A center for inquiry, research, and education. 
Home to an internationally renowned medical center. 
More than 140 research centers and institutes, and two national laboratories. 
Preeminent faculty whose research and discoveries impact the world. 
Prominent alumni leading in more than 125 countries. 
And students who are among the brightest on the planet. 
Our community has earned over 80 Nobel Prizes. 
More than 30 MacArthur “genius grants.” 
National Medals. 
Guggenheim fellowships. 

This is a destination for creative, demanding, inspired scholars who debate and collaborate to enrich human life through their work.

THIS IS THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.
Let knowledge grow from more to more; and so be human life enriched.
Our motto underscores our belief in the power of ideas. It appears on our official shield accompanied by the phoenix, a mythical bird that is reborn from its own ashes.

**FOUNDER**
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

**PRESIDENT**
ROBERT J. ZIMMER

**MAIN CAMPUS**
Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood near Lake Michigan

**LIBRARY**
More than 7.7 million printed works

**FACULTY**
More than 2,200 including other academic personnel

**SIZE**
211 acres designated a botanic garden

**GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, AND NONDEGREE STUDENTS**
More than 10,000

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**
More than 5,000

**ALUMNI**
More than 147,000

**INTERNATIONAL LOCATIONS**
Beijing London Paris Singapore

**FIRST CLASSES**
1892
The University of Chicago empowers scholars and students to ask big questions, cross boundaries, and challenge conventional thinking in virtually every field. From the University’s inception, its academic structure broke with the status quo, combining an English-style liberal arts education with a German-style approach to graduate research. This became a model for many leading American universities.

Ours is an atmosphere of free and open inquiry, where everyone, undergraduate and Nobel laureate, poet and paleontologist, voices ideas and has them judged on merit alone. We teach not what to think, but how—to examine a problem from every angle, question what we know about it, and learn that the answer may not be what we expect.

We challenge and support one another, demanding evidence for our insights. In the process, we frequently take ideas across disciplinary barriers and create new knowledge, new approaches to learning, and even new fields of study. The ethics of living-donor transplants. The analysis of legal issues through an economics lens. The efficient-market hypothesis. The fields of ecology and sociology.

The University of Chicago transforms individuals, industries, public policy, academic inquiry, the world.

ACADEMIC UNITS

Undergraduate College
Core curriculum
Nearly 50 majors and 30 minors
Student-faculty ratio of 7:1

Graduate Divisions
Biological Sciences
Humanities
Physical Sciences
Social Sciences

Graduate Professional Schools
Chicago Booth School of Business
Divinity School
Harris School of Public Policy Studies
Law School
Pritzker School of Medicine
School of Social Service Administration

Continuing Education
Graham School of General Studies

UCHicago also operates:
The University of Chicago Laboratory Schools
Nursery through 12th grade

LEFT: Our academic programs are known for their emphasis on critical thinking and interdisciplinary exposure to foster intellectual discovery. Elizabeth Helsinger (pictured with her graduate seminar), John Matthews Manly Distinguished Service Professor, holds joint appointments in the Departments of English Language and Literature, Art History, and the College, and chairs the Department of Visual Arts.
University of Chicago faculty produce ideas that matter—and change lives in Chicago and beyond. Through interdisciplinary collaboration, our scholars, scientists, and educators have contributed to some of the world’s greatest discoveries, advancements, and bodies of knowledge: The first controlled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. The structure of DNA and new species of dinosaurs. The origins of the cosmos and of urban poverty. New approaches to curb gun violence and new drugs to fight the most devastating diseases.

A rich and varied network of resources supports our work. We house one of the world’s largest research library collections and are poised to keep it all on our campus long into the future. We manage two major federal research centers, Argonne National Laboratory and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, in partnership. And we’re home to the University of Chicago Medical Center and more than 140 research centers and institutes spanning language, religion, art, culture, business, biology, law, and more.

Over 80 Nobel Prize winners—10 percent of all recipients since the award was introduced—have been associated with UChicago. Perhaps even more impressive is our faculty’s dedication to their students: known as “teachers of teachers,” our faculty offer students mentorship and guidance, and undergraduates have access to faculty at every level, ensuring that the knowledge we produce benefits current generations as well as those to come.

BY THE NUMBERS

FACULTY HONORS

8 Nobel Prize winners currently on the faculty
20+ MacArthur “genius grants” awarded to current and former faculty
220+ Guggenheim fellowships have supported research by current and former faculty
8 current and former faculty have won the Presidential Medal of Freedom
9 current and former faculty have won the National Humanities Medal
15 current and former faculty have won the National Medal of Science
5 Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Awards have gone to UChicago scholars in the humanities since 2001

RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY

$510+ million in sponsored research awards last year

2,500+ awards granted to UChicago investigators last year

INNOVATION

1,000+ active patent cases
45+ start-up companies based on UChicago technology
220+ active license agreements

RIGHT Through the integration of scientific and medical research with patient care, our faculty, physicians, and researchers have pioneered such medical discoveries and innovations as the structure of DNA, the first use of chemotherapy to treat cancer, and a blood preservation method leading to the first blood bank.
At the University of Chicago, we paint and perform the same way we test and interpret—with an intellectual passion that enhances understanding and expands horizons. That was the case in a Hyde Park tavern in 1955, when, combining theater games and theories of Bertolt Brecht, a group of mostly UChicago students and alumni created a new form of comedic theater known as “improv.” Their approach—creative expression with theoretical underpinnings—continues to define the arts at the University of Chicago.

