

# Great Cities Commitment Programs at UIC

## *Industry Partnerships*

### Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

**Description:** The Artificial Intelligence Laboratory specializes in applied AI research and development, particularly focusing on projects in the areas of transportation, molecular biology, and electronics manufacturing optimization.

**Dates active:** 1991 -- present

**Category:** Transportation innovations  
Biotechnology  
Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Engineering

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**Partners:** Illinois Department of Transportation  
National Institutes of Health  
National Science Foundation  
United States Department of Transportation

### Assessment of Blood Exposure and an Evaluation of Primary Prevention Strategies in the Home Care Workplace

**Description:** The proposed research is designed to further understand the risk of blood exposure among workers employed in home care/home health care, and to develop, implement and evaluate the effectiveness of intervention strategies designed for the primary prevention of blood exposure. The project will include surveys of Registered Nurses (RNs) Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) and Home Care Workers (HCWs) working in the home environment; as well as a phone survey of Directors of Home Care Agencies in the States of Maryland and Illinois. The intervention will be developed and implemented in partnership with union members, their local union representatives, educational experts at the Academy for Educational Development and researchers at the University of Illinois, Chicago School of Public Health and the University of Maryland School of Nursing. The University of Maryland will have primary responsibility for the overall grant and the evaluation of research data. A project advisory committee composed of members of all partnering institutions/organizations will meet at least annually throughout the grant period and will provide guidance to the project.

**Dates active:** 07/01/2004 – 06/30/2008

**Category:** Industry partnerships

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**Partners:** Academy for Educational Development (AED)  
Service Employee International Union (SEIU)  
*Locals 880 and 150*  
University of Maryland  
*School of Nursing*

### Center for Human Resources Management

**Description:** The Center for Human Resource Management (CHRM) is a joint venture between senior executives of member firms and faculty from the Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses of the University of Illinois for the purpose of solving problems and challenges involving human resource management. The partners and faculty collectively identify and investigate critical human resource issues and in the process discover "best practices" that result in practical methods for improving the workplace.

A list of current partners can be found at: <http://www.ilir.uiuc.edu/chrm/members.html>

**Dates active:** 1991 -- present

**Category:** Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Business Administration

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Alberto-Culver Company

*Dave Bronsweig--Vice President, Human Resources*

Allstate Corporation

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Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

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Caterpillar, Inc.

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CIGNA Corporation

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Frito-Lay, Inc.

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Hewitt Associates, Inc.

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Owens-Illinois, Inc.

*Steve Malia--Sr. Vice President of HR*

Raytheon Company

*John Kovach--Vice President, Human Resources*

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company

*David Powell--Assistant Vice President, Human Resources*

Trilogy, Inc.

*Jim Abolt--Vice President of Human Resources*

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

USG Corporation

*Brian Cook--Vice President, Human Resources*

Verizon Communications Inc.

*Georgia Scaife--Vice President, Human Resources*

Wellmark International

## Center for Research in Information Management

**Description:** The Center for Research in Information Management (CRIM) was established to promote linkages and coalition-building among the university, the business community, and governmental and not-for-profit agencies in the theory and practice of state-of-the-art information management. CRIM's activities include:

RESEARCH in the significance and management of information resources, emphasizing the strategic application of knowledge, approaches, and techniques to serve as a foundation for improved implementation in the business, government, and not-for-profit sectors.

SERVICE to the metropolitan Chicago community through dissemination of current knowledge about information management by means of seminars, workshops, roundtable discussions, informal executive briefings, technical papers and reports, corporate continuing education, and other appropriate methods.

COLLABORATION with local leaders in information management and/or technology and College of Business Administration faculty to identify emerging critical issues, undertake joint activities, and provide input for continuous improvement of the College's academic program.

STIMULATING the intellectual growth of College of Business Administration students in the theory and practice of information management through their direct participation in Center activities and through internships at CRIM partner firms, as well as by encouraging the exchange of executives-in-the-classroom and professors in the workplace.

**Dates active:** 1998 -- present

**Category:** Industry partnerships  
Urban infrastructure improvement

**UIC Partners:** Business Administration

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**Partners:** AT&T Inc.

*University Affiliates Fund*

## Center for the Advancement of Distance Education

**Description:** The Center for the Advancement of Distance Education (CADE) is a self-supporting unit within the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. CADE partners or contracts with university, government and non-profit organizations to provide web-based solutions to meet a variety of educational, training, research and administrative needs within the health sciences. These collaborations include the creation of interactive online training modules, the design and development of web sites, multimedia production and webcasting, course registration and learning management system construction, web-based programming and database connectivity, and online data gathering and analysis.

