



UNIVERSITY OF  
**ILLINOIS CHICAGO**



**2022 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDEBOOK**



# Welcome to the University of Illinois Chicago

At the University of Illinois Chicago, we are researchers, teachers, achievers, adventurers, scientists, scholars, engineers, artists, activists and entrepreneurs. Our top-ranked programs, research opportunities, world-class faculty and campus life offer you an engaged and rewarding educational experience in one of the most diverse and vibrant cities in the United States.

## International Student Services

### About Our Signature Student Experience

As an international student enrolling through the UIC Global program, you have access to exclusive support services as part of your degree.

The UIC Global team gives you personal attention throughout your entire educational journey, from application to graduation. We set you up for success with:

#### APPLICATION SUPPORT

- Streamlined application process
- Assigned counselor
- Major/field-of-study guidance

#### PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDANCE

- Visa application and interview help
- Prep webinars and checklists
- Assistance with required forms

#### CAMPUS TRANSITION

- Airport transfer
- Student and parent orientations
- Cultural group outings and events

#### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Classes for your academic level
- English-language and ESL help
- Tutoring support

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- On-Campus and Virtual Programs
- Internship and job assistance
- Résumé and interview prep and more

At no additional cost to you—these are all included in your tuition!

 [LEARN MORE ABOUT DEGREES AT global.uic.edu](https://global.uic.edu)

## Take the Next Step

### Discover Yourself at UIC

With a rich history dating back to the 19th century, the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) is recognized as one of the top research universities in the United States and is ranked among the top 15 public universities, according to *QS World University Rankings*, 2020.

UIC's welcoming and diverse environment gives you the opportunity to study, work and grow alongside classmates from around the world who will broaden your perspective and worldview.

Many UIC students are high-achieving scholars, winning national and international recognition—including Fulbright, Gates Cambridge, Gilman, and Truman awards. More than 300 leading companies such as Deloitte, Google, and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) recruit on campus.

At UIC, you have the opportunity to work alongside renowned professors and lead the way in making discoveries, inventing new technologies and driving innovations that change our world.

### Highlights

- **#103** Best National Universities  
—*U.S. News & World Report*, 2022
- **UIC** is among the most diverse campuses in the United States  
—*U.S. News & World Report*, 2022
- **#8** Best Value Colleges  
—*Wall Street Journal* and *Times Higher Education*, 2020
- **NCAA Division I** Horizon League



# Unleash Your Potential

At UIC, you will be living and studying in the heart of Chicago, one of America's most vibrant cities and a national higher education destination—home to more than 250,000 students at the city's 50+ colleges and universities.

As the largest university and the only public research university in the city, UIC is a vital part of the educational, technological and cultural fabric of Chicago.

## #14

Public Universities in the United States

*QS World University Rankings, 2020*

## #8

Best Value School

*Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education, 2020*

## 3,800

international students from 100 countries

## TOP 50

MS in Business Analytics programs in the World

*QS World University Rankings, 2020*

## #23

Best Schools for Design Majors

*College Factual, 2020*

## #81

Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs

*U.S. News & World Report, 2022*

## \$370+

million in research and development

*National Science Foundation, FY17*

## 33,000+

students

## UIC GRADUATES EARN NEARLY 50% MORE

than the average salary of students who have also attended college in the United States