That might explain why the arts at UChicago move so seamlessly between independent work, classrooms, student groups, presenting organizations, and the city of Chicago—an elegant dance that will only be more fluid with the opening of the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts in 2012. Whether students or faculty, artists or audiences, we can’t help but get involved: Programming a series for Doc Films. Playing in a Music Department ensemble. Posing a question to a Pulitzer Prize–winning author. Exploring the link between art and science. Across all media, we’re thoroughly engaged. The result? Really smart art.

**ORGANIZATION SAMPLING**

**Doc Films**, the country’s oldest student-run film society, screens nearly 300 films a year.

**Film Studies Center** presents screenings and lectures with influential filmmakers and scholars.

**University of Chicago Presents** brings world-renowned classical and jazz musicians to campus and the city.

**Rockefeller Memorial Chapel** boasts a carillon, organ, and a space for vocal and instrumental performances.

**The Department of Music** presents more than 90 concerts each year and has 10 student ensembles.

**Court Theatre**, a professional company in residence at the University, named “the most consistently excellent theater company in America” by the Wall Street Journal.

**University Theater** involves about 500 students in over 35 productions a year.

**Smart Museum of Art**, a leading academic museum, collaborates with art scholars and serves as a rich resource for the campus and art community at large.

**Renaissance Society** is one of the finest resources for vanguard art in the world.

**DoVA Temporary**, a Hyde Park storefront gallery, shows student and faculty creations.

**Kestnbaum and Vare Writers in Residence** have included James Fallows, Walter Kim, Jhumpa Lahiri, George Saunders, Stuart Dybek, and Art Spiegelman.

**Open Practice Committee**, through events and programming, explores the atmospheres and attitudes that make art contemporary.

**Artspeaks** engages internationally renowned artists in creative conversations with the campus and community; past residents have included Tony Kushner, Kara Walker, and Leon Fleisher.
Among the brightest in the world—they come from more than 100 countries—they engage with the people, programs, and opportunities to help them stretch their capabilities and surpass their expectations. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students all experience small, discussion-based classes led by top faculty, fostering an extraordinary community of learning—and supporting extraordinary achievements.

Our students publish books, launch start-ups, play on title-winning athletics teams, and perform on stage and screen. They teach in local public schools and travel abroad to champion economic development and human rights. They make up one of the largest populations of Fulbright and Rhodes scholars and, as alumni, Teach For America corps members.

When not changing the world, our students chase their way to glory in our storied Scavenger Hunt, experience each other’s cultures at student-group celebrations, and perfect their Frisbee throws on our magnificent quadrangles. Or they pass the time along 31 miles of lakefront—more than enough to hold all the energizing conversations and lifelong friendships that begin here.

**ACTIVITIES**
- 350+ Registered Student Organizations, more than 50 dedicated to community service
- 700+ experiential, paid learning opportunities for College students in various areas, ranging from non-profit to research to business
- 543 intramural sports teams, 38 club sports teams, and 19 varsity sports teams competing in NCAA Division III
- 23 Greek letter organizations

**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**
- 2,500+ students participated in community service last year
- 70+ NCAA Division III All-Americans in the last seven years
- In the last five years, UChicago students have included:
  - 12 Rhodes Scholars (5th in the country for American Rhodes Scholars in the past 5 years)
  - 6 Marshall Scholars, 2 Churchill Scholars, 18 Goldwater Scholars
  - 9 Truman Scholars (tied for most Truman Scholars in the past 5 years)
  - 80+ Fulbright U.S. Student Program recipients (undergraduates)

- In the last five years, UChicago graduate students have received:
  - 110+ Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants
  - 60+ Fulbright IE U.S. Student Program Fellowships
  - 100+ National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Fellowships
  - 25+ Jacob K. Javits Fellowships

**BY THE NUMBERS**
Our research, conversations, and aspirations are shaped by, and contribute to, the great city of Chicago. Students and faculty engage the city as a subject for inquiry through our Chicago Studies program, and Chicago’s diverse population and thriving business and cultural sectors give us rich opportunities for research, hands-on learning, volunteering, and work experience.

Based in Hyde Park on Chicago’s South Side, we engage our community both as scholars and neighbors. In education, experts at our Urban Education Institute have done path-breaking research on what fosters success in Chicago’s public schools. That fuels new theories of reform, which are put into action through our teacher training program and in four charter school campuses operated by the University. We also mentor public school students from across the city to provide them the tools they need to succeed in college. Our equally ambitious partnerships and programs extend to urban health care, the arts, business diversity, and public safety. We are not just in Chicago, we are of Chicago, setting a new standard for urban universities.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS SAMPLING

**EDUCATION**

Urban Education Institute works to create reliably excellent schooling for urban American youth and operates the University of Chicago Charter School’s four campuses.

