The Job Shadowing Program gives UChicago alumni, family, and friends the opportunity to support the professional development of current students by hosting them in their place of work for 1-5 days during the College’s break periods. The specific activities involved in a job shadowing experience vary between host sites, but essentially, any activity that gives the student a tangible sense of daily life in your field is suitable for the job shadowing experience.

WHAT CAN I HAVE STUDENTS DO?

START BY...
- Giving a tour of the facility
- Providing an overview of the organization’s operations, staff divisions
- Sharing your personal career history

NEXT, SHOW THEM A "DAY IN THE LIFE" OF A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL...
- Provide the student(s) with the opportunity to see surgical procedures (either real time or a video)
  - Talk the student(s) through some of the intricacies of the processes
- Walk through some ‘best practices’ with students (i.e. HIPAA, etiquette, etc.)
- Share some information about the administrative/business side of working in a health services practice
- Invite the student to observe rounds, client appointments, surgeries, or other events occurring around the facility
  - Introduce them to patients and colleagues
- Discuss your past & current research studies

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...

Seeing the patient smile and laugh, knowing that they have a chance to live a full and normal life, brought a smile to my face. This opportunity helped me see why I want to become a pediatric neurosurgeon. This experience is one I will never forget and I am grateful to my host for allowing me to have this opportunity.

OTHER IDEAS...
- Invite the student to observe meetings, conference calls, and other daily activities
- Resume/LinkedIn profile review
- Provide interviewing tips
- Discuss the student’s career interests and questions
- Organize an informational interview for the student