## 300+

student organizations, clubs and sports

## 250+

undergraduate and graduate programs

## #103

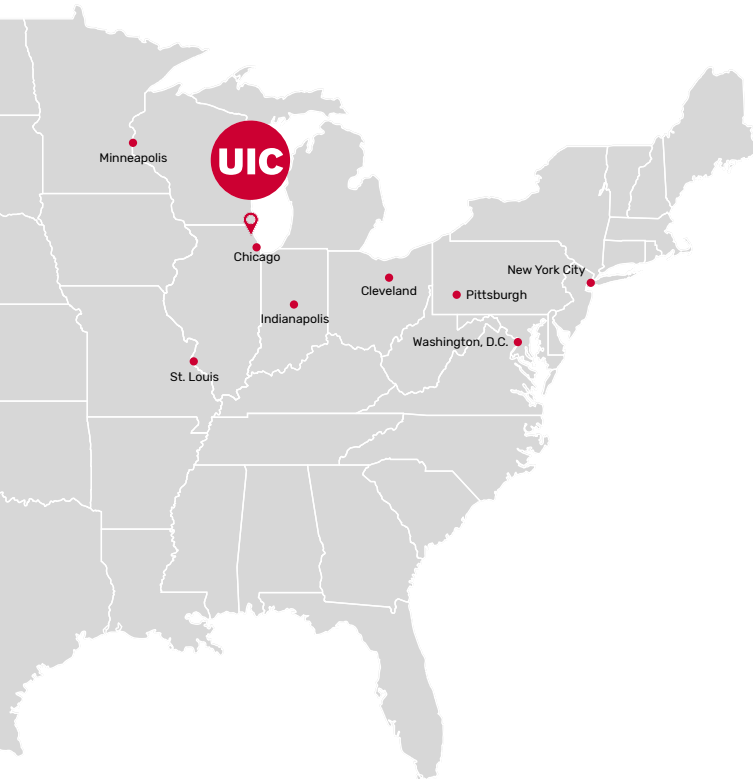
Best National Universities

*U.S. News & World Report, 2022*



# Exploring Chicago, the City by the Lake

Chicago is known for its strong business economy, award-winning architecture and world-class culture. Bike along Lake Michigan, enjoy authentic cuisine from every corner of the globe, attend a free concert at Millennium Park, or take the “L” train to one of Chicago’s many outstanding museums.



## City Highlights

- **#3** largest city in the United States
- **#3** in the nation for the number of fast-growing small businesses  
—*Inc. 5000 List*, 2018
- **#1** most diversified economy in the United States  
—*Moody’s Analytics*, 2017

**400+**

museums, theatres and art galleries

**26**

miles of lakefront and 15 miles of beaches

**100+**

neighborhoods to explore

## Weather



**SUMMER**  
25.1°C

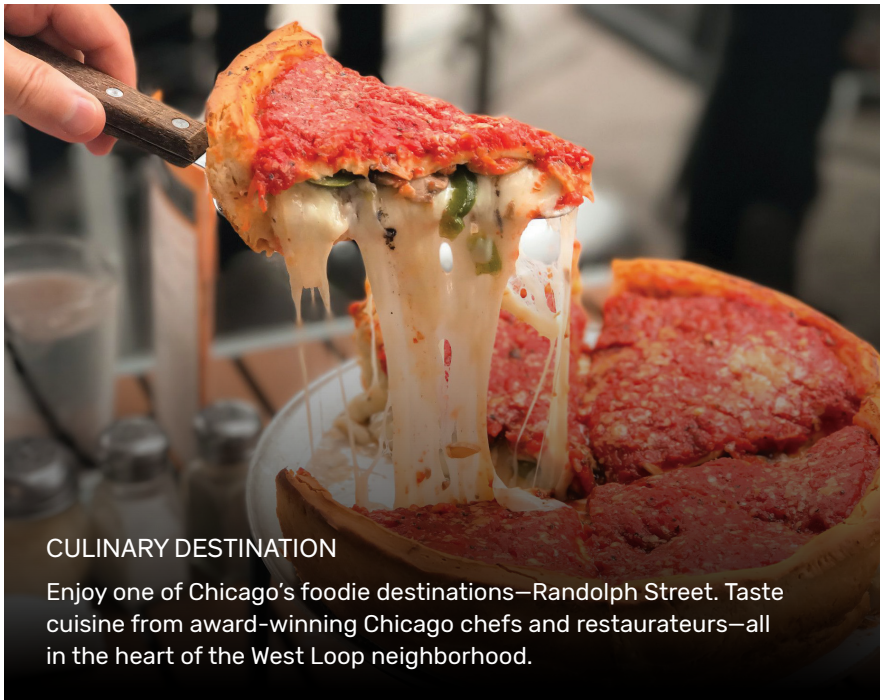


**WINTER**  
0°C



## A Food Lover’s Paradise

Chicago is a city of vibrant, culturally rich neighborhoods with some of the top dining destinations in the country. As a UIC student, you will be living and studying near the heart of downtown Chicago, immersed in the city’s evolving culinary scene. Students can find both authentic local bites and international cuisines right near campus.



