

# Great Cities Commitment Programs at UIC

## *Undergraduate Support*

### AAAN Undergraduate Application Workshops

**Description:** Provides inner-city high school students with step-by-step assistance in completing an application for undergraduate admission along with a general overview of the college admissions process.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

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

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**Partners:** 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc.

Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services

*YouthNet*

Chicago Public Schools

Chicago Urban League

Illinois Council for College Attendance

Introspect Youth Services, Inc.

New Moms, Inc.

### Academic Center for Excellence

**Description:** The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) is a multifaceted academic support program designed to help UIC students accomplish their academic goals. ACE is open to all UIC students, from freshman through graduate level.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

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

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**Partners:**

### Academic Support Program (ASP)

**Description:** ASP has been on the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago since 1987. An original TRIO program, ASP provides UIC-admitted low-income and first-generation college students and students with disabilities supportive services such as specially designed workshops and basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math. Students enrolled in the program also receive tutoring, personal counseling, academic advisement, and assistance in obtaining financial aid. ASP serves 150 eligible students annually. Thus far, 50 percent of the students who enter the program have graduated and/or are persisting at the University.

**Dates active:** 1987 -- present

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Services for the disadvantaged

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**Partners:** Chicago Public Schools  
United States Department of Education  
*Office of Post-Secondary Education*

### African American Academic Network

**Description:** The AAAN focuses on the recruitment, matriculation, retention, and graduation of African American students at the University and seeks to advance the intellectual development and academic success of its participants. Services address the academic, social, financial, personal, and cultural needs of the students affiliated with AAAN, and include: admissions/enrollment assistance, academic and personal counseling/advisement, academic resource center/skills laboratories, advocacy/buddy system, and self-assessment/life management options.

**Dates active:** ??? -- present

**Category:** Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** N/A

### AIDS Book Review Journal

**Description:** An electronic journal reviewing books, videos, journal titles, and other materials covering AIDS, safer sex, and sexually transmitted diseases, published irregularly by the University of Illinois at Chicago Library. Available online and by email subscription.

**Dates active:** 1993 -- present

**Category:** Healthcare for at-risk populations  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** University Library

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**Partners:** N/A

### Bridges to Baccalaureate: Center for Science Success of City Colleges of Chicago

**Description:** The City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) Bridges to Baccalaureate Project involves 50 students (16, 18 and 16 in the first, second and third year respectively, 20 of whom are duplicated) from its Olive Harvey, Harold Washington and the Harry S. Truman campuses. The overall aim is to target community college students for eventual enrollment, graduation from public health programs. The project will identify, recruit, educate, mentor, and support the scientific and biomedical research interest of a group of Underrepresented Minority (URM), to transition to University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), a baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degree granting institution.

**Dates active:** 09/15/2002 -- 08/31/2005

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Public Health

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**Partners:** City Colleges of Chicago  
National Institute of General Medical Sciences

## Center for Research on Women and Gender (CRWG)

**Description:** CRWG is the result of collaborative work among researchers from the Colleges of Nursing, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Social Work, and the School of Public Health. The CRWG promotes multidisciplinary research related to women and gender, with an emphasis on work, health and culture. In addition to research conducted within the university community, the Center collaborates with a range of other Chicago organizations to assist them in developing evaluation and research aspects of their programs.

The Center's mission is to produce improved understanding of the lives of women and the role of gender in society. Center staff members view research activities as collaborations in which all partners work towards the same goal.

**Dates active:** 1991 -- present

**Category:** Health and wellness  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Research, Vice Chancellor for

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**Partners:** John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation  
National Endowment for the Arts  
National Institutes of Health  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

## Center for Urban Business (CUB)

**Description:** CUB provides clients with the support and resources essential for them to start and grow their enterprises. This support has included training, consulting services, mentoring programs and connecting them with resources to generate contracts and financing. UIC student consultant teams assist business with a wide array of issues and conduct in-depth analyses of business settings in order to make recommendations for future growth.