CADE is actively involved in advancing online opportunities in the areas of public health, medicine, oral health, pharmacy and nursing. The Center's experience ranges from online continuing education and professional training to multimedia webcasting and research data management, analysis and presentation. CADE employs over thirty personnel, operates dozens of its own servers, and has completed hundreds of unique online projects since its formal inception.

**Dates active:** 1998 -- present

**Category:** Health and wellness

Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Public Health

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**Partners:** Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP)

Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Chicago Department of Public Health

Gilead Outreach and Referral Center

Health Systems Research, Inc.

Horizon Hospice

Illinois Department of Public Health

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

## Center for Urban Real Estate

**Description:** CURE produces academic research of high quality on the real estate markets of metropolitan Chicago and related topics, and provides contract research services for clients in the real estate field.

**Dates active:** August 1996 -- present

**Category:** Business and entrepreneurial development  
Partnering with industry

**UIC Partners:** Business Administration

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**Partners:**

## Chicago Industrial Trend Report

**Description:** Analysis of competitive factors effecting the retention and expansion of Chicago manufacturing establishments and policy alternatives for stabilizing the manufacturing sector.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships

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**Partners:** Chicago Department of Planning and Development

Commonwealth Edison Company

Rockefeller Foundation

United States Department of Commerce

World Business Chicago

## Comparative Survey Design and Implementation Work Group

**Description:** The goal of this international working group is to advance knowledge relevant to the design and implementation of cross-cultural and cross-national comparative survey research. Annual workshops are hosted by various work group members to share new knowledge and experiences.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships  
International collaborations

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**Partners:** N/A

## Designing Ergonomic Interventions for the Fire Service

**Description:** The fire service remains one of the most hazardous industries in this country with its work-related injury rates and total annual costs exceeding those for most other occupations. Consistently over the years, musculoskeletal injuries are the major type of firefighter injury particularly in emergency medical service (EMS) operations, which are much more frequent than fire suppression. The tasks performed during EMS runs contain many of the same risk factors associated with musculoskeletal injury as in other occupations including: lifting, bending, pulling, twisting, awkward postures, and heavy workloads. The purpose of this research study is to develop and evaluate up to 10 ergonomic interventions that reduce biomechanical loads and are considered worthy of adoption for use by the workers who perform emergency medical/rescue (EMS) operations. We are using a participatory ergonomic process, engaging fire chiefs and firefighter/paramedics throughout the study.

**Dates active:** 09/01/2002 – 08/31/2005

**Category:** Industry partnerships

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**Partners:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

## Electronic Visualization Laboratory (EVL)

**Description:** EVL is an interdisciplinary graduate research laboratory that combines art and computer science, specializing in virtual reality, visualization and high-speed networking, and represents the oldest formal collaboration between engineering and art in the country offering graduate degrees in visualization (MFA, MS, PhD).

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships  
International collaborations

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Engineering

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 C3 Center for Culture and Communication  
 California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2)  
 CANARIE, Inc.  
 Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography  
 Earthscope  
 Fakespace Systems, Inc.  
 General Motors Corporation  
*Research and Development*  
 GeoWall Consortium  
 Glimmerglass Networks, Inc.  
 Grid Physics Network (GriPhyN)  
 International Center for Advanced Internet Research (iCAIR)  
 National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA)  
 National Science Foundation  
 Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEESit)  
 SURFnet  
 Tools for Creativity Studio at The Interactive Institute  
 University of Tokyo  
 VRCO Inc.

## Emerging Scholars Program

**Description:** Provides financial assistance to qualified applicants, mostly from Chicago Public Schools, who have been admitted to the undergraduate business program.

The program will initially provide 20 incoming freshmen scholarships of \$4,000 each per year for four years. In addition, scholarship winners will be assigned a mentor from Wal-Mart or Sam's Club to help guide them toward their career goals and consideration for summer internships with Wal-Mart.

**Dates active:** Fall 2005 --

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
 Partnering with industry

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**Partners:** Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

## Energy Resources Center (ERC)

**Description:** ERC is an interdisciplinary public service, research, and special projects organization dedicated to improving energy efficiency and the environment. ERC was established in 1973 by the Board of Trustees as an approved Illinois Board of Higher Education center with a mandate to conduct studies in the fields of energy and the environment and to provide industry, utilities, government agencies and the public with assistance, information, and advice on new technologies, public policy, and professional development training.

The Center was created as a "fast response" team of experts capable of quickly extending technical

expertise, advice, and professional assistance to organizations in need of the Center's resources.

**Dates active:** 1973 -- present

**Category:** Environmental protection  
Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Engineering

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**Partners:** American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)

Association of State Energy Research and Technology Transfer Institutions (ASERTTI)

BP Foundation

Commonwealth Edison Company

Electric Power Research Institute

Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)

National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)

National Energy Management Institute

Nicor, Inc.