### CULINARY DESTINATION

Enjoy one of Chicago’s foodie destinations—Randolph Street. Taste cuisine from award-winning Chicago chefs and restaurateurs—all in the heart of the West Loop neighborhood.

## Highlights

### Restaurant City

of the Year  
—*Bon Appétit*, 2017

**7,300+**

Restaurants

**26**

Michelin-starred restaurants

**40**

James Beard award-winning restaurants

**35**

Food festivals

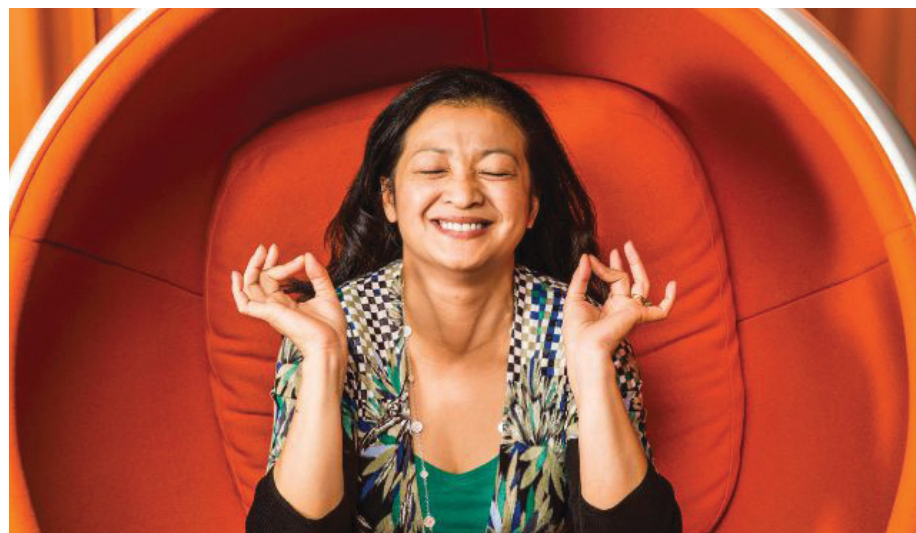




## From UIC to Google Headquarters

UIC graduate Jenny Zhao went from honing her programming skills in campus computer labs to leading a global team of engineers at Google. Her drive and commitment to innovation have proven invaluable to her Google team. Zhao acts as an important link between China and the United States.

"I am very grateful for UIC," said Zhao during her UIC College of Engineering Commencement speech in 2015. "This school was my launching point for all the joy and valuable experience I have come to find in America."



### Career Highlights

- **#79** Best Graduate Engineering Schools  
– *U.S. News & World Report*, 2021
- **25,000** UIC engineering students have been hired by 500+ companies over the last three years
- **300+** companies recruit on campus, including Deloitte, Google, and PwC
- **30+** Fortune 500 companies are headquartered in the Chicago area  
– *Chicago Tribune*, 2018



PHOO, MYANMAR



UIC is such a diverse university, and it helped me make a lot of new friends from different cultures. Professors and staff working around campus are so friendly and are available for you anytime you need help. I feel like I have found a new home here.



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## GUARANTEED PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The UIC College of Engineering provides first-year engineering students with the unique opportunity to serve as paid summer interns after their freshman year through the Guaranteed Paid Internship Program (GPIP).

“As a computer science student, I have the opportunity to work on algorithms and collect data regarding human brain imaging. I believe working on such projects, under experienced professors and research assistants, is a great way to make connections and gain valuable experience that will eventually help me with my career.”

