Fried Public Policy and Service Program

Students with an interest in public policy and social service careers find the University of Chicago’s rigorous liberal arts education and strong interdisciplinary programs to be excellent preparation. Whether they gravitate toward community or international development, education, social service, public policy, or politics, students will find a vast array of opportunities through the **Fried Public Policy and Service Program**, generously supported by a gift from Barbara (AB’54, JD’57) and Mark (JD’56) Fried.

**Advising**
Through dedicated 1:1 advising, Career Advancement provides the preparation, connections, and opportunities for students to pursue their professional goals. Career Advancement has a staff of public policy and service advisers with a wide range of experience in these sectors. Advisers offer assistance with resume, cover letter, networking and branding, interview and informational interview skills for jobs, internships and graduate schools.

**Rosenzweig Scholars Program**
The Rosenzweig Scholars Program prepares students to launch a career in the public policy and service sector through intensive skill-building workshops and individual advising sessions that emphasize articulating a strong mission statement. The program helps students identify and achieve their career goals, including full-time positions, fellowships, graduate programs, or other opportunities in the non-profit, government, policy, and related sectors.

**University of Chicago Public Interest Program**
This program places graduating UChicago students in full-time, year-long fellowships in non-profit, education, or public interest organizations that offer unique training and educational experiences. Students have worked for many top organizations including the Civic Consulting Alliance, Illinois Secretary of Education, and Cook County Health and Hospital Systems.

**Special Events**
Students have access to many enriching opportunities through the Fried Public Policy and Service Program. For example, the annual kick-off event is an excellent informational and networking opportunity for students of all years.

**Career & Internship Fairs**
For students seeking internships or full-time jobs, Career Advancement hosts two large-scale career fairs on campus each year that include public policy and service organizations.

**Treks**
The Fried Public Policy and Service Program offers treks for on-site visits to government and public interest organizations ranging from neighborhood nonprofits to federal agencies.
- Chicago Urban Planning Trek
- San Francisco Public Policy Trek
- Washington, D.C. Government and Politics Trek

**Workshops and Panels**
Workshops and panels each quarter focus on skill-building and career exploration, including training on finding jobs and internships, connecting with alumni and employers, and navigating the government application process. The Public Policy Toolkit Series Workshops, in partnership with the Harris School of Public Policy, offer specialized skill sets in:
- Writing Policy and the Policy Memo
- Data Visualization
- Advocacy and Presentation

**Site Visits & Single-Day Bootcamps**
The Fried Public Policy and Service Program offers site visits for students to learn about the public interest sector and the nonprofit job search process. Past trips include visits to:
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- National Opinion Research Center
- U.S. Department of Labor
- National Immigrant Justice Center

**JOHNNY BEHRENS**
UChicago Degree SB’16
Home Warrenville, IL
Occupation Science Policy Fellow at Institute for Defense Analyses: Science and Technology Policy Institute

“To help me find a career path to bridge my interests in science and policy, the Fried Public Policy and Service Program provided a medium to connect me with alumni with similar interests, and fully funded internships and REUs to explore the policy world and develop new skills. Through the Rosenzweig Scholars program, advisers helped me leverage my experiences and interests into a fellowship at the intersection of science, technology and federal policy in DC.”
Metcalf Internship Opportunities
The Jeff Metcalf Internship Program provides paid, substantive internships exclusively to UChicago students. Advisers with the Fried Public Policy and Service Program assist students with securing these internships.

- The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)
- Amnesty International
- Brookings Institution
- Calvert Social Investment Foundation
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs
- City of Chicago Mayor’s Office
- Clinton Foundation
- Environmental and Energy Study Institute
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Forest Preserves of Cook County
- Heartland Alliance
- Human Rights Watch
- Hyde Park Arts Center
- Innisfree Village
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- Latino Donor Collaborative
- National Archives and Records Administration
- Peace Corps
- The Resurrection Project
- Teach for America
- University of Chicago Urban Labs
- Women’s Business Development Center
- YMCA of Metro Chicago

Partnership with Institute of Politics
Career Advancement and the Institute of Politics have partnered to further develop Metcalf internship opportunities in the public policy industry. From legislative offices to think-tanks to news agencies, students will have the chance to intern at a variety of organizations including:

- ABC News
- Advance Local
- Arab Media & Society
- Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
- Chicago Innocence Project
- Chicago Peace Corps
- Chicago Reporter
- City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations
- City of Chicago Department of Public Health
- Education and Hope
- Genesee County Hispanic/Latino Coalition
- Get IN Chicago
- Gingrich Productions
- GlobeMed
- Hope of Guinea
- Huffington Post
- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Justice Project
- Injustice Watch
- Institute for Justice
- International Innovation Corps Brazil Summer Policy Lab
- Invisible Institute
- Justice for Vets
- Latinos Progresoando
- Legal Services Corporation
- LIFT Chicago
- OECD Regulatory Policy Division
- Seva Mandir
- Sierra Club
- The Tampa Bay Times - Politifact
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On-Campus Recruiting
The On-Campus Recruiting Program brings representatives from many top public sector, non-profit, and social service organizations to campus to interview students for summer internships and full-time opportunities. Advisers with the Fried Public Policy and Service Program help identify internship opportunities and aid students in creating targeted application materials as well as prepare for interviews. Career Advancement hosts hundreds of organizations on campus through its recruiting program and career fairs. Additional organizations recruit via University of Chicago-specific job postings, resulting in thousands of internship and full-time opportunities for students. These encompass a wide range of public service sectors—including public policy, non-profit, government, and international policy and development—in locations across the United States and around the world.

JOE JOSEPH
UChicago Degree AB’17
Home Newton, MA
Occupation 4th Year Student
“The Fried Public Policy and Service Program helped me bridge the disconnect I sometimes felt between my academic endeavors and my interest in the social sector. Through the guidance I have received from advisers, as well as the opportunities I have found for meaningful internship experiences, I will be able to leave UChicago with a stronger and more comprehensive understanding of my own commitment to public service.”

CHELSEA RAPOPORT
UChicago Degree AB’17
Home Burbank, CA
Occupation 4th Year Student
“The Fried Public Policy and Service Program has been there for me ever since I decided I wanted to pursue a career in public policy and service. It has shown me that UChicago has so many resources for connecting students to public policy and service opportunities. Being involved as a Rosenzweig Scholar has helped me understand what strengths I can utilize to pursue my career goals, and has provided me with skills to feel confident pursuing the career opportunities that I’m passionate about.”