



UNDERGRADUATE Support

AAAN Undergraduate Application Workshops

Partnership with the 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.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc.
Chicago Public Schools

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Dates Active:

Fall 2002—present

Academic Center for Excellence

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.

Partners:

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1995—present

Academic Support Program (ASP)

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, fifty percent of the students who enter the program have graduated and/or are persisting at the University.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
United States Department of Education
Office of Post-Secondary Education

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Dates Active:

1987—present

(see also *Services for the Disadvantaged*)

African American Academic Network

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.

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Dates Active:

1994—present

AIDS Book Review Journal

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.

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Dates Active:

1993—present

(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Bridges to the Doctorate for Minority Nursing Students

Doctorally prepared minority nurses constituted 6.9% of U.S. doctorally prepared nurses in 2000 while the percentage of the minority population in the States was projected to be 23% (1995 census report). This disproportionately small number of minority nurse scholars, together with the recent report (2002) on health disparities between the minority Americans and whites in the U.S. clearly indicate the need for increasing doctoral-prepared minority nurse scholars who will educate future nurses and conduct research on health problems with cultural sensitivity.

The long-term objective of this training program is to increase the pool of doctoral-prepared minority faculty members. An aim is to help master's students at partner schools prepare for doctoral study at UIC College of Nursing by gaining appropriate scientific knowledge, research skills, and professional socialization. Enhancing the academic environments of the partner schools is another component to achieve successful retention and transfer of master's students to UIC College of Nursing.

Specific aims of the program include (1) offering UIC College of Nursing programs of teaching and research training for master's students at two partner schools; (2) providing academic counseling/professional socialization and mentoring for master's students at partner schools; (3) enhancing the curriculum of partners' programs in preparing students for the biomedical and/or behavioral research and cultural competency; and (4) stimulating and enhancing the academic environment for increased collaborative research activities between the faculties of the partner schools and UIC. Four master's students are recruited each year.

Partners:

UIC Nursing

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medicine

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May 2003–April 2007

(see also *Services for the Disadvantaged*)

Center for Research on Women and Gender (CRWG)

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.

Partners:

UIC Provost's Office

UIC Office of Faculty Affairs

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences

UIC Gender and Women's Studies Program

UIC Vice Chancellor for Research

UIC Women in Science and Engineering

Program

UIC National Center of Excellence in
Women's Health

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur
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National Endowment for the Arts

National Institutes of Health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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Dates Active:

1991–present

(see also *Health and Wellness*)

Center for Urban Business (CUB)

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.

Partners:

UIC Business Administration	Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Accion Chicago	Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago (ICNC)
Chicago Community Ventures	Little Village Chamber of Commerce (LVCC)
Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center	Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)
The Franchise Partnership	
FranNet - The Franchise Connection	

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Dates active:

1993–Present
(see also *Business and Entrepreneurial Development*)

Chicago Civic Leadership Certificate Program (CCLCP)

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.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	Latinos United
Center for Neighborhood Technology	Metropolitan Chicago Information Center
Changing Worlds	Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission
Gads Hill Center	Resurrection Project
Illinois Institute for Entrepreneurship Education (IIEE)	

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Dates Active:

2004–2007

Chicago Cluster

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.

Partners:

UIC Architecture and the Arts
UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences
UIC Social Work
UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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The Chicago Seminar: The Politics of a Global City

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.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences
DePaul University
Illinois Institute of Technology
National-Louis University
Northwestern University
University of Chicago

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Dates active:

January 2005—?

(see also *Arts and Culture*)

College Connection Project

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.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences
UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences
Chicago Public Schools
City Colleges of Chicago
Illinois Department of Human Services,
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Dates Active:

2000—2005

(see also *Rehabilitation
and Disability Studies*)

Community-Based Dental Education Program

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 sixty days, commencing in 2006.

Partners:

UIC Dentistry	Milestone Dental Clinic
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	Northwest Community Healthcare
Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago	Oak Park/River Forest Infant Welfare Society
Community Health Partnership of Illinois	Robert R. McCormick Club and Child Care
Crusader Clinic	Spang Center for Oral Health
Infant Welfare Society of Chicago	United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)
Lake County (IL) Department of Health, Dept. Clinic	UFCW Union Medical Center Dental Clinic
Lawndale Christian Health Center	

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(see also Healthcare for At-Risk Populations)

Concentration in Urban Politics

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.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences

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(see also Urban Infrastructure Improvement)

Creating Career Trajectories with a Population Focus

Provides training and practice, through an annual summer institute, for conducting staff development in school communities on issues facing LGBT students.