**Dates active:** 1993 -- Present

**Category:** Business and entrepreneurial development  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Business Administration

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Chicago Community Ventures  
Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center  
Franchise Partnership, The

FranNet - The Franchise Connection  
Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago (ICNC)  
Little Village Chamber of Commerce (LVCC)  
Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)

## Chicago Civic Leadership Certificate Program (CCLCP)

**Description:** CCLCP offers incoming UIC freshmen the opportunity to add a dimension of civic participation to their undergraduate study. This three-year program invites students to obtain a certificate by taking five classes (one each semester) and conducting fieldwork to apply classroom learning in a public setting. During the first year of the program, writing courses provide a foundation in rhetorical analysis and argument. Students design and write communication documents during fieldwork with local nonprofits such as Gads Hill, The Resurrection Project, and Changing Worlds. During the second year, students take a course in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and conduct research during fieldwork with non-profits and planning agencies such as the Center for Neighborhood Technology, the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, and the Metro Chicago Information Center. The final course in the sequence asks students to complete a capstone project of their own design. Students who receive a certificate may apply to work with the Civic Engagement Office and continue work with community partners at local metropolitan sites or to mentor new students in the program.

**Dates active:** 2004 -- 2007

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Liberal Arts and Sciences

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**Partners:** Center for Neighborhood Technology  
Changing Worlds  
Gads Hill Center  
Illinois Institute for Entrepreneurship Education (IIEE)  
Latinos United  
Metro Chicago Information Center  
Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission  
Resurrection Project

## Chicago Cluster

**Description:** Offers a multidisciplinary learning experience focused on Chicago, through graduate and undergraduate courses on the city's rich multiethnic history and current scholarly research on the urban experience.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Architecture and the Arts  
Education  
Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Social Work  
Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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**Partners:** N/A

### College Bound Program with Englewood Boys and Girls Club

**Description:** During Resident Assistant and Peer Mentor Training, students prepared cards/posters for the College Bound Program at the Boys and Girls Club. The theme of the project was "Advice from Current College Students to Future College Students." Examples of advice given include: get involved, make time to study, make time to have fun, take advantage of financial aid, etc.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago  
*Englewood Club*

### College Connection Project

**Description:** The overall goal of the CC project is to develop, implement and evaluate a comprehensive model for increasing the number of individuals with disabilities from the CPS successfully attending and completing programs of higher education in the CCC. Pursuing venues of higher education will increase the likelihood that individuals with disabilities will seek out and obtain employment opportunities that develop into long lasting careers.

The primary target population to be served by this project are the ethnic minority individuals with disabilities (African American and/or Latinos) graduating from special education programs from CPS. Participants should express an interest in pursuing post-secondary education opportunities within the certification programs of the CCC campuses.

The project will consist of four phases that include evaluation of current practices, staff development, recruitment and direct services and follow-up monitoring.

**Dates active:** 2000 -- 2005

**Category:** Rehabilitation and disability studies  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Applied Health Sciences  
Liberal Arts and Sciences

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**Partners:** Chicago Public Schools  
City Colleges of Chicago  
Illinois Department of Human Services  
*Office of Rehabilitation Services*

### Community-Based Dental Education Program

**Description:** One of the goals of the College of Dentistry (COD) is to prepare an oral health care workforce that is competent and committed to addressing the oral health needs of vulnerable and underserved populations and to play its part in eliminating health disparities. The COD engages all fourth year dental students in service-learning experiences in community-based clinics in Chicago and other areas of Illinois including Aurora, Rockford and Lake County. These experiences are integral to a requisite and for-credit course, DADM 325, through which students provide care to the underserved urban, rural, and special needs populations including children, developmentally disabled, HIV positive and geriatrics patients. As a product of the College's curriculum restructuring each fourth year dental student will be engaged in community-based education and service-learning experiences for at least 60 days, commencing in 2006.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Healthcare for at-risk populations  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:**

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago

*Robert R. McCormick Club and Child Care*

Community Health Partnership (Aurora)