## Evaluation of Smart Mark Safety and Health: Training for Construction Workers

**Description:** Construction remains among the most hazardous of occupations, and both industry and labor are currently expending significant resources to provide training. Examination of the significant effects of training may help to revise, expand, or otherwise improve both training programs and the measurement of their effects. The main objectives are to evaluate trainees who have completed the Smart Mark training program to determine whether impact on knowledge, attitudes and self-reported practices are statistically significant and lasting. In addition, the project will explore the feasibility of assessing most recent job safety climate and three-month self-reported hazard, illness and injury information.

**Dates active:** 07/01/2004 -- 11/30/2006

**Category:** Industry partnerships

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**Partners:** Center to Protect Workers' Rights

United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the US and Canada

United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers

## Illinois Hospital Association Medication Reconciliation Collaborative

**Description:** A 1-year collaborative project to implement admission medication reconciliation in 26 hospitals in Illinois, including several in Chicago (UIC, Rush). Hospitals are working hard to design a systemic process that develops an up-to-date, one-source medication profile for all caregivers to reference upon a patient's admission, transfer and discharge. Through this medication reconciliation process, patients' medications are verified to be appropriate. Any inconsistencies revealed by comparing the real-time profile against physician orders are brought to the attention of the physician and, if warranted, changes are made to the orders. UIC representatives act as planners and project facilitators. Funded by

participants, IHA, and the Chicago Patient Safety Forum ([www.chicagopatientsafety.org](http://www.chicagopatientsafety.org))

**Dates active:** 2005 -- present

**Category:** Industry partnerships  
Health and wellness

**UIC Partners:** Medical Center  
Pharmacy

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Advocate Health Care  
Alton Memorial Hospital  
Anderson Hospital  
Blessing Hospital  
Carle Foundation Hospital  
Central DuPage Hospital  
CGH Medical Center  
Chicago Patient Safety Forum  
Condell Medical Center  
Decatur Memorial Hospital  
Edward Hospital & Health Services  
Illinois Hospital Association  
Kishwaukee Community Hospital  
Mason District Hospital  
McDonough District Hospital  
Memorial Hospital  
Methodist Medical Center of Illinois  
Rush University Medical Center  
Rush-Copley Medical Center  
Saint Anthony's Health Center  
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center  
St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital  
St. Elizabeth's Hospital  
St. John's Hospital  
St. Mary's Good Samaritan Regional Health Center

## Industrial Assessment Center

**Description:** UIC is a designated U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) Office of Industrial Energy Technologies Industrial Assessment Centers (IAC). Along with 26 other universities across the United States, UIC now offers no cost industrial assessments. These assessments are performed by students from various engineering disciplines. Energy conservation, waste minimization and process improvement recommendations have resulted in an average annual savings of nearly \$59,000 per plant assessment.

Each assessment includes:

- Measurement of combustion efficiency for all fuel burning equipment
- Measurement of electric motor operating parameters

- Evaluation of compressed air and steam systems
- Inventory of all ancillary energy users within the plant
- Development of a process flow map

**Dates active:** 2001 -- present

**Category:** Environmental protection  
Industry partnerships

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**Partners:** United States Department of Energy

## John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County Academic Center Library Web site hosting

**Description:** Helps the Cook County Hospital Academic Center Library make its resources available through the Internet

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** University Library

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**Partners:** John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County

## Midwest Combined Heat and Power Applications Center (MAC)

**Description:** The Midwest CHP Application Center promotes the development and deployment of integrated systems that provide on-site electrical generation and utilize the heat from the generation equipment to provide cooling and/or heating for the building.

The Center serves to identify and promote the use of viable CHP technologies and systems in applications where they can increase energy efficiencies, reduce operating costs, reduce electrical loads on the utility electrical grid in areas where it is taxed, and shave peak load demands from the grid. The Application Center will serve to bring together manufacturers, utilities, building operators, research and development organizations, industry associations, energy service companies, architects and engineers, and national laboratory personnel to promote on-site and near site power generation, energy recovery, and energy management and utilization for commercial, institutional, multifamily and community based buildings.

**Dates active:** 2001 -- present

**Category:** Environmental protection  
Industry partnerships

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**Partners:** City of Chicago

Gas Technology Institute (GTI)

Illinois Commerce Commission

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
Nicor, Inc.  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
United States Department of Energy  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Wisconsin Public Service Commission

## Modeling and Control of Robotic Manipulators with Flexible Links and Joints

**Description:** Work on a collaborative research project with Cairo University in Egypt to develop new nonlinear dynamic and control techniques for modeling the motion of flexible robot manipulators

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships  
International collaborations

**UIC Partners:** Engineering

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**Partners:** Cairo University

National Science Foundation

US Egypt Joint Science and Technology Fund

## National Center for Data Mining (NCDM)

**Description:** NCDM was established to serve as a resource for research, standards development, and outreach for high performance and distributed data mining and predictive modeling. The Center focuses on three research areas:

\* Scaling algorithms, applications and systems to massive data sets

\* Developing algorithms, applications, and systems for mining distributed data.