—Aryan, Computer Science student from India

# Research That Shapes the World

## Dream Big. Work Hard.

As Chicago’s only public research university, UIC is dedicated to discovery and real-world solutions through innovation and research in healthcare, STEM and the humanities.

With more than \$370 million in total research and development expenditures (National Science Foundation, FY17), UIC is reshaping educational policy; developing sustainable energy solutions; pioneering analytic techniques in big data; and driving economic development.

At the UIC Innovation Center, your ideas can become reality—whether you are passionate about medical device product design or developing productivity apps, UIC can help you succeed. Here, you have access to opportunities, resources and tools to support your work, promote collaboration and inspire new ideas.

## Research Highlights

- **Top 150**  
Research Institutions  
—*Forbes*, 2018
- **Carnegie Research 1  
(R1) University**  
—Carnegie Foundation

## \$90M+

million in research grants have been awarded to UIC’s College of Engineering.

# UIC Leads COVID-19 Public Health Efforts

UIC partnered with biotech company Moderna and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to test vaccines targeting the novel corona virus—and it is the first site in Chicago to launch phase 3 trials. UIC expects to enroll 1,000 individuals in the trial to determine the effectiveness of the potential vaccines and report results. In fall 2020, UIC announced a second vaccine study in collaboration with Johnson & Johnson to serve vulnerable populations of color.

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# Undergraduate Programs

Choose from more than 80 undergraduate degrees and 60 minors, including architecture, education, engineering, health sciences, liberal arts, life sciences, and urban and public affairs. Designed to challenge and inspire, UIC’s programs prepare you for success.

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**APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

- Disability & Human Development
- Kinesiology<sup>1</sup>
- Exercise
- Movement Science
- Science & Health Promotion
- Rehabilitation Sciences

**ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS**

- Architectural Studies<sup>2</sup>
- Architecture<sup>2</sup>
- Art<sup>2,4</sup>
  - Moving Image
  - New Media Arts
  - Photography
  - Studio Arts
- Art History
- Graphic Design<sup>2,5</sup>
- Industrial Design<sup>2,5</sup>
- Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts
- Music<sup>3</sup>
- Music – Business<sup>3</sup>
- Music – Jazz Studies<sup>3</sup>
- Music – Performance<sup>3</sup>
- Theatre, Acting<sup>3</sup>
- Theatre & Performance<sup>3</sup>
- Theatre Design, Production & Technology<sup>1,6</sup>

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- Information and Decision Science
  - Business Data Analytics
  - Management Information Systems
  - Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Management
  - Leadership & Managerial Skills
  - Managerial Logistics
  - Strategic Management
- Marketing
  - Innovation & Product Management
  - Marketing Research
  - Promotions & Communications
  - Sales Leadership

**EDUCATION**

- Human Development & Learning

**ENGINEERING**

- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
  - Computer Systems
  - Human Centered Computing
  - Software Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Engineering Physics
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

**LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES**

- Anthropology
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
  - General Biology
  - Molecular, Cellular, and Organismal Biology
- Black Studies
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Communication
- Criminology, Law and Justice
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Economics
- English
  - American Literature
  - British & Anglophone Literature
  - Creative Writing
  - Media
  - Professional Writing
  - Rhetorical & Cultural Studies
- French and Francophone Studies
- Gender and Women’s Studies
- Germanic Studies
- Germanic Studies with a Business Minor
- History
- Integrated Health Studies
  - Behavioral Health
  - Health and Science
- Latin American and Latino Studies

- Mathematics
- Mathematics & Computer Science
  - Algorithms and Theory
  - Computational Mathematics
- Neuroscience\*\*
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies
  - Polish Studies
  - Russian Studies
  - Central and Eastern European Studies
- Political Science
  - Law & Courts
  - Urban Politics
- Psychology
  - Applied
  - General
- Sociology
- Spanish
  - Hispanic Linguistics
  - Hispanic Literature and Culture
  - Hispanic Studies
- Statistics
  - Applied Statistics
  - Statistical Theory & Methods

**LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES (SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS)**

- Teaching of English
- Teaching of French
- Teaching of German
- Teaching of History
- Teaching of Mathematics
- Teaching of Spanish