Crusader Clinic

Infant Welfare Society of Chicago

Lake County (IL) Department of Health

*Dept. Clinic*

Lawndale Christian Health Center

Milestone Dental Clinic

Northwest Community Healthcare

Oak Park/River Forest Infant Welfare Society

Spang Center for Oral Health

United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)

*UFCW Union Medical Center Dental Clinic*

## Concentration in Urban Politics

**Description:** The Department of Political Science offers a Concentration in Urban Politics that is satisfied by completing the regular requirements for the major in political science, and completing, among the required number of electives in the major, three courses in urban politics, including:

\* Pols 210 - Introduction to Urban Politics, or Pols 211 - Chicago's Future;

\* Pols 301- Field Experience in Political Science; and

\* One additional course at the 300 level other than Pols 303.

At the discretion of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, students may substitute a course from another department for one of their three courses in urban politics.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Urban infrastructure improvement

**UIC Partners:** Liberal Arts and Sciences

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**Partners:** N/A

## Department of Energy Public Reading Room

**Description:** The DOE Chicago Operations Office (CH) electronic public reading room (one of approximately 20 such facilities around the country) is available to the general public to provide information and documents about Energy Department programs and Chicago laboratories.

The Reading Room is located on the third floor of University of Illinois at Chicago's Richard J. Daley Library in the Documents, Maps, and Microforms Department.

Materials available include Final Occurrence Reports, DOE-CH orders and notices, Environmental Impact Statements, documents relating to nuclear site reconfiguration, contractor reports, guidelines for radioactive waste disposal and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations. We also have a special collection of Human Experimentation Review materials. Access to this collection is provided through the Documents and Maps Reference Desk.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** University Library

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**Partners:** United States Department of Energy

## Doctoral Concentration in Community and Prevention Research

**Description:** The primary mission of UIC's doctoral concentration in Community and Prevention Research (CPR) is to educate students to conduct innovative research on important social issues in a pluralistic society. Doctoral students are actively involved in research with core and affiliated faculty, typically in urban schools, neighborhoods, and human service settings. Examples of current action research include developing and evaluating interventions with urban children and adolescents to prevent drug use, high risk sexual behavior, delinquency, and dropping out of school; studying ways to build the capacity of grassroots organizations in Latino and African American communities to advocate for disability rights; assessing community responses to violence against women; evaluating the quality of services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; promoting the prosocial development of African American youth; preventing HIV transmission among young African American men who have sex with men; creating school-community partnerships to improve the social and emotional intelligence of children and youth; and assessing efforts at educational reform for immigrant and refugee adolescents.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Health and wellness  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** N/A

## Edd in Urban Education Leadership

**Description:** Doctoral degree program that prepares school and system leaders to transform low-performing urban schools into effective learning environments for students and teachers, focusing on schools in the Chicago metropolitan area.

**Dates active:** 2003 -- present

**Category:** Education innovation  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** Chicago Principals Association

Chicago Public Schools

## 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

**UIC Partners:** Business Administration

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

## Evaluation and Technical Assistance Program

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to provide culturally respectful evaluation, research and technical assistance; offer training and experiences in evaluation research for grad students; advancing the development and dissemination of women-centered feminist evaluation; working with clients to arrive at reasonably priced services tailored to their needs and resources.

The ETA Program is a program of the Center for Research on Women and Gender.

**Dates active:** 1991 -- present

**Category:** Services for the disadvantaged  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** N/A

## Evidence Based Public Health Nursing

**Description:** The goal of this project is to improve Illinois public health nurses' access to the evidence base for public health nursing and increase their knowledge and skills to evaluation of the evidence. This project will build upon the successful outreach approaches and expertise in evidence-based practice education of the partner organizations and the work of the "Advancing Public Health Nursing Education in Illinois" project. The project has three anticipated outcomes: 1) increased knowledge about research that forms the evidence base in public health; 2) improved skills in finding evidence-based studies to support public health nursing practices; and 3) increased access to recognized healthcare databases, especially those of the National Library of Medicine and the new public health nursing evidence database created through the project. To accomplish these outcomes, project staff will develop a Web site with links to instructional and evidence-based resource materials, will offer a series of instructional modules to enhance skills in finding and evaluating literature, and will develop a database to disseminate integrative literature reviews conducted by public health nursing graduate students.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Nursing  
University Library

