Prospective Student Resource Packet

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Facts at a Glance

Founded: 1890
Faculty: 2,205 Full-time Faculty, including 6 Nobel Laureates
Number of Students: 15,000+ (9,588 in graduate or professional programs)
Academic Calendar: Quarter system (three 11 week quarters plus one summer quarter)

On-Campus Libraries & Museums

The University of Chicago Library has six locations on campus, holding over 11 million printed volumes and increasing at a rate of 150,000 volumes a year.

The University’s three museums are also noteworthy for their archival resources and opportunities for students to be involved in curating exhibitions, acting as docents, and archiving materials.

Oriental Institute Museum
1155 E. 58th St.
Long recognized as a pioneer in the archeology and history of the ancient Near East, it holds an impressive collection of artifacts, including the largest assemblage of Egyptian art and objects outside of Cairo.

Smart Museum of Art
5550 S. Greenwood Ave.
A small but striking collection curated by students and faculty. Its permanent collection spans five millennia, and the regular exhibits bring art and artifacts from all over the world to campus.

Renaissance Society
5811 S. Ellis Ave., 4th Floor
World-renowned modern art gallery providing free exhibitions and performances.

Area Attractions

On Campus (5-minute walk)
Seminary Co-op Bookstore
5751 S. Woodlawn Ave.
Founded in 1961 by 17 book lovers who invested $10 each, this member-owned bookstore has well over 150,000 titles. It is widely regarded as one of the best academic bookstores in the world.

Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House
5757 S. Woodlawn Ave.
Built in 1909, historians consider the Prairie-style Robie House to be the cornerstone of modern architecture. Tours are available Thursday through Monday. Call 312.994.4000 for tickets.

Logan Center for the Arts
915 E. 60th St.
This 184,000 square foot multidisciplinary arts center includes a performance hall, exhibition space, two theaters, a screening room, classrooms, studios, rehearsal rooms, a digital media center, and a cafe.

Off Campus (15-20 minute walk)
Museum of Science and Industry
5700 S. Lake Shore Dr.
Housed in one of the only surviving buildings from the 1893 World’s Fair, the MSI is the largest science museum in the western hemisphere.

Dusable Museum of African American History
740 E. 56th Pl.
Founded in 1961, the Dusable Museum is dedicated to the collection, documentation, preservation, and study of the history and culture of Africans and African Americans.
Applications, Funding & Resources

How to Apply

UChicago offers over 100 different graduate and professional programs within its 5 divisions and 7 professional schools. Each graduate program has a separate admissions process. Applicants apply directly to their program of interest via the online application.

Typically, applications require:
- Unofficial transcripts
- Candidate statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official test scores (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, etc.)
- Application fee
- TOEFL/IELTS scores for international students

Other materials required may include a writing sample or specific GRE Subject Test scores. You should check the website for your program of interest for specific requirements.

Resources for Students

No matter what your professional goals are, UChicago provides a wide variety of options to prepare you for a diverse array of outcomes.

UChicagoGRAD
grad.uchicago.edu
A one-stop shop of integrated services to help graduate students and postdocs navigate their academic and professional careers.

Specialized Career Service Offices
In addition to the resources at UChicagoGRAD, most of UChicago’s professional and master’s programs provide specialized career services to their students.

Chicago Center for Teaching
teaching.uchicago.edu
Assists graduate students in strengthening their teaching skills at all stages of their careers. From their first teaching assistantship to their transition to faculty member, if they choose to pursue an academic career.

Living in Hyde Park

The University’s neighborhood, Hyde Park, is home to nearly 60 percent of UChicago faculty and the majority of our graduate students. Hyde Park is also home to many amenities and attractions, including museums, theaters, eclectic restaurants and pubs, and diverse shopping. The community of Hyde Park is home to over 25,000 residents with a variety of housing options. From one bedroom to five, two-story walk-ups to high rises by the lake, students find a place they can make their own. Typically, new graduate students matriculating in Autumn Quarter arrive on campus by early September.
Housing Resources

Like in any major city, there are a wide variety of ways to secure housing. We've included below a few resources and companies commonly used by UChicago graduates students as they look for a place to live.