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

- Public Health

**URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

- Public Policy
- Urban Studies

<sup>1</sup> Pending Illinois Board of Higher Education approval

<sup>3</sup> Audition required

<sup>5</sup> Incoming students are admitted to Design Foundation. Portfolio submission required for acceptance into the major

<sup>2</sup> Fall start only

<sup>4</sup> After completion of first-year Art Foundation program, student portfolio submission required for acceptance into major

<sup>6</sup> Interview and portfolio required

\*\*Specific courses are required for admission to major; incoming students are admitted to Liberal Arts and Sciences Undecided.



# Go Beyond Your Limits

Our goal is to help you build skills for life. You will connect and learn from faculty mentors and new friends from around the world. At UIC, personalize your path to success with undergraduate research, internships and study abroad opportunities.



I have had an endless number of research and networking opportunities. As a woman in engineering, I knew that I made the right choice [in] coming to UIC because of how much support I’ve been given to network with other women not just in UIC, but also with other women in universities across Chicago.

— ANGIE, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR, INDONESIA



# Connect with Award-Winning Alumni

Adrian Smith, co-founder of Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture (AS+GG), was named the 2016 recipient of the Legacies and Leaders Award at UIC’s College of Architecture. The award honors UIC alumni for their positive impact on the school. Smith was the lead architect for some of the tallest buildings in the world, including Dubai’s Burj Khalifa and the Jeddah Tower.

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## The Ultimate University Experience

**WORLD-CLASS AMENITIES**  
University of Illinois Chicago is home to an innovative 10-story “living-learning” community tower—with both residential and academic spaces. The new building offers residents a view of the Chicago skyline and is adjacent to one of the “L” subway stations on campus.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**  
At UIC, your health and well-being are just as important as classroom success. You can work out, take a class, train with an instructor or get a massage at UIC’s state-of-the-art fitness centers. You also have access to UIC’s Counseling Center to deal with stress and your transition to college.

**CAREER SUPPORT**  
As a first-year student at UIC, you will take UIC Global’s beneficial courses specifically designed for international students. The experiential skills-based curriculum is critical to your personal and professional growth and helps to ensure your success at UIC and beyond.

## Undergraduate Costs and Dates

### TYPICAL COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS

Tuition	\$33,000
Housing	\$13,000
Dining	\$4,300
Other	\$2,000

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring 2022	December 11, 2021
Summer 2022	April 15, 2022
Fall 2022	July 20, 2022

Note: Costs are estimates and subject to change. For the most accurate information on tuition and deadlines, please visit [global.uic.edu](#)

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# Graduate Programs

With more than 100 graduate degree programs, UIC boasts award-winning faculty, life-changing research opportunities, and one of the most diverse student populations in the United States. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks 42 UIC graduate programs in their top 100.

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## ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS

Architecture  
Art History

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting  
Business Administration  
Business Analytics  
Finance  
Management Information Systems  
Marketing  
Supply Chain and Operations Management

## EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education  
Instructional Leadership  
Language, Literacies and Learning  
Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics and Assessment  
Science Education  
Special Education  
Youth Development

## ENGINEERING

Bioengineering  
Bioinformatics  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Energy Engineering  
Industrial Engineering  
Materials Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering

## LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Applied Economics  
Communication  
Latin American and Latino Studies  
Political Science

## SOCIAL WORK

Social Work

## URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

City Design  
Public Administration



# Ignite Your Future

As a graduate student at UIC, research and innovation play important roles in your success. UIC students conduct research in business, education, engineering, humanities and the arts, natural sciences, mathematics, the social sciences and other fields. No matter what your field of interest, UIC gives you the tools to change the world.



The Master of City Design is part of a highly ranked college, which initially caught my interest. The program also opens doors for students with a background in architecture and planning, because of the diverse course topics.