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**Partners:** Illinois Department of Public Health  
National Library of Medicine  
Southern Illinois University--Edwardsville

## Family Business Council

**Description:** Mission is to strengthen and support the development and growth of entrepreneurial families and small businesses in Chicago. Facilitates peer group meetings in which business leaders confidentially discuss best practices, experiences, and the issues inherent in family-owned businesses. Council members serve as guest lecturers to share their experiences and case studies with UIC students.

**Dates active:** 1992 -- present

**Category:** Business and entrepreneurial development  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Business Administration

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**Partners:** Blackman Kallick Bartelstein, LLP  
JPMorgan Chase & Co.  
MassMutual Financial Group  
Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd.

## Federal Documents Depository Library

**Description:** Makes U.S. federal agency publications available including reports, statistics, maps, and legislative materials

**Dates active:** 1957 -- present

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** University Library

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**Partners:** United States Government Printing Office  
*Federal Depository Library Program*

## Field Experience in Political Science

**Description:** Provides students an opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge in real-life political settings, such as governmental agencies, political parties or interest groups.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Liberal Arts and Sciences

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**Partners:** City of Chicago  
Office of Congressman Danny K. Davis  
Office of Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.  
Office of Senator Barak Obama  
Office of Senator Dick Durbin  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Department of State

## First Monday

**Description:** First Monday is one of the first peer-reviewed journals on the Internet, solely devoted to the Internet. Founded in 1996, First Monday has been published in cooperation with the University Library at the University of Illinois at Chicago since the January 1999 issue.

**Dates active:** 1996 -- present

**Category:** Arts and culture  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** N/A

## First-Year Writing Program

**Description:** Writing classes at UIC ask students to participate in ongoing conversations about vitally important academic and public issues. A student's ability to conceptualize, articulate, and craft a response or an argument is key to a successful undergraduate education at UIC. Conducted as seminars, each of the two required first-year classes focuses its reading, writing and discussion on a specific topic such as immigration, literacy, urban planning, public art, public housing, personal identity, or globalization. Writing about critical social issues helps us see that writing has consequences; it is a way of getting things done in the world. Writing classes at UIC emphasize both the importance of writing in making a contribution to the larger society and the need to be able to write clearly and correctly.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Neighborhood revitalization

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**Partners:** N/A

## Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award

**Description:** Grant program provide support for a maximum of one year for research in social sciences or humanities in non-Western European countries. Eligible are U. S. citizens or permanent resident aliens who are at the dissertation stage and are proficient in the language of the host country.

The Graduate College's Fellowship Coordinator advises students on applying for this highly competitive award. The Coordinator also serves as a grant administrator to winners.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Graduate College

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**Partners:** United States Department of Education

## Great Cities Internship Program

**Description:** Provides students an opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge and conduct research in metropolitan organizations through field placements and seminars. The internship program offered jointly by the Political Science and Urban Planning departments. Students enrolled in the course are matched with internships depending on their interests.

**Dates active:** 1999 -- present

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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**Partners:** City of Chicago  
Cook County, Illinois  
Lake County, Illinois

## Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

**Description:** The University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health (UICSPH), in collaboration with the Chicago State University, is implementing an HCOP (Health Careers Opportunity Program) Comprehensive Model. The model will increase the pool and the competitiveness of disadvantaged individuals (from Health Professional Shortage Areas of Illinois) that are enrolled, retained, and graduated with professional/graduate degrees (MPH, MS, DrPH, PhD) in public health or in combination with degrees in medicine, dentistry, nursing or business. Furthermore, it will increase the percentage of disadvantaged individuals that enter into practice in underserved areas of Illinois by

10% annually.