\* Establishing standard languages, protocols, and services for data mining and predictive modeling.

**Dates active:** 1998 -- present

**Category:** Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Liberal Arts and Sciences

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**Partners:** National Science Foundation

United States Army

United States Department of Energy

## National Center for Energy Management and Building Technologies

**Description:** NCEMBT supports research, participates in standards-setting, advances technical training and professional education, and serves as a repository of information on economic, technical, and public policy issues. The National Center will improve the efficiency, productivity and security of the US building stock by developing and disseminating synergistic and complementary solutions to energy management, indoor environmental quality, and security concerns in new and existing buildings. The Center acts as a resource to Federal agencies, state and local governments, building owners, the HVAC

industry and consumers.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Engineering

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**Partners:** National Energy Management Institute

Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association

Sheet Metal Workers International Association

Syracuse University

University of Nevada--Las Vegas

University of Pennsylvania

## Pharmacy Benefit Management Oversight

**Description:** United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) covers over 350,000 lives in Chicago area. The UIC College of Pharmacy Drug Information Center provides pharmacy benefit management oversight to these patients. This includes formulary review and management, drug use review, and disease state management.

**Dates active:** 2004 -- present

**Category:** Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Pharmacy

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**Partners:** United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)

## Plant Collections and Taxonomy, Task B, Southeast Asia, Herbarium Collection

**Description:** In conjunction with the Field Museum of Natural History, plant samples are collected from Southeast Asia and Central America and placed in an herbarium at the museum for scientific use. Other samples go to the National Cancer Institute for analysis for possible active agents for cancer prevention and/or treatment. Analysis is also done in the College for the drug discovery process.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Biotechnology  
Industry partnerships  
International collaborations

**UIC Partners:** Pharmacy

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**Partners:** Field Museum of Natural History

National Cancer Institute

## State of Illinois Drug Formulary Review

**Description:** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services spends approximately 1.53 billion dollars annually on drugs for Medicaid patients. For the last 1.5 years, IDPA has contracted with UIC College of Pharmacy Drug Information Center to review the drug formulary and make recommendations that would lead to potential cost savings while still providing an appropriate drug benefit for patients at need. Over this time period, the DIC has identified over \$80 million in cost savings for the Department.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Pharmacy

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**Partners:** Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

## Survey Research Laboratory

**Description:** Provides survey research services to the faculty, staff, and students of UIC and UIUC, as well as other academic institutions; local, state, and federal agencies; and others working in the public interest. Can undertake complete survey projects from initial study design through data analysis, or may conduct partial survey work such as sampling, questionnaire design, focus groups, data collection, instrument programming, and data reduction. Can provide consultation on survey problems on a fee-for-service basis.

**Dates active:** 1964 -- present

**Category:** Industry partnerships

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**Partners:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## TransLight/StarLight

**Description:** Translight/Starlight provides ultra-high-speed Internet connections between US and European research centers.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships  
International collaborations

**UIC Partners:** Engineering

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**Partners:** Argonne National Laboratory

*Computer Science Division*

CANARIE, Inc.

National Science Foundation

*International Research Network Connections Program*

Northwestern University

*International Center for Advanced Internet Research*

SURFnet

## UIC Athletics Corporate Outreach Program

**Description:** Select UIC Athletics corporate sponsors purchase and donate tickets and bus transportation to not-for-profit organizations in the Chicagoland area, allowing them to attend home basketball games at no expense.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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**Partners:** Credit Union 1

PepsiCo, Inc.

Sprint Nextel Corporation

United Parcel Service, Inc.

## UIC Industrial Assessment Center (IAC)

**Description:** UIC is a designated U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) Office of Industrial Energy Technologies Industrial Assessment Centers (IAC). UIC-IAC offers no costs industrial and manufacturing process assessments to small and medium sized businesses in Northern Illinois and the Tri-State area. The objective is to assist small manufacturing firms improve their energy efficiency while reducing their costs of production. This helps improve competitive capabilities and retain jobs.

**Dates active:** 2001 -- present

**Category:** Environmental protection  
Industry partnerships

**UIC Partners:** Engineering

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**Partners:** Illinois Commerce Commission

Nicor, Inc.

Rutgers University

United States Department of Energy

*Office of Industrial Technologies*