Partners:

UIC Education

About Face Youth Theater

Coalition for Education on Sexual Orientation (CESO)

Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust

Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) of Chicago

Kraft Foods Inc.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

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2003—present

(see also *Health and Wellness*)

Department of Energy Public Reading Room

The DOE Chicago Operations Office (CH) electronic public reading room (one of approximately twenty 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.

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United States Department of Energy

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EdD in Urban Education Leadership

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.

Partners:

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Chicago Public Schools

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2003—present

(see also *Education Innovation*)

Emerging Scholars Program

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 twenty 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.

Partners:

UIC Business Administration
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Dates Active:

Fall 2005—present

(see also Industry Partnerships)

Evaluation and Technical Assistance Program

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.

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Dates Active:

1991—present

*(see also Services for
the Disadvantaged)*

Family Business Council

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.

Partners:

UIC Business Administration
Blackman Kallick Bartelstein, LLP
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
MassMutual Financial Group
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1992—present

*(see also Business and
Entrepreneurial Development)*

Federal Documents Depository Library

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

Partners:

UIC University Library
United States Government Printing Office,
Federal Depository Library Program

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Dates Active:

1957—present

Field Experience in Political Science

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

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	Office of Senator Barak Obama
City of Chicago	Office of Senator Dick Durbin
Office of Congressman Danny K. Davis	United States Department of Justice
Office of Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.	United States Department of State

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First Monday

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.

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1996—present

(see also *Arts and Culture*)

First-Year Writing Program

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.

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(see also *Neighborhood Revitalization*)

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award

Grant program provides 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.

Partners:

UIC Graduate College
United States Department of Education

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Great Cities Internship Program

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.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences
UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs
City of Chicago
Cook County
Illinois, Lake County, Illinois

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Dates Active:

1999—present

Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

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.

Partners:

UIC Provost's Office	Chicago Department of Public Health
UIC Public Health	Chicago Public Schools
UIC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Chicago State University
African American Health Care Council	City Colleges of Chicago
American Academy of Epidemiology	Cook County Ambulatory Health Care Centers
American Heart Association	Cook County Department of Public Health
American Public Health Association,	Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network
Hispanic Caucus	Health Resources and Services
Black Caucus of Health Works	Administration (HRSA)
(Chicago Chapter)	Healthcare Consortium of Illinois
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Dates Active:

September 2001—February 2007
(see also Services for the Disadvantaged)

Illinois Department of Public Health
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

Illinois Career Pathways Initiative

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.

The Illinois Career Pathways Initiative is a program of the Great Cities Institute in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs.

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Chicago Jobs Council

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur
Foundation

Women Employed Institute

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(see also *Services for the Disadvantaged*)

Institute for the Humanities

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.

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1983—present

(see also *Arts and Culture*)

Institute of International Education Fulbright U.S. Student Program

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.

Partners:

UIC Graduate College

Institute of International Education

United States Department of State

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I-Share

I-Share 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 sixty-five Consortium of Academic Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) libraries. I-Share serves as a local catalog for CARLI member libraries in addition to providing interlibrary services to the entire Illinois library community.

Partners:

UIC University Library	Illinois Math and Science Academy	Northern Illinois University
Augustana College	Illinois State Library	Oakton Community College
Aurora University	Illinois State University	Olivet Nazarene University
Benedictine University	Illinois Valley Community College	Parkland College
Bradley University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Quincy University
Catholic Theological Union	John Wood Community College	Robert Morris College
Chicago State University	Joliet Junior College	Roosevelt University
Columbia College Chicago	Judson College	Saint Xavier University
Concordia University	Kankakee Community College	Sauk Valley Community College
Danville Area Community College	Kendall College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
DePaul University	Lake Forest College	Southern Illinois University—Carbondale
Dominican University	Lewis and Clark Community College	Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville
Eastern Illinois University	Lewis University	Trinity Christian College
Elmhurst College	Lincoln Christian College and Seminary	Triton College
Eureka College	Lincoln Land Community College	University of Illinois at Springfield
Governors State University	McKendree College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Greenville College	Millikin University	University of St. Francis
Harper College	National-Louis University	Western Illinois University
Heartland Community College	Newberry Library	Wheaton College
Illinois Central College	North Central College	
Illinois Institute of Technology	North Park University	
Illinois Library Computing Systems Organization (ILCSO)	Northeastern Illinois University	
	Northern Baptist Theological Seminary	

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Jane Addams College of Social Work Field Division

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.