**Dates active:** 09/01/2001 -- 08/31/2006

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Services for the disadvantaged

**UIC Partners:** Provost's Office  
Public Health  
Social Work  
Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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**Partners:** African American Health Care Council  
American Academy of Epidemiology  
American Heart Association  
American Public Health Association  
*Hispanic Caucus*  
*Black Caucus of Health Works (Chicago Chapter)*  
Chicago Department of Public Health  
Chicago Public Schools  
Chicago State University  
City Colleges of Chicago  
Cook County Ambulatory Health Care Centers  
Cook County Department of Public Health  
Gift of Hope -- Organ and Tissue Donor Network  
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)  
Healthcare Consortium of Illinois  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
Illinois KidCare  
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition  
Institute for Diversity in Health Management  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
United States Department of Health and Human Services  
*US Public Health Services, Office of Minority Health*

## ILLINET Online

**Description:** ILLINET Online is a computer-based library system that provides statewide access to a wealth of information services and resources, including an extensive public access catalog, interlibrary loan, and resource sharing services to 65 Illinois Library Computing Systems Organization (ILCSO) libraries. ILLINET Online serves as a local catalog for ILCSO member libraries in addition to providing interlibrary services to the entire Illinois library community.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** University Library

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**Partners:** Augustana College  
Aurora University  
Benedictine University  
Bradley University  
Catholic Theological Union  
Chicago State University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Concordia University  
Danville Area Community College  
DePaul University  
Dominican University  
Eastern Illinois University  
Elmhurst College  
Eureka College  
Governors State University  
Greenville College  
Harper College  
Heartland Community College  
Illinois Central College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Illinois Library Computing Systems Organization (ILCSO)  
Illinois Math and Science Academy  
Illinois State Library  
Illinois State University  
Illinois Valley Community College  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
John Wood Community College  
Joliet Junior College  
Judson College  
Kankakee Community College  
Kendall College  
Lake Forest College  
Lewis and Clark Community College  
Lewis University  
Lincoln Christian College and Seminary  
Lincoln Land Community College  
McKendree College  
Millikin University  
National-Louis University  
Newberry Library

North Central College  
 North Park University  
 Northeastern Illinois University  
 Northern Baptist Theological Seminary  
 Northern Illinois University  
 Oakton Community College  
 Olivet Nazarene University  
 Parkland College  
 Quincy University  
 Robert Morris College  
 Roosevelt University  
 Saint Xavier University  
 Sauk Valley Community College  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 Southern Illinois University--Carbondale  
 Southern Illinois University--Edwardsville  
 Trinity Christian College  
 Triton College  
 University of Illinois at Springfield  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 University of St. Francis  
 Western Illinois University  
 Wheaton College

## Illinois Career Pathways Initiative

**Description:** Grassroots effort to encourage Illinois community colleges, in partnership with high schools, universities, and workforce and economic development agencies, to rethink their programs and services in ways that support educational and economic advancement by all of their students, particularly those from underserved groups.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Services for the disadvantaged

**UIC Partners:** Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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**Partners:**

Chicago Jobs Council

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Women Employed Institute

## Institute for the Humanities

**Description:** The Institute for the Humanities at UIC seeks to foster a vital intellectual community for the faculty and graduate students in the humanities and related disciplines; and to participate in the national dialogue about humanistic teaching and research. Since its founding in 1983, the Institute for the Humanities has sponsored an annual fellowship program that supports research of faculty at UIC.

Enriched by the challenges of an urban multicultural environment, the Institute for the Humanities encourages exchange among the scholarly community at the UIC, colleges and universities throughout the country and the public outside the university through its interdisciplinary symposia, lectures and seminars.

**Dates active:** 1983 -- present

**Category:** Arts and culture  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** N/A

## Institute of International Education Fulbright U.S. Student Program

**Description:** The program provides for one year's study or research in most of the countries of the world. Eligible are U. S. citizens who will have a bachelor's degree by the time of commencement of fellowship tenure and who are proficient in the language of the host country.

