GRANT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

As a University of Chicago student, there are a variety of funding opportunities available to you, including grants, fellowships, and financial awards. These funding opportunities can be applied toward a number of different activities, including internships that would otherwise be unpaid, research, study abroad, domestic and international travel, and more. While these programs are competitive and funding is not guaranteed, students are highly encouraged to apply for any programs that fit their interests!

If you were admitted as a part of a scholar cohort, you may have funding for summer opportunities available to you. Please connect with your cohort adviser (usually your 1st year adviser!) with any further questions regarding that funding.

*Please note that the application details below may change. Before applying for any of these opportunities, make sure to double-check the information provided by going to the website or contacting the relevant department administrator.

INTERNERSHIP GRANTS AND FUNDING

Jeff Metcalf Internship Program
https://careeradvancement.uchicago.edu/student-opportunities/college-sponsored-grants
The Jeff Metcalf Internship Program provides paid, substantive internships to UChicago undergraduate students in various industries and locations. Many Metcalf internships are funded by employers who pay students directly. However, if you self-secure an unpaid internship, you can apply for funding through the Jeff Metcalf Fellowship Grant for Internships or the Odyssey Metcalf Fellowship Grant (if you are an Odyssey student):

1. Jeff Metcalf Fellowship Grant for Internships
https://careeradvancement.uchicago.edu/student-opportunities/college-sponsored-grants
The Jeff Metcalf Fellowship Grant provides funding for unpaid or limitedly compensated internships, supervised research opportunities, and short-term or small-scale projects. Currently enrolled, active undergraduate students can apply for grants to fund academic year & summer experiences in any industry and in any location. Odyssey Scholars, please refer to the application for the Odyssey Metcalf Fellowship Grant below.

Eligible Internship Experiences: To qualify for funding, proposed opportunities must meet the standards of the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. Detailed eligibility criteria are available on the Handshake listing.

Amount: Metcalf awards are fellowships designed to help students offset their living expenses rather than provide an hourly wage or salary. Award amounts are determined using a sliding scale in which all students working a given range of hours will receive a standardized fellowship amount. The sliding scale can be found on the internship grants web page.

To apply: To apply, students will submit a resume and application form through UChicago Handshake. Applications will be accepted throughout the 2022-2023 academic year. Each quarter will have 3 application cycles. Students can request funding for summer or academic-year internships during any of these cycles. For academic-year internships, if you’d like to know whether you’ll receive a grant in advance of the quarter you’ll be working, Career Advancement recommends applying by September 16 for an Autumn Quarter 2022 internship, December 2 for a Winter Quarter 2023 internship and March 3 for a Spring Quarter 2023 internship. Students are also welcome to apply after the quarter has started. Please refer to the website for the specific dates.
Contact: Meghan Poljak at mpoljak@uchicago.edu

2. Odyssey Metcalf Fellowship Grant
https://careeradvancement.uchicago.edu/student-opportunities/college-sponsored-grants
The Odyssey Metcalf Fellowship Grant provides funding for unpaid internships and supervised research opportunities. Undergraduate Odyssey Scholars can apply for grants to fund academic year & summer experiences in any industry and in any location.

Eligible Internship Experiences: To qualify for funding, proposed opportunities must meet the standards of the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. Detailed eligibility criteria are available on the Handshake listing.
**Amount:** Metcalf awards are fellowships designed to help students offset their living expenses rather than provide an hourly wage or salary. Award amounts are determined using a sliding scale in which all students working a given range of hours will receive a standardized fellowship amount.

**Open to:** All Odyssey Scholars are eligible to apply for the Odyssey Metcalf Fellowship Grant.

**To apply:** To apply, students will submit a resume and application form through UChicago Handshake. Applications will be accepted throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, with three separate cycles each quarter. Please refer to the website for the specific dates.

**Contact:** Meghan Poljak at mpoljak@uchicago.edu

### 3. Top-Off Grant Funding

[https://careeradvancement.uchicago.edu/student-opportunities/college-sponsored-grants](https://careeradvancement.uchicago.edu/student-opportunities/college-sponsored-grants)

A dedicated pool of limited funding is available for students to supplement their paid summer internships. The goal of the fund is to help students close the gap between their base stipend and the costs that are required to move forward with the opportunity. These grants fund expenses that would otherwise prevent students from taking the opportunity—they are not intended to provide an hourly wage or cover all the costs during the internship period. Students who need additional funding to make their internship viable are encouraged to apply.