— SARTHAK, MASTER OF CITY DESIGN, INDIA



## STUDENT STORIES

## Go Beyond Your Limits

Through partnerships with theatres, cultural institutions and local museums, the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts offers students the chance to prepare for a career in the arts and design. Our community of award-winning faculty includes museum professionals, designers, architects, theatrical performers, musicians, directors and art historians.



SOWMYA, INDIA

“UIC has encouraged me to think very critically about my designs and most importantly, motivated me to go beyond the realms of existing and ‘practical’ constraints, giving me the freedom to imagine new concepts.”

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## Cultivating Potential

### RESEARCH SUPPORT

UIC's Research Resources Center (RRC) provides our research community with access to high-end scientific equipment and project support services.

### IMPACT AND RESEARCH DAY

During UIC Impact and Research Day, the campus celebrates the research and engagements of our dedicated undergraduate, graduate and professional students. The celebration showcases their scholarly pursuits and impactful experiences.

### BUSINESS STUDENT

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Institute for Leadership Excellence and Development (iLead) program fosters the development of real-world competencies, both in and out of the classroom, to equip tomorrow's business leaders with the soft skills employers expect.



# Career Services

## Preparing You for the Global Workforce

Our career services are designed to give undergraduate and graduate-level students the skills and knowledge they need to launch their careers. The on-campus, in-person, and virtual internship options provide international students the flexibility to gain access to practical work experience and develop in-demand skills with top employer – whether they study in person or online.

- Career coaching and personal advisers
- Internship and job search help
- Résumé, cover letter and interview prep
- Networking opportunities



“One of the benefits of UIC is that it’s located in Chicago and surrounded by many larger corporations. UIC career services hold a lot of events both on and off campus. During my first week in Chicago, we took a trip to the SC Johnson building in Wisconsin, where we were exposed to key leaders at top companies in cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. I had the opportunity to talk to senior engineering managers and even CEOs. Although you will have to put in some hard work while you are at UIC, in the end, you know it is valued.”

– MEHDI, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, IRAN



## Your Career Starts Here

As an international student, you bring a unique set of skills that are valuable in the U.S. job market—a global perspective and a unique cultural point of view. Learn how to leverage the value of your global experience for the benefit of employers. At all of our UIC recruitment and networking events, we connect you with top business and technology companies around the globe.



SHRADDHALI, INDIA

“When I came to the U.S., I had no idea how the résumé process worked. But when I met with the Career Adviser, he told me a résumé is like a marketing strategy, and it really clicked for me. . . and I now have two paid jobs on campus.”



## Top Companies Recruit UIC’s Top Students

Some leading organizations that hire UIC students for internships or jobs:

- Amazon
- Boeing
- Google
- Johnson Controls
- Motorola
- PricewaterhouseCoopers

**30+**

Fortune 500 companies headquartered in the Chicago area  
– *Chicago Tribune*, 2018

**70%**

of students reported having internship opportunities while at UIC

## Graduate Costs and Dates

### TYPICAL COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS

Tuition	\$36,000
Housing	\$13,000
Dining	\$4,300
Other	\$645

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

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# How to Apply

The University of Illinois Chicago offers a simple, streamlined admissions process that includes a variety of outcomes designed to ensure your success inside and outside of the classroom. The admissions outcome that is best for you will depend on your academic qualifications, English-language level and personal preferences.

Students applying to UIC will benefit from:

## **STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS**

Submit a simple application and receive an offer of admission that's best for you, all within one week.

## **ENROLLMENT SERVICES ADVISER**


With counseling from start to finish, we make the enrollment process easy to understand and finish quickly.

## **VISA INTERVIEW SUPPORT**

For many students, navigating the U.S. visa process can be overwhelming, but we're here to help. Whether you have questions about which visa to apply for or what to expect during your visa interview, dedicated advisers will aid you in conquering your application with ease.

## **PRE-ARRIVAL SUPPORT**

From what to pack to booking your flight, we give you detailed information on how to best prepare for your campus arrival.

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## **THE LATEST ON COVID-19**

Student health and safety are our top priorities. Stay informed with COVID-19 updates from our campus teams.

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