The Graduate College's Fellowship Coordinator advises students on applying for the program. Each fall, along with the Office of International Services, the Fellowship Coordinator organizes informational meetings and mock interviews for candidates. Also, at the Institute of International Education's invitation, the Coordinator serves as a peer mentor and advisor to other Fulbright advisors around the country.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** Institute of International Education

United States Department of State

## Jane Addams College of Social Work Field Division

**Description:** The Jane Addams College of Social Work Field Division helps students build skills and develop professional competence in social work settings. The Field Division prepares students to become social work practitioners, clinicians, planners, administrators, policy makers and researchers by placing and monitoring them in agency-based field sites. The overall objective of field instruction is to produce a professionally reflective, self-evaluating, knowledgeable social worker.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Social Work

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**Partners:** Various  
*The JACSW Field Division provides its students with internships in over 250 government agencies and human services organizations in the Chicago metropolitan area each year.*

## Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services Program (LARES)

**Description:** Lares is a recruitment and academic assistance program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. It was established to recruit, advise and provide educational assistance to Latino students at both the high school and college levels. LARES was primarily designed to assist Latino students who are interested in pursuing higher education and who are in need of guidance and support.

LARES offers assistance in the admissions process and in identifying and acquiring the financial aid necessary to attend UIC. LARES provides individualized counseling, career guidance, and academic support once a student is enrolled at UIC.

**Dates active:** 1975 -- present

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Provost's Office

**Contacts:**

**Partners:**

## Library Resource Sharing

**Description:** On-site borrowing to patrons from other institutions (see "External Partners") Interlibrary Loan to most libraries in the Chicago area, nationally, and internationally. Expedited Interlibrary Loan to some nearby high schools such as Whitney Young and St. Ignatius.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

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Field Museum of Natural History  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
Illinois State Police Forensic Science Center at Chicago  
Illinois State Racing Board  
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
Lexington College  
Loyola University of Chicago  
Northwestern University  
Office of the Medical Examiner (Cook County)  
Rush University  
Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies  
University of Chicago  
West Side Veterans Administration Hospital

## Minority Engineering Recruitment and Retention Program (MERRP)

**Description:** MERRP is the College of Engineering's commitment of increasing the number of underrepresented students earning engineering degrees. The staff is composed of professionals with backgrounds in higher education, engineering, and engineering education.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Engineering

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**Partners:** N/A

## Minority International Research Training (MIRT) Program

**Description:** The Minority International Research Training (MIRT) Program of the College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago, provides experiences in international research training for nursing students. MIRT participants are from U.S.A. population groups that are underrepresented in the biomedical sciences (i.e. African American, Hispanic Native American, and Asian Pacific Islander). The purpose of the MIRT Program is to develop students' cross-cultural leadership capacities while increasing their interest and skill in collaborative international research in nursing science. Trainees spend 10-12 weeks at an international host research site for their research experience.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Global healthcare  
International collaborations

**UIC Partners:** Nursing

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Chiang Mai University (Thailand)  
Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)  
John E. Fogarty International Center  
National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities  
Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile  
Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon (Mexico)  
Universidad del Valle (Columbia)  
Universidade de Sao Paulo (Brazil)  
University of Botswana  
University of Malawi  
World Health Organization (WHO)

## Native American Heritage Celebration

**Description:** The Native American Support Program (NASP) cosponsors the annual Native American Heritage Celebration at UIC. It is an excellent program that promotes and shares the artistic wealth, diversity and versatility of Native Americans across the nation. The event brings together community members, UIC Faculty, staff, students, parents, friends and youth to celebrate Native American culture with guest speakers, arts and craft demonstrations, students banquet and educational workshops.