Given that there is limited funding, and to ensure that as many students as possible can move forward with their internships, Career Advancement asks applicants to help their peers by only requesting funding for essential costs. Please note that Top-off funding is competitive and not guaranteed. The maximum top-off award will be capped at $3,000. In the application, students will have the opportunity to explain their financial need and demonstrate why these additional funds are required.

Internships in all industries and locations are eligible for top-off funds, and the internship does not have to be a University-sponsored opportunity. All top-off grant recipients will be included in the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program.

**To apply:** [Top-off Funding Application](https://handshake.uchicago.edu) in Handshake

**Application deadlines:** November 30, 2022 (decisions December 14, 2022); March 31, 2023 (decisions April 14); and May 15, 2023 (decisions June 1).

**Note:** If you have already acquired funding for this role and/or have applied for funding through other sources, please disclose this in your application as we make every effort to provide equitable access for students. This includes any research scholarships, fellowships, and/or grants offered through Career Advancement, the College Center for Research and Fellowships (CCRF) and the Institute of Politics (IOP).

**Contact:** Meghan Poljak at mpoljak@uchicago.edu

### Kimpton Fellows Program

[Kimpton.uchicago.edu](https://kimpton.uchicago.edu)

The Lawrence A. Kimpton Fellows Program helps recent graduates of the College secure one-year employment fellowships at a variety of non- and for-profit organizations in locations such as Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C., and the Bay Area. These full-time, substantive opportunities will give students the skills and experience they need to launch a fulfilling career in their field of choice.

**Amount:** Salary and benefits set by employer

**Open to:** Graduating 4th years

**Application Opens:** December 1, 2022 and are accepted on a rolling basis through March 1, 2023

**Contact:** Ruthie Robinson at rrobinson5@uchicago.edu

### Humanities Grants

**Careers in Arts, Culture & Entertainment and Journalism & Creative Writing**

Careers in Arts, Culture, and Entertainment and Journalism and Creative Writing offers Humanities grants to fund unpaid internships with employers in Journalism, Arts, Media, and related fields. Students can apply for funding to pursue internships that will provide mentorship and valuable professional experience. These grants are available for both academic year and summer opportunities.

[CIACE/ICW Humanities Grant Application](https://handshake.uchicago.edu)
Amount: Students can receive up to $2,500 per quarter (fall, winter, spring). Students may reapply for a grant each quarter. Summer quarter full-time internships may receive up to $4,000. Fellowship Stipend Award amounts are determined using a sliding scale; refer to this link for more information about the sliding scale.

Open to: All undergraduates
Deadline: See application link above for deadline details
Contact: Nely Rentas at nrentas@uchicago.edu

Public Policy Leaders Program Fellowship Grants (Selective Track)
The Public Policy Leaders Program fellowship grants support students in the selective-track Public Policy Leaders Program who have secured substantive, unpaid academic year or summer internships in public policy, government, think tanks, non-profits, and other organizations that align with the program’s mission.

Amount: Up to three academic quarters per year (fellowship grant amount based on internship experience) and up to $4,000 during the summer

Academic-year funding open to: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year PPLP students
Summer funding open to: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year PPLP students
Deadline: Ongoing application period for both academic year and summer funding; final summer grant deadline in May 2023
Contact: Will Lutterman at wplutterman@uchicago.edu

Institute of Politics Summer Stipend Program
https://politics.uchicago.edu/internships-careers/summer-internships
Students who secure an internship on their own in politics, policy, or other public service fields are invited to apply.
Amount: $2,500
Open to: currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students at the time of application deadline
Deadline: There will be up to three rounds of funding with deadlines in April and May. Dates will be publicized in March 2023 at website above.

EPIC Summer Stipend Program
https://epic.uchicago.edu/internship-stipend/
The Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC) invites University of Chicago students who have secured an unpaid, external summer internship on their own related to topics in energy, the environment and/or climate change to apply for a stipend.
Amount: up to $5,000 for a 10-week internship
Open to: currently enrolled undergraduate students at the time of application deadline
Deadline: March 2023

Seidel Scholars Grants
https://careeradvancement.uchicago.edu/student-opportunities/seidel-scholars-grants
The Seidel Scholars Grant give students the opportunity to explore a career-related individual project with the hope of inspiring students to translate their academic interests into careers outside of an academic setting.
Amount: $4,000 for an 8 to 10-week independent project
Open to: 1st, 2nd, 3rd year students in the College enrolled specified humanities majors (see website for approved majors)
Deadline: Monday, April 3, 2023