Graduate Student Housing
ro.uchicago.edu

Full time students are eligible to apply for a limited number of University-owned apartments. Buildings are located within walking distance of campus and public transportation and pet- and family-friendly options are offered. Accessible units are also available. We suggest applying as soon as you accept an offer of admission, as they are processed in the order they are received and fill very quickly.

Private Leasing Options

There are several major leasing companies in Hyde Park that offer rental housing, and many sites that provide listings of available units. There are also smaller privately owned buildings, as well as individuals who lease condos and apartments. A few of these companies and aggregator sites are:

- MAC Properties (macapartments.com)
- TLC Management Company (chicagorentals.com)
- Apartment Finders (chicagoapartmentfinders.com)

Marketplace
marketplace.uchicago.edu/apartments

Marketplace is a University-run listing site. Anyone with a UChicago email can list on this site, and it is a popular way for condo owners and smaller management companies to list their units. Students will also often post requests for roommates or sublets, or sell used furniture, appliances, etc.

Getting Around

In addition to public transportation, the University offers a wide variety of transportation options to students, faculty, and staff. Whether you're grocery shopping or visiting the shops along 53rd street, there are a number of options to help you get around Hyde Park.

Free CTA Routes
safety-security.uchicago.edu/services/cta_buses/
University students, faculty, and staff can ride the 170, 171, and 172 routes free by showing their UCID.

UChicago UGo Day & Nighttime Shuttles
safety-security.uchicago.edu/services/transportation_services/
The University operates day and evening shuttles for University affiliated persons. Students, staff, and faculty have access to multiple shuttle routes for free with their University ID. To track available shuttles, visit uchicago.transloc.com.

Bike Sharing Programs
divvybikes.com
sustainability.uchicago.edu/resources/bike_sharing/recycles_bike_share/

With over 300 bike stations across the city, Divvy is a great way to get around the city, and UChicago students, staff, and faculty are eligible for a discounted membership fee. The University also offers its own bike sharing program, Recycles, which allows students, staff, and faculty to rent a bike for free for a day.
Welcome to the University of Chicago Library

Collections
With over 10.7 million print or electronic volumes in six campus libraries, the Library is one of the largest and richest collections in the world. Explore the book stacks or visit the Special Collections Research Center to view our rare books, manuscripts, and archives.

E-Resources
The Library subscribes to over 1.1 million eBooks, 100,000 online journals and periodicals, and 900 research databases. Most of these online resources can be found on the Library’s website. Just enter your CNetID to access these resources off-campus.

Expertise
If you need help navigating our resources, librarians are available via e-mail, phone, IM or text through our Ask a Librarian service. Do you have a paper due? Schedule an appointment with one of the Library’s subject specialists about your project.
UBorrow and Borrow Direct

University of Chicago students can utilize two services to gain rapid access to books that are checked out or otherwise unavailable from the Library. Borrow Direct provides access to more than 50 million volumes from the circulating collections of Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, Penn, Princeton, and Yale libraries. UBorrow provides access to materials from 13 major research libraries part of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), which is comprised of the universities of the Big Ten Conference. For more information, visit: www.lib.uchicago.edu/ill.

Library Research Guides

Learn about the various library collections and services available for your field of study by viewing our research guides: guides.lib.uchicago.edu. Library research guides list sources and databases recommended by the University of Chicago Library’s subject librarians. Browse our guides by subject area, department/program, or by type of resource. For more information about our collections, feel free to contact the librarians listed on the guide.

Technology

Wireless access and computers are available at all libraries. Laptops and iPads™ can be checked out from the IT Services TECHB@R on the 1st floor of the Regenstein, which also provides drop-in tech support. Copy, print, scan, or fax documents in the Library for a fee using your UChicago ID card.