The purpose of the celebration is threefold:

- 1) to provide a cultural and educational program that enhances self-esteem and positive self-identity for Native American students;
- 2) to enlighten the UIC community and the general public's knowledge and appreciation of Native American culture, heritage, and arts;
- 3) to continue and enhance the collaboration, support, and commitment to Native American education with other UIC units, public schools city colleges, universities, and tribal offices.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Arts and culture

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**Partners:** American Indian Center of Chicago

Illinois Arts Council (IAC)

United States Department of Health and Human Services

*Indian Health Service*

## New International Student Orientation

**Description:** Day-long event to acclimate new and transfer international students to UIC, OIS, and related service-oriented units. Provides informational seminars on immigration, employment, safety, etc. Various off-campus groups participate in the "Information Resource Fair" portion of the event. Selected past participants are listed below.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** Chicago Historical Society

Illinois Secretary of State

World Education Services

## Pathways to Pharmacy

**Description:** UIC College of Pharmacy and the College's Urban Health Program is developing an outreach program to increase interest in pharmacy as a profession among under-represented minority high school students who are outstanding academically.

The program is divided into two four week sessions. During the first four weeks, COP pharmacy provide mentoring and expose students to various areas of pharmacy practice and research. In addition, students attend leadership and college-level academic enrichment activities. In the final four weeks of the program, students work as pharmacy technicians in Chicago area CVS/pharmacies.

**Dates active:** 2005 --

**Category:** Education innovation  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Pharmacy  
Urban Health Program

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Coalition for United Community Labor Force  
CVS Corporation

## Preparing Future Faculty Initiative

**Description:** Program that helps graduate students refine their skills in preparation for entering the job market. Focus includes learning appropriate pedagogic skills, building effective placement portfolios, and addressing professional concerns

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Liberal Arts and Sciences

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**Partners:** American Political Science Association  
City Colleges of Chicago

## Project Exito

**Description:** An effort by postsecondary institutions in the South Metro region of Chicago to examine data on the experience and outcomes of Latino students within and across institutions in the region, and to use this information to align curricula and services in ways that significantly improve educational outcomes for Latino students.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Education innovation  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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**Partners:** South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium

## REACH: Realizing Artistic Choices

**Description:** This program and scholarship fund of the School of Art and Design was developed to implement new art initiatives by students, artists, and institutions in diverse urban settings. REACH serves the university and its surrounding communities with undergraduate, graduate, and public programs. REACH Scholars provides for the recruitment and support of first-generation undergraduate students from Chicago's culturally diverse inner-city public high schools. REACH Fellows provides M.F.A. graduates with postgraduate fellowships to develop art projects in partnership with community agencies. REACH Artists in Residency brings to UIC from outside the city artists whose works engage diverse issues and audiences of the urban community.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Arts and culture  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Architecture and the Arts

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**Partners:** Chicago Public Schools

## Regional Math/Science Center (RMSC)

**Description:** The Regional Math/Science Center is a TRIO program originated by the United States Department of Education in 1990. This pre-college intensified program improves skills in algebra and basic scientific principles. It also encourages majors in, and provides exposure to math, science, and engineering. UIC's Regional Math/Science Center received its initial funding in 1991 to serve students in Region 5. The first summer session was conducted in 1992 with fifty students from the targeted region, which currently includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. The RMSC seeks applications from the 10th and 11th graders in target areas in the region and from schools in metropolitan Chicago. The Chicago schools include Austin Career Academy, Chicago Vocational, Crane, Dunbar, Julian, Lindblom, Marshall and Schurz High Schools.

**Dates active:** 1990 -- present

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Education innovation

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**Partners:** Chicago Public Schools  
United States Department of Education  
*Office of Post-Secondary Education*

## Social Work Education in Ethiopia Partnership (SWEEP)

**Description:** SWEEP is a partnership designed to assess and build the social work education and social service capacity in Ethiopia. UIC's Jane Addams College of Social Work, Addis Ababa University (AAU), the Council of International Programs USA (CIPUSA), and a network of government and nonprofit agencies in the U.S. and Africa, established this partnership to strengthen AAU's undergraduate curriculum in social work and establish a master's degree in social work at AAU. SWEEP is also building a training center, the Community Work and Life Center, to spur employment in Ethiopia's labor market.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** International collaborations  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Social Work