Undergraduate Summer 2023 Internship Program
https://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/fellowships/internships.shtml
Are you interested in working this summer with an organization that focuses on issues of gender and/or sexuality? Apply here for CSGS funding for an unpaid internship during the summer of 2023. You don't need to know exactly where you're going to work in order to fill out the application, just have an idea of the kind of service or activism that interests you.
Amount: Varies
Open to: 1st, 2nd, 3rd year students in the College
Deadline: Monday, February 27, 2023
Contact Bonnie Kanter at bonniek@uchicago.edu if you have questions
INTERNATIONAL FUNDING
Summer International Travel Grants (SITG)
http://study-abroad.uchicago.edu/sitg
Offers financial awards to defray the costs of intermediate or advanced language study abroad or research abroad during the summer.
Amount: $5,000
Open to: Students registered at the University of Chicago for the spring quarter before the summer they go abroad as well as the following autumn quarter.
Deadline: February 3, 2023
Contact: Dana Currier at dcurrier@uchicago.edu and sitg@uchicago.edu.

RESEARCH FUNDING
Institute for Biophysical Dynamics (IBD) Scholar Program
Interdisciplinary science research (at the intersection of physical and biological science) funding for undergraduate students. The financial award is $5,000 stipend for a commitment to work with a member of the IBD faculty (https://ibd.uchicago.edu/directory/faculty/) for 10 weeks in the summer of 2023.
Amount: $5,000
Open to: undergraduate students in the College
Application Opens: February, 2023
Contact: Candice Lewis, PhD (Admin Director) at clewis@uchicago.edu

Quad Undergraduate Research Scholars Program
https://ccrf.uchicago.edu/undergraduate-research/quad-undergraduate-research-scholars-program
Supports scholarly undergraduate research and creative inquiry experiences with University of Chicago faculty in all disciplines during the academic year, fall, winter, and spring quarters.
Amount: $5,000 (two $2,500 quarterly stipends)
Open to: All undergraduates
Deadline: Autumn: October 10, 2022; Winter: January 9, 2023
Contact: CCRF at crf-research@uchicago.edu

Quad Summer Undergraduate Research Scholars Program
https://ccrf.uchicago.edu/undergraduate-research/quad-summer-undergraduate-research-scholars
Supports full-time domestic scholarly undergraduate research and creative inquiry experiences with faculty in all disciplines during the summer.
Amount: $5,500
Open to: rising 2nd through 4th year students
Deadline: April 3, 2023
Contact: CCRF at crf-research@uchicago.edu

Straetz International Undergraduate Research Scholars Program
https://ccrf.uchicago.edu/undergraduate-research/straetz-international-research-scholars
Supports full-time international scholarly undergraduate research and creative inquiry experiences with faculty in all disciplines during the summer.
Amount: $6,500
Open to: rising 3rd and 4th year students
Deadline: April 10, 2023
Contact: CCRF at crf-research@uchicago.edu

Biological Sciences Division (BSD) Diversity Grants
https://voices.uchicago.edu/bsddiversity/grant-page/
The Office of Diversity & Inclusion’s Small Grants Program (SGP) offers BSD and UCMC staff, students, and trainees up
to $2,000 in funding to engage in research and or programmatic interventions that have the potential to enhance and/or support diversity & inclusion within the BSD.

**Open to:** Students, staff, and trainees  
**Deadline:** The third Friday of each month from October – May  
**Contact:** diversityoffice@bsd.uchicago.edu

**Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)**  
https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp  
**Amount:** Stipends vary by discipline and institution  
**Deadline:** Varies by discipline and institution; see site above

**The Dean's Fund for Student Life & The Dean's Fund for Undergraduate Research**  
https://deansfund.uchicago.edu/application-requirements  
Grants to contribute to College and University culture through student life or to advance chosen academic goals through undergraduate research.  
**Amount:** $750 up to $1,500  
**Open to:** All undergraduates  
**Deadlines:** Vary; See site above

**ACADEMIC FUNDING AND AWARDS**  
If you are interested in applying for academic funding, please be sure to discuss the opportunity with your academic advisor.

**Classics**  
https://classics.uchicago.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-prizes-and-grants  
Multiple grant and funding opportunities are offered through the Classics Department and the Society for Classics Studies.  
**Amount:** Range from $500-$24,000  
**Open to:** Varies by grant, see site above  
**Deadline:** Varies by grant, see site above

**Biological Sciences**  
**Biological Sciences Collegiate Division Summer Fellowship Program**  
https://college.uchicago.edu/academics/bscd-undergraduate-research-opportunities  
Fellowships for students majoring in Biological Sciences and taking the Fundamentals Biology sequence or the Premed sequence 170’s sequence interested in conducting research during the summer in a UChicago campus laboratory. Students who receive the 10-week research stipend must also participate in the Fellowship symposium. The Fellowship research weeks run during the 2023 summer quarter weeks (expected dates June 12, 2023 to August 18, 2023 are subject to change per the academic calendar).  
**Amount:** $5,000  
**Open to:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd years  
**Deadline:** See site above

**OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**UChicago Arts Grants and Funding**  
https://arts.uchicago.edu/about/welcome/arts-grants-funding_0  
Organizations across the University of Chicago offer a variety of resources designed to support creative endeavors, arts practice and research, exhibition and performance, and professional development across the campus. A variety of grants, fellowships, funds, and prizes are available. **Deadlines, Awards, and Eligibility vary.**

**Summer Links**  
https://civicengagement.uchicago.edu/for-students/summer-links  
Stipend for a 10-week social justice education internship program through the University Community Service Center for students committed to public service, community-building, and social change.  
**Amount:** $5,000
Open to: 2nd and 3rd year students
Deadline: Mid-winter 2023
Application available starting January 2023.
Contact: Syedah Cabell, symc@uchicago.edu

The College New Venture Challenge
The College New Venture Challenge (CNVC) is the dedicated track of the Polsky Center’s nationally-ranked New Venture Challenge program. It supports University of Chicago College students who are interested in launching a startup. All teams accepted into the CNVC Phase II are eligible to enroll in the CNVC class, which is offered in the Winter quarter through Chicago Booth.
Open to: All undergraduate students
Application: CNVC application
Deadline: November 7, 2022
Contact: Lucas Peralta at lucas.peralta@chicagobooth.edu

The Polsky Center Accelerator Program
https://polsky.uchicago.edu/programs-events/polsky-accelerator/
Provides UChicago student enterprises funding, office space, coaching, and weekly programming. There are separate accelerator applications for Build and Launch.
Open to: The Accelerator applications are open to all University of Chicago students from any division and recent alumni currently developing startup ventures. Ventures may be for-profit or not-for-profit.
Deadline: Early April 2023 (TBA)
Contact: Lucas Peralta at lucas.peralta@chicagobooth.edu

Polsky’s Founders’ Fund Fellowship (PF3)
https://polsky.uchicago.edu/programs-events/polsky-founders-fund-fellowship-pf3/
A resource available to graduating UChicago students who are committed to growing a company.
Amount: $24,000
Open to: Graduating students
Deadline: Early June 2023 (TBA)

Professional Development Conference Grants
https://careeradvancement.uchicago.edu/student-opportunities/professional-conference-grants
The Professional Development Fund provides grants to support student participation in professional conferences.
Amount: Up to $1,500
Open to: Students from all years in the College are eligible to apply
Rolling Application Deadline: Apply Here (by May 1, 2023)
Contact: Isaiah Spears at ispears@uchicago.edu

Philip Arthur Epstein Prize for Philosophy and Entrepreneurship
The grant will support a student majoring in philosophy and looking to explore the ways the study of philosophy might support and enrich a non-academic career. Proposed experiences/projects must be located outside the U.S. Projects can vary in nature but should demonstrate the applicants’ initiative, intellectual and professional curiosity, and (broadly-speaking) entrepreneurial spirit.
Amount: $4,000
Open to: Currently enrolled students majoring in Philosophy. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students. International opportunities only.
Deadline: The application deadline is on Monday, April 20, 2023. Award winners will be notified no later than Monday, April 24, 2023.
Contact: Chiara Montanari at chiaram@uchicago.edu

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
The College Center for Research and Fellowships (CCRF) supports students as they pursue transformative experiences through scholarly undergraduate research and nationally competitive fellowships. CCRF promotes meaningful connections between faculty
and students, encourages mentorship, provides high-impact advising and educates the UChicago community about opportunities for all College students and alumni. CCRF staff support students by helping them to identify relevant research and fellowship opportunities across all disciplines, assist in strategically planning and seeking out those opportunities, and closely mentor students through rigorous fellowship application processes. Find out more by visiting the CCRF website: ccrf.uchicago.edu

Emergency Assistance Grants
https://bursar.uchicago.edu/financial-wellness/emergency-assistance-programs
The Emergency Grant provides resources to students who have extraordinary and significant emergency assistance needs.

**Amount:** Students may receive up to $2,000 per emergency.

**Additional eligibility requirements:** Only one Emergency Assistance Grant is allowed per Academic Career.

**Repayment:** Grants are not subject to repayment but are subject to taxation as an income source.

**Application:** To be considered for an Emergency Assistance Grant please go to my.UChicago.edu under Finances-Account–Emergency Assistance Application.