Multimedia

The Library has extensive film and music collections. While most music CDs can be checked out from Recordings Collection in Regenstein, DVDs and videos are located in every campus library. The Crerar Library lends video cameras and projectors for creating films or recording presentations.

Study Spaces

Looking for a quiet corner to read? Or, would you like a place to work on a project with friends? From spacious reading rooms to group study, a wide variety of study spaces are available at our campus libraries. For a quick snack, drop by the Regenstein Library’s Ex Libris Café, where food is allowed.
Welcome you to The University of Chicago

Student Support Services (SSS) utilizes a holistic approach to create a supportive academic and co-curricular environment for four student populations:

- First-generation
- Low-income
- Undocumented /DACAmended
- Veterans

We provide services that strengthen a sense of belonging, connection to campus resources, and professional growth.

Visit our office at the Center for Identity + Inclusion at 5710 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Follow us on Facebook

Student Support Services
The University of Chicago

Bookmark the SSS Website
News and updates can be found at:
http://inclusion.uchicago.edu/
studentsupport

Join our Listserv
inclusion.uchicago.edu/studentsupport/join

contact

Rachel Choto
Director of Student Support Services
rchoto@uchicago.edu
773.702.2435
Housing in Hyde Park

Hyde Park, a residential community of approximately 25,000 people, offers a wide variety of housing options that are as numerous as they are varied. From studios to five bedrooms, walk-ups to high rises by the lake, you can find the right place to fit your lifestyle. Whether you are on your own or bringing a family, there are plenty of options available.

Housing Resources

When choosing a place to live in Hyde Park, there are a number of factors to think about:

Where will you be spending the majority of your time?
Many students choose to live in a location that gives them easy access to their classes, labs, frequent study spaces, or campus job, either with a quick walk or bus ride. Before looking at apartments, we encourage you to determine where you will be spending the majority of your time, and think about your own personal preferences. Some students prefer to live as close as possible to the places they use most frequently, while others don’t mind taking a bus or biking in to campus.

What transit options will you need?
It’s important to think about what your transit needs will be. Many students choose to live along the 171 and 172 CTA bus routes (which are free to students, staff, and faculty) because they are designed to take University-affiliated persons from the most populous Hyde Park areas to campus.

Planning on frequent trips to other parts of the city? The easiest access to downtown is usually via the Metra Electric Line or #6 CTA bus route, both of which run along Hyde Park/Lake Park Avenues.

How close will you be to shops, restaurants, and grocery stores?
The main commercial corridor in Hyde Park is 53rd Street, and the largest grocery store is Treasure Island, located at 55th and Lake Park. For this reason, many students (particularly those without cars) choose to live in the area between 51st and 57th street, in 2016 a Whole Foods will also be opening at 51st and Lake Park, near many high rises and larger apartment complexes popular with students.

Will you need to park a car or use a car sharing service?
Bringing a car? Street parking during the day in the area around campus can be difficult, but easy after 5pm, while in many of the residential areas parking is most difficult in the evening. Some buildings have lots or garages, but typically you will pay between $50 and $150 per month for your space.

Not bringing a car? Hyde Park has a number of car sharing options, including Zipcar and Enterprise Car Share. Zipcar in particular has numerous locations in the area, both on campus and off, and offers discounted registration fees to UChicago students.

Do you have children?
Graduate students with children may want to consider the location of playlots and school or daycare options, as well. If your children will need to be registered for school, you may also need to plan ahead, as this typically takes place over the summer. For more information, explore UChicagoGRAD’s Family Resource Center, which offers a downloadable Parent Resource Guide with more information on childcare, schools, etc grad.uchicago.edu/life_community/student_parents.
Welcome Graduate Students!

As a graduate student at UChicago, you are already enrolled as a full member to the University’s recreational facilities. For students with families, we offer discounted memberships to spouses, domestic partners, and children of currently registered students.