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**Partners:** Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)  
African AIDS Initiative International (AIII)  
Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development (ALO/USAID)  
Christian Relief and Development Association (CRDA)  
Council of International Programs USA (CIPUSA)  
Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago, Inc.  
Ethiopian Employers Federation (EEF)  
Ethiopian Gemini Trust  
Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENAHPA)  
International Association of Schools of Social Work  
International Foundation for Education and Self Help (IFESH)  
Linking Lives  
United States Department of State

### Spanish for Native Speakers Working Group

**Description:** Group of Chicagoland educators who meet periodically on the UIC campus to discuss reading materials, listen to presentations, compare successes and challenges of teaching Spanish to native Spanish speakers. The group continues the work of the Heritage Language Teacher Corps. Primary, secondary, and college-level Spanish teachers are welcome to attend.

**Dates active:** 2001 -- 2003

**Category:** Education innovation  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** Chicago Board of Education

### Students Talking to Students

**Description:** In response to the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001, a group of graduate and undergraduate students from UIC participated in a video conference with students from Palestinian Birzeit University. The goal of the discussion was to open dialogue and promote cultural understanding. The conference took place 28 November 2001.

**Dates active:** November 28, 2001

**Category:** International collaborations  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** Birzeit University

### Symposium Series on Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and Science

**Description:** Forum in Chicago for local faculty to hear nationally recognized speakers on issues in teaching and learning undergrad math and science and to interact with Chicago-area faculty interested in improving the teaching on their campuses. Sponsored by the Institute for Mathematics and Science Education at UIC.

**Dates active:** 1999 -- present

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Liberal Arts and Sciences

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**Partners:**

Chicago Public Schools

Chicago State University

DePaul University

Harold Washington College

Harper College

Illinois Institute of Technology

Illinois State Board of Education

Loyola University of Chicago

Northeastern Illinois University

Northwestern University

*Searle Center for Teaching Excellence*

Roosevelt University

Rush University Medical Center

## The Chicago Seminar: The Politics of a Global City

**Description:** The Chicago Seminar brings together leading urban scholars in a graduate seminar forum, to lead discussions on globalization, new trends in Chicago politics, tourism, and entertainment as an industry in Chicago.

**Dates active:** Jan. 2005 -- ?

**Category:** Arts and culture  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:**

DePaul University

Illinois Institute of Technology

National-Louis University

Northwestern University

University of Chicago

## TRIO / GEAR UP

**Description:** The Educational Opportunity Outreach Programs: TRIO and GEAR UP consist of five precollege and college programs designed to identify students with academic potential who need information and support to complete middle and high school and advance to, and graduate from, post-secondary school. These may be first generation college students, low-income students, or students with disabilities.

**Dates active:**

**Category:** Undergraduate support  
Education innovation

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**Partners:** Chicago Public Schools

United States Department of Education

*Office of Post-Secondary Education*

## UIC and Chicago State MS/PhD Bridge to Future

**Description:** The proposed consortium program between the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and Chicago State University (CSU) is designed to enhance the academic and investigative skills of under represented minority students enrolled in two Master's degree programs of CSU in order to improve their chances to be recruited into high quality Ph.D. programs in public health related biomedical sciences.

**Dates active:** July 2004 – June 2006

**Category:** Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Public Health

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**Partners:** Chicago State University

National Institutes of Health

## UIC Children's Center

**Description:** The Children's Center provides community outreach through off campus childcare referrals, professional development workshops for other universities and childcare programs, student teacher supervision for other universities, and providing observation/practicum experiences for students.

**Dates active:** 1972 -- present

**Category:** Health and wellness  
Undergraduate support

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**Partners:** Columbia College Chicago

Midwestern University

Roosevelt University

## Urban Health Program

**Description:** Recruits and provides support for students from groups underrepresented in the health professions, aiming to increase the number of health care professionals prepared to improve the quality and availability of health care services in underserved urban areas.

**Dates active:** 1978 -- present

**Category:** Education innovation  
Undergraduate support

**UIC Partners:** Applied Health Sciences  
Dentistry  
Education  
Graduate College  
Medicine  
Nursing

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