Collegiate Scholars Program prepares talented Chicago Public Schools students to attend top colleges and universities.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Office of Business Diversity creates opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Urban Health Initiative partners the University of Chicago Medical Center with community doctors, clinics, and hospitals to improve the long-term health of South Side residents.

**OUTREACH**

University Community Service Center places more than 3,000 University volunteers in the community.

Mandel Legal Aid Clinic teaches students advocacy skills while serving people typically denied access to justice.

Presenting arts organizations offer programs to make arts and culture meaningful and accessible to local children and adults.

Cultural and civic partnerships exist with more than 100 organizations in the city of Chicago.

*Students at LEARN South Chicago are among those who benefit from the STEP literacy assessment developed by the Urban Education Institute.*
University of Chicago ideas and people cross more than academic disciplines—they transcend languages and nations. For more than a century, Chicago scholars have worked around the world. Today that reach extends further than ever.

Our Center in Beijing, opened in 2010, is an intellectual destination bringing together researchers and students at all levels to collaborate across the academic spectrum. At our Center in Paris, students learn from Chicago faculty, in conversation with experts from across Europe and Africa. And through our Study Abroad programs, students and faculty of the College travel the globe together, covering a UChicago curriculum while they uncover the histories and cultures of world civilizations.

With permanent campuses in Chicago, London, and Singapore, Chicago Booth draws top business executives from every continent to learn from each other and the same prestigious faculty who teach in Hyde Park.

Meanwhile UChicago alumni are making a difference in more than 125 countries, in their careers and through volunteer work. For the last 10 years, our alumni have put us among the top U.S. schools for Peace Corps volunteers.
University of Chicago alumni shape our world. They’re recognized by the way they dive into conversations, tackle challenges, and solve problems—all with a creativity that draws on philosophy as easily as economics. From the namesake of the Hubble telescope to one of President Obama’s senior advisors, UChicago graduates share pride in an extraordinary tradition of excellence and leadership. Our alumni are Nobel laureates, CEOs, university presidents, attorneys general, literary giants, and astronauts. They win Oscar and Tony awards. They’ve won the Pulitzer Prize for journalism and sat on the Supreme Court. They are entrepre-
neurs and National Medal of Science winners. Civil rights leaders and societal trailblazers. They form a network that touches nearly every corner of the globe—and exemplify the stellar legacy of accom-
plishment reflected in every UChicago degree.

FACTS AND FIGURES

147,000+ alumni
125+ countries in which alumni live and work
70+ alumni clubs worldwide

NOTABLE ALUMNI SAMPLING
John Ashcroft, JD ’67, former U.S. Attorney General
David Auburn, AB’91, Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning playwright
Gary Becker, AM’53, PhD’55, Nobel laureate in economics and price-theory pioneer
David Brooks, AB’83, New York Times column

Arne Duncan, LAB’82, U.S. Secretary of Education
Milton Friedman, AM’33, influential Nobel laureate in economics
Katharine Graham, AB 38, longtime leader of the Washington Post
Seymour Hersh, AB’58, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist
Edwin Hubble, SB’10, PhD’17, astronomer who found first evidence for the big bang theory
Donald Johanson, AM’70, PhD’74, paleoanthropologist who discovered “Lucy,” a link between primates and humans
Sherry Lansing, LAB’62, first female chairman and CEO of a major film studio, Paramount
Benjamin E. Mays, MA’25, PhD’35, civil rights activist and former president of Morehouse College
Sara Paretsky, AM’69, MBA’77, PhD’77, bestselling author
James B. Parsons, AM’46, JD’49, first African-American Federal District Court judge
Philip Roth, AM’53, Pulitzer Prize-winning author
Bernard Sahlins, AB’43, co-founder of the Second City comedy troupe
Nate Silver, AB’00, political analyst and founder of FiveThirtyEight.com
John Paul Stevens, AB’41, former Supreme Court Justice
Kurt Vonnegut, AM’71, writer and essayist
James Dewey Watson, PhB’46, SB’47, Nobel laureate who co-discovered the structure of DNA
Carter G. Woodson, AB’08, AM’08, historian whose work led to the establishment of Black History Month

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Justin Lin, PhD’86, World Bank chief economist and senior vice president; Philip Glass, AB’56, composer and musician; Susan Sontag, AB’51, critic and author; John Greenfield, SM’74, PhD’78, astronomer; Studs Terkel, PhD’34, Pulitzer-winning oral historian; Kimberly Peirce, AB’90, director of Oscar-winning film Boys Don’t Cry; Ray Suarez, AM’93, broadcast journalist; Janet Rowley, LAB’42, PhD’45, SB’48, MD’48, cancer research pioneer and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom; Katherine Dunham, PhD’70, dancer and choreographer; David Axelrod, AB’76, senior advisor to President Obama; Patsy Mink, LAB’52, first Asian American woman elected to U.S. House of Representatives; John W. Rogers Jr., LAB’76, founder of Ariel Investments and University trustee; Sam Kass, LAB’98, AB’04, White House chef.

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