In addition to the physical amenities outlined below, the Department of Physical Education & Athletics offers a robust Club and Intramural Sports program with over 30 Intramural and 40 Club Sports, as well as a wide range of programs listed on this flyer.

We encourage you to take a break from your studies and explore what these facilities have to offer!

Additional information can be obtained from our website athletics.uchicago.edu/facilities or by contacting Bob Petrowski, Athletic Facilities Manager – Membership Services at bpetrowski@uchicago.edu or 773-702-3846.

Ratner Athletics Center & Henry Crown Field House

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Henry Crown Field House Only
(Includes Ratner Center in summer quarter and interims)

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(a) Proof of relationship required
(b) Must be accompanied by current adult member

FACILITIES OFFERINGS

Ratner Athletics Center
- Myers-McLoraine Pool: 20 lanes, 50 meters, Olympic-sized
- 61 cardio machines, 38 with Cardio Theatre TV
- Fitness Center: selectorized and free weight equipment
- Competition & Auxiliary Gyms
- Dance-Martial Arts Studio
- Located: 5530 S. Ellis Ave.

Henry Crown Field House
- 200m indoor track
- 3 racquetball/handball courts
- 5 squash courts
- 35 cardio machines
- Fitness Center: selectorized and free weight equipment
- 4 multi-purpose courts
- Astro-turfed multi-purpose room
- Located: 5550 S. University Ave.

Stagg Field Outdoor Complex
- 8 tennis courts (plus 2 practice)
- 400m outdoor track
- Field Turf artificial field
- Baseball, softball, football and soccer fields
- Organized field use can be scheduled through the Facilities Office (reservations 702-3840)
- Located: 56th & Cottage Grove

www.athletics.uchicago.edu/facilities
Program Offerings

Club and Intramural Sports

Sport Clubs are comprised of groups of individuals organized to further their interest in common activities through instruction, recreation, and/or competition. Sport Clubs fall under two levels of participation - Competitive Clubs (organized to compete with other clubs) and Recreational Clubs.

There are currently 32 different IM sports offered throughout the year. Activities range from flag football, basketball, and indoor soccer to broomball, dodgeball, and tennis.

For more information, visit: http://athletics.uchicago.edu/im_clubs.

FitChicago Classes

FitChicago provides drop-in group fitness classes to members of the Ratner Center (beginning yoga, advanced yoga, pilates, group resistance training, cardio kickboxing, boot camp, water aerobics, Zumba, and private swim lessons). FitChicago classes are FREE for current students. Non-students must purchase a Fitness Punch Card ($5, 6 classes - $23, 10 classes - $40) at the Ratner Center Front Desk to participate in these classes. Private swim lessons are $35 per half hour. For more information on the classes, pick-up a brochure on the kiosks throughout the facilities or visit the website at http://athletics.uchicago.edu/facilities/fitchicago.

Personal Training

Personal Fitness Training Services are available to current members of the recreational facilities. A Certified Personal Trainer will help clients achieve their fitness goals by evaluating current fitness levels and designing comprehensive exercise programs to meet their needs. Fitness assessments, one-on-one training sessions, partner training sessions, and small group instruction are available. The University’s trainers also conduct periodic fitness orientations to educate new users on safe and effective training. For more information, check-out our website at http://athletics.uchicago.edu/facilities/personal_training, or contact Clare Barry, Head Personal Trainer, at barryc@uchicago.edu.

Masters Swimming

Whether you’re training for a triathlon, trying to improve your stroke, or swimming for fitness, this program is right for you. Practices focus on training techniques, stroke mechanics, and goal setting. Our program is open to all adult swimmers ages 18 and over (fitness, triathlete, competitive, non-competitive) who are dedicated to improving their fitness.

For more information, visit the aquatics website at http://athletics.uchicago.edu/facilities/aquatics or email ucmasters@uchicago.edu.

