UChicago Careers in Education Professions

To strengthen the University of Chicago’s reputation as the “teacher of teachers,” the College and the Career Advancement office launched UChicago Careers in Education Professions in the fall of 2012. UChicago Careers in Education Professions provides specialized preparation for students interested in pursuing careers in preK-12 teaching as well as educational administration, research, and policy.

Careers in Teaching, Administration, Research, and Policy

Advising
Students have access to one-on-one advising with the program director of UChicago Careers in Education Professions, an expert with extensive experience in education. The program also supports students exploring education roles in non-profit management, technology, higher education and more.

Metcalf Internship Opportunities
The Jeff Metcalf Internship Program provides paid, substantive internships exclusively to UChicago students. UChicago Careers in Education Professions places students in internships across the country in major cities like Chicago, New York, Washington, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Miami. Some Metcalf partners include:
• 1881 Research Institute
• Academy for Urban School Leadership
• Advance Illinois
• Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco
• Capital Preparatory Schools
• Chronicle of Higher Education
• Council for Adult and Experiential Learning
• Illinois Network of Charter Schools
• Los Angeles Unified Public School District
• Miami Children’s Museum
• New York State After School Network
• NYC Department of Education
• Stand for Children
• UChicago Charter Schools
• UChicago Consortium on School Research
• UChicago Laboratory Schools
• UChicago Promise (Admissions Academy)
• The Urban Education Institute
• Youth Organizations Umbrella

UChicago Degree
AB’16, Home Brooklyn, NY
Occupation Coordinator of Strategic Initiatives at Kaleidoscope, a non-profit focused on foster care

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“The people I met in UCIEP are still the people I talk to about issues and careers in education. In a field that needs so much good work, having those people around me was and is critical for staying motivated and figuring out what my role is in improving and creating opportunities for youth in Chicago and beyond.”

Workshops and Events
UChicago Careers in Education Professions offers a variety of events and monthly workshops that provide Ed Pros students with career development and exposure to an array of current topics and issues in education. Some workshops and events include:
• High Impact Resumes for Education Environments
• Writing Reader-Centric Cover Letters
• Presenting With Passion and Evidence
• Opening, Running, and Closing Stakeholder Meetings
• Personal Branding
• Project Management
• Making the Most of Your Summer Internship.

Speakers
Students in UChicago Careers in Education Professions have access to enriching opportunities with special guest speakers who are leaders in their field. Special guest speakers include:
• U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan
• Tim Cawley, Chief Administrative Officer Chicago Public Schools
• Dr. Sara Stoelinga, Sara Liston Spurlark Director, Urban Education Institute
• Dr. Shelby Wyatt, Founder of The Brotherhood, Kenwood Academy College Prep
• Dr. Erin Mason, Associate Professor, Counseling, DePaul University
• Mimi Rodman, Executive Director, Stand for Children Illinois
Partnership with the Urban Education Institute (UEI)

Through a close partnership with the Urban Education Institute (UEI), students have access to unparalleled resources:

**Course Offerings:**
The UChicago Consortium and UChicago Careers in Education Professions offer a course sequence to college students: Urban schools and Communities and Urban School Reform History and Policy. These courses are offered to students in any major.

**Applied Research:**
The UChicago Consortium on Chicago School Research conducts innovative research on Chicago Public Schools to inform policy, practice, and the public. The UChicago Consortium produces regular reports aimed at improving education methods and policy while identifying critical academic and social indicators that educators and policy makers can track to measure progress towards graduation and college readiness.

**Tools and Training:**
UChicago Impact creates tools and training products based on UEI research to improve education. These products are used in school systems and states across the country.

**Teachers and Leaders:**
The University of Chicago Urban Teacher Education Program (UChicago UTEP) prepares students of the highest caliber for teaching positions within Chicago Public Schools while empirically testing a model for urban teacher preparation. UTEP graduates engage in teaching as a highly intellectual career and are agents for educational equity in their schools and community. This two-year graduate program accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education awards a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree and state certification in elementary teaching, secondary biology, or secondary mathematics. Alumni receive up to three years of post-graduation support, making UChicago UTEP a unique five-year experience.

The College partners with UTEP to offer a special joint residency opportunity for UChicago undergraduates. Students can apply in their third year to begin UTEP coursework during their final year at the College. Successful applicants can begin UTEP’s intensive five-quarter clinical residency a year earlier than if they matriculated post-graduation.

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**Local Site Visits and Treks**

UChicago Careers in Education Professions students visit schools and education institutions in Chicago and around the country throughout the academic year.

Previous local visits include:
- Graduate programs: Harris School of Public Policy, School of Social Service Administration, Urban Teacher Education Program
- Government and policy organizations: Chicago Public Schools, Office of the Illinois Secretary of Education
- Independent schools: University of Chicago Laboratory Schools
- Research organizations: UChicago Consortium on School Research, Urban Education Institute

Students have also visited a highly diverse range of potential employers in the following cities:
- New Orleans
- New York
- San Francisco
- Washington, D.C.

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**SARAH MANHARDT**
**UChicago Degree** AB'17
**Home** Washington, D.C.
**Occupation** Double Major in History and Geographical Studies applying to graduate school for teaching

“UCIEP connected me to a community interested in education issues. Through the program I’ve been introduced to a variety of opportunities that shaped my passion for educational equity and plan to become a teacher.”

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**KIARA NEREMBERG**
**UChicago Degree** AB’16
**Home** New York, NY
**Occupation** Sociology PhD Candidate at Johns Hopkins focusing on education issues

“Through UCIEP, I was able to get a Metcalf internship doing research at the New York City Department of Education, which solidified my desire to apply to graduate school and enter the field of education research. UCIEP provided internships, treks, workshops, and friendships that were crucial to my undergraduate experience at UChicago.”

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**JOSE PULIDO**
**UChicago Degree** AB’17
**Home** Chicago, IL
**Occupation** Majoring in economics

“UCIEP has given me exposure to the various careers within education through guest speakers and site visits. Along with personalized professional advising, UCIEP has helped me identify my career goals and create strong resumes and cover letters.”