

# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

## Education Professions Career Pathways

Explore the ways you can apply your UChicago degree to the professional world through the sample student pathways.

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Lead by Learning



### Education Professions Selective Cohort

The Education Professions (Ed Pros) is a selective cohort program that prepares 2nd – 4th year students for careers in the diverse and fast-changing education sector. This student-centered program offers students personalized assistance in career exploration and skill development to land internships, full-time jobs, and graduate school acceptances as well as an opportunity to engage with the on-campus community of education leaders, innovators, and changemakers.

### Lead by Learning

Lead by Learning (LxL) is a non-selective track with an emphasis on first-year students that serves as an onboarding ramp for students interested in making an impact in the education profession as future Ed Pros members. LxL provides tailored support to students through a combination of individualized student advising, small group career exploration community gatherings, professional development opportunities, and invitations to select Ed Pros specific programming.

### Collaborations with Academic Institutions

UChicago’s partnership with Amherst College and Grinnell College promotes the model of undergraduate education preparation across the country. Collaborative summits and seminars bring students from these three institutions together to discuss ideas, their particular contexts, and the evolving landscape of education. Previous events have focused on rural education and design thinking for education innovations.

### Career Treks

Careers in Education Professions offers career treks to meet many different education organizations including public and private teaching environments, policy think tanks, research institutes, advocacy groups, and non-profits working in education. The treks take the cohort throughout Chicago and to cities like Helsinki, New York, Phoenix, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

### Jeff Metcalf Internship Program

UChicago provides more than 4,100 paid, substantive internship opportunities each year through the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. Education organizations that have previously hosted UChicago students for internships include Chicago Public Schools, Advance Illinois, NYC Department of Education, ETS, University of Chicago Urban Education Institute, and City Year, among many others.

### Workshops & Guest Speakers

Careers in Education Professions workshops are held at least three times per academic term and cover a wide variety of current topics and issues in the field of education. Events include talks with leaders, policymakers, and experts in the fields of education such as former United States Secretary of Education and Chief Executive Office of Chicago Public Schools Arne Duncan, and key staff members of Chicago Public Schools Offices of Access, Enrollment; Community Partnerships; Innovation & Incubation; School Quality Measurement & Research; and Equity.

### Education and Society Coursework

Many cohort participants supplement their experiential learning through courses in the Education and Society minor. In these classes, students explore how people learn and teach amid the complex relationships forged in diverse communities. The minor spans a broad array of course listings reflecting education’s interdisciplinary field and its myriad contexts including: the schoolhouse, the family, communities, workplaces, and political arenas.

### Mentorship Opportunities

Careers in Education Professions also supports students by connecting them with alumni, faculty, and staff in the field who can offer their expertise to students about preparing for a career in education professions and applying to graduate programs. UChicago alumni host treks, hire interns, and serve as wonderful mentors to help students understand career trajectories and the numerous ways to serve in education.

### Gap Year Support

Careers in Education Professions supports students who choose to take time between college and their graduate programs in several ways. Students have pursued opportunities related to education including City Year, Teach for America, or prestigious scholarships. They have researched and held fellowships with think tanks, research organizations, governmental agencies, as well as a Fulbright in Argentina and Post-Bachelor Fellowship at Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.



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