Partners:

UIC Social Work
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.

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Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services Program (LARES)

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.

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Dates Active:

1975—present

Partners:

UIC Provost's Office

UIC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Library Resource Sharing

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.

Partners:

UIC University Library

Cook County Bureau of Health Services

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

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Minority Engineering Recruitment and Retention Program (MERRP)

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.

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UIC Engineering

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Native American Heritage Celebration

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; and 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.

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American Indian Center of Chicago
Illinois Arts Council (IAC)

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Dates active:

1992–present
(see also Arts and Culture)

New International Student Orientation

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.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Bank of America Corporation
Chicago Cultural Center
Chicago Historical Society
(now Chicago History Museum)
Chinese and American Fellowship
Illinois Secretary of State
STA Travel, Ltd.
World Education Services

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Pathways to Pharmacy

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.

Partners:

UIC Pharmacy
UIC Urban Health Program
Chicago Public Schools
Coalition for United Community Labor Force
CVS Corporation

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Dates active:

2005–present
(see also *Eduvccation Innovation*)

Preparing Future Faculty Initiative

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.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences
American Political Science Association
City Colleges of Chicago

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REACH: Realizing Artistic Choices

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.

Partners:

UIC Architecture and the Arts
Chicago Public Schools

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Social Work Education in Ethiopia Partnership (SWEEP)

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.

Partners:

UIC Social Work	Ethiopian Employers Federation (EEF)
Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)	Ethiopian Gemini Trust
African AIDS Initiative International (AAILI)	Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENAHPA)
Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development (ALO/USAID)	International Association of Schools of Social Work
Christian Relief and Development Association (CRDA)	International Foundation for Education and Self Help (IFESH)
Council of International Programs USA (CIPUSA)	Linking Lives
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Spanish for Native Speakers Working Group

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.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences
Chicago Board of Education

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Dates active:

2001–2003

(see also Education Innovation)

Students Talking to Students

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.

Partners:

Birzeit University

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Dates Active:

November 28, 2001

Symposium Series on Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and Science

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.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences

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

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Dates Active:

1999—present

TRIO/Educational Opportunity Outreach Programs

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.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Chicago Public Schools

United States Department of Education,
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Dates active:

1966—present

(see also *Education Innovation*)

UIC and Chicago State MS/PhD Bridge to Future

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 PhD programs in public health related biomedical sciences.

Partners:

UIC Public Health

Chicago State University

National Institutes of Health

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Dates Active:

July 2004—July 2007

UIC Children’s Center—Practicum Experience

The Children’s Center provides opportunities for student teaching, internship, observation and practicum experiences, which includes outreach to other colleges and universities in the city.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences

UIC Education

UIC Honors College

UIC Medicine

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

UIC University of Illinois Medical Center

Columbia College Chicago

Erikson Institute

Northern Illinois University

Roosevelt University

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Dates Active:

1972—present

(see also *Health and Wellness*)

Upward Bound Regional Math/Science Center (RMSC)

The Upward Bound 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 Upward Bound 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.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Chicago Public Schools

United States Department of Education,

Office of Post-Secondary Education

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Dates active:

1990—present

(see also *Education Innovation*)

Urban Health Program

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.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	UIC Nursing
UIC Dentistry	UIC Pharmacy
UIC Education	UIC Public Health
UIC Graduate College	UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
UIC Medicine	Chicago Public Schools

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Dates Active:

1978—present
(see also Healthcare for At-Risk Populations)

Women in Science and Engineering Program (WISE)

WISE is a program of the UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender. WISE's mission is to recruit, retain, and advance women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. We work on this mission by working with pre-university girls (K-12), community college students, current UIC students, UIC postdoctoral fellows, and UIC faculty. The program houses pre-college, campus, and faculty (WISEST) programs. WISE works with the Chicago community through the WISE Neighbors initiative.

Partners:

UIC Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research	Caterpillar, Inc.
UIC CRWG	College of DuPage
UIC Provost's Office	El Valor
UIC Office of Faculty Affairs	Girl Scouts (Various councils and troops)
UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	Illinois Board of Higher Education
UIC Gender and Women's Studies Program	Midwest Generation
UIC Engineering	Motorola
UIC Gender and Women's Studies Program	National Science Foundation
UIC National Center of Excellence in Women's Health	Northrop Grumman

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Dates Active:

2002—present
(see also Workforce Development)