

## Guide for Visiting Speakers

Thank you for coming to speak at UIC. This fact sheet is designed to help acquaint you with your venue and your audience on our campus.

### About Us

The University of Illinois at Chicago is a major research university located just west of Chicago's Loop. The leading public university in the Chicago area, UIC has 25,000 students; 12,000 faculty and staff; 15 colleges; and the state's major public medical center. UIC offers 74 bachelor's, 77 master's, and 60 doctoral degree programs.

### Our Students

UIC's student body is recognized as one of the nation's most diverse, and the university considers this diversity one of its greatest strengths. Many UIC students are the first in their families to attend college, and come from homes where English is not the primary language. Many of our students commute, but the campus has a growing residential community and is in the midst of a major expansion. UIC students win major awards, including Rhodes, Gates Cambridge, Fulbright, Goldwater and Truman scholarships among other honors.

### Our Faculty

UIC's faculty, in addition to being leading researchers in their fields, are devoted to providing our students with a first-rate education. The faculty, along with the staff, also is dedicated to UIC's mission of engaging with our neighboring community. Through its Great Cities Commitment, UIC pursues teaching, research, and service programs to benefit metropolitan areas, particularly Chicago.

### Who We Are...and Are Not

- The campus is known as the University of Illinois at Chicago, or "UIC" for short.
- Our athletic teams are the Flames (not the Fighting Illini, which refers to our sister campus in Urbana-Champaign), who compete in nine men's and nine women's sports in the Horizon League. Our mascot is Sparky D. Dragon.
- The campus is no longer referred to as Chicago Circle or "Circle," which was merged with the medical campus to form UIC in 1982.

We look forward to your talk and hope you enjoy your visit to UIC.

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