

Chancellor's Message

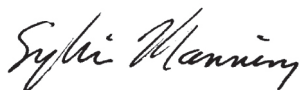
Through our Great Cities Commitment, UIC engages with the people, communities and institutions of Chicago and other great cities of the world in ways that transform lives.

Founded in 1993, Great Cities involves faculty, students and staff from every UIC college and has become a hallmark of the campus. With government organizations, corporations, foundations, civic organizations and the community as our partners, Great Cities focuses on vital issues such as healthcare, education, affordable housing, economic development and transportation.

In all our research and programs, we focus on both sides of the Great Cities equation. Major metropolitan areas have problems and UIC dedicates a significant portion of its research to finding solutions. But great cities are also "great" in the sense of "terrific," and we never lose sight of what makes our location in the heart of one of the world's most vibrant cities something to celebrate.

We are proud to share with you the UIC Great Cities Commitment Directory of Programs 2008. This directory catalogues the efforts of hundreds of UIC faculty, students and partners to improve the quality of urban life around the world.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Manning
Chancellor Emerita

"The mission of urban engagement means that we won't simply have traditional academic partners all the time. We will look for neighborhood, corporate and government partners to not only serve their needs but also to help us provide new knowledge."

– David Perry, Associate Chancellor for the Great Cities Commitment