unique cultural point of view. Learn how to leverage the value of your global experience for the benefit of employers. At all of our UIC recruitment and networking events, we connect you with top business and technology companies around the globe.

SHRADDHALI, INDIA

"When I came to the US, I had no idea how the resume process worked. But when I met with the Career Advisor, he told me a resume is like a marketing strategy, and it really clicked for me. . . and I now have two paid jobs on campus."

Top Companies Recruit UIC's Top Students

Some leading organizations that hire UIC students for internships or jobs:

- Amazon
- Boeing
- Google
- Johnson Controls
- Motorola
- PricewaterhouseCoopers

50% ↑

UIC Graduates earn nearly 50% more than the US average salary

70%

of students reported having internship opportunities while at UIC

Graduate Costs and Dates

TYPICAL COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS

Tuition	$36,000
Housing	$13,080
Dining	$3,786
Other	$645

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring 2023	September 1, 2022
Fall 2023	April 1, 2023
Spring 2024	September 1, 2023

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How to Apply

The University of Illinois Chicago offers a simple, streamlined admissions process that includes a variety of outcomes designed to ensure your success inside the classroom and out. The admissions outcome that is best for you will depend on your academic qualifications, English-language level, and personal preferences.

Students applying to UIC will benefit from:

STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS
Submit a simple application and receive an offer of admission that's best for you, all within one week.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES ADVISER
With counseling from start to finish, we make the enrollment process easy.

VISA INTERVIEW SUPPORT
For many students, navigating the US visa process can be overwhelming, but we're here to help. Whether you have questions about which visa to apply for or what to expect during your visa interview, dedicated advisors will aid you in conquering your application with ease.

PRE-ARRIVAL SUPPORT
We offer detailed information on how to best prepare for your campus arrival, from what to pack to booking your flight and more.

BEGIN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT
global.uic.edu/apply-now

THE LATEST ON COVID-19
Student health and safety are our top priorities. Stay informed with COVID-19 updates from our campus teams.

READ MORE
today.uic.edu/coronavirus

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IN COLLABORATION WITH SHORELIGHT
Learn More at shorelight.com