Community Swim School

Community Swim School offers swimming lessons to children ages 3-12 years old as well as adults. Six different skill levels are offered (Young Beginner, Beginner, Chicago, White, Maroon and Phoenix) for the children’s program as well as an adult learn-to-swim level. Sessions are offered during the fall, spring, and summer quarters, and the program is open to non-members as well.

For more information, visit the aquatics website at http://athletics.uchicago.edu/facilities/aquatics/index or email ucsswimschool@uchicago.edu.

Super Summer Sports Camp

Children grades K-8 can spend their summer days immersed in fun and physical activity in the Super Summer Sports Camp, a day camp run by the Department of Physical Education & Athletics from mid-June through early-August. The camp is open to children of non-members.

The program provides a wide variety of sports activities for boys and girls - including swimming, basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, tennis, racquetball, gymnastics, track and field, golf and archery.

For more information, visit the camp website at http://athletics.uchicago.edu/community/summer_camps.
Below are just a few of the food, coffee, and tea options on or near the Main Quad.

**Food Trucks**

Ellis Ave., between 57th and 59th

Any given day you can find between five and ten food trucks from Chicago restaurants parked here.

**Grounds of Being**

1025 E. 58th (The Divinity School)

A basement cafe with a wide selection of hot and cold food as well as fantastic coffee. Cash only.

**Hallowed Grounds**

5706 S. University (The Reynolds Club)

Serving a variety of coffee and tea options, they also sell gourmet snacks and lunch/dinner platters from local restaurants.

**Hutchinson Commons**

5706 S. University (The Reynolds Club)

One of the main dining areas on campus. Hutch includes Gobo Grill, Robinson's Ribs, Papa John's Pizza, and Subway.

**C-Shop**

5706 S. University (The Reynolds Club)

Bagels, coffee, salad, and sandwiches. On Wednesdays, milkshakes are $1.

**Cobb Coffee Shop**

5811 S. Ellis

Cheapest coffee on campus, plus food from local restaurants.

**Common Knowledge Cafe**

1116 E. 59th St.

Located on the 3rd Floor of Harper Memorial Library. Common Knowledge is adjacent to our 24-hour study room. You can find a variety of options to sate your tea and coffee cravings, as well as pick up meals from local restaurants.

**Stuart Cafe**

5835 S. Greenwood

A small cafe in the basement of Stuart Hall which specializes in sandwiches and panini.

**Kovler Cafe**

5807 S. Woodlawn

(Booth School of Business)

A popular location amongst staff and faculty, as well as graduate students. Kovler boasts a wide selection of food offerings from salads and sandwiches to curry and pizza.
Restaurants & Cafes

1 Starbucks
   The Nile
   Bergstein's NY Deli
2 Z&H Marketplace
   Medici Restaurant
   Noodles Etc.
3 La Petite Folie
   Bonjour Cafe
4 Salonica
   Subway
5 Original House of Pancakes
6 Jimmy John's
   Maravillas
7 Potbelly Sandwich Works
8 Cafe Corea
   Thai 55
   Kikuya Japanese
   Morry's Deli
9 The Snail
10 Cholie's Pizza
11 Je' Grill
   Native Foods
   Pork Chop
12 Valois
   Mellow Yellow
13 Chant
   Pizza Capri
14 Rajun Cajun
   Clark's 24 Hour Diner
15 Giordano's Pizza
16 Boston Market
   Subway
   Wok 'n Roll
   Dunkin Donuts
   Papa John's Pizza
17 Chipotle
   Starbucks
18 Five Guys
   A10
19 Zberry
   Hyde Park Gyros
   Nathan's Chicago Style Wingers
20 Yusho Hyde Park
   Pocket's
21 Cafe 53
   Litehouse Whole Foods Grill
   Shinju Sushi
22 The Sit Down
   Pepes's Mexican
23 Leona's
   Cedars Mediterranean
   Nicky's Chinese
   Harold's Chicken Shack
24 McDonald's
25 Domino's Pizza
   Uncle Joe's Jerk Chicken
26 Istria Cafe
27 The Promontory