



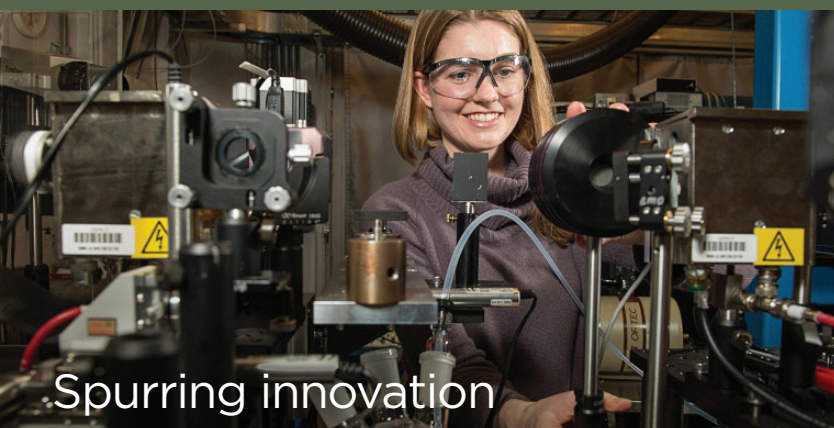
## Extending education

TO FOSTER LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND IDEAS



## Collaborating on research

TO TRANSFORM CITIES THROUGH EVIDENCE



## Spurring innovation

THROUGH LOCAL AND GLOBAL ENTERPRISE



## Anchoring neighborhoods

AS A PARTNER FOR A STRONGER MID-SOUTH SIDE

**“How can a leading urban research university best interact with, and contribute to, the great city around it?”**

— PRESIDENT ROBERT J. ZIMMER'S CHALLENGE  
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO COMMUNITY

### Partnering for Impact

The University of Chicago is made stronger by the vitality of our city. As an anchor institution on the mid-South Side and a center for education, research, and innovation, we build partnerships across our city and surrounding communities, sharing talents, information, and resources to have a positive impact on our city's well-being.

### In Our City and Beyond

As the world becomes more urbanized, urban problems become global problems. As a global research university in a city, we have an opportunity and an obligation to help make sense of today's problems and contribute to solutions that can have local benefits and global impact.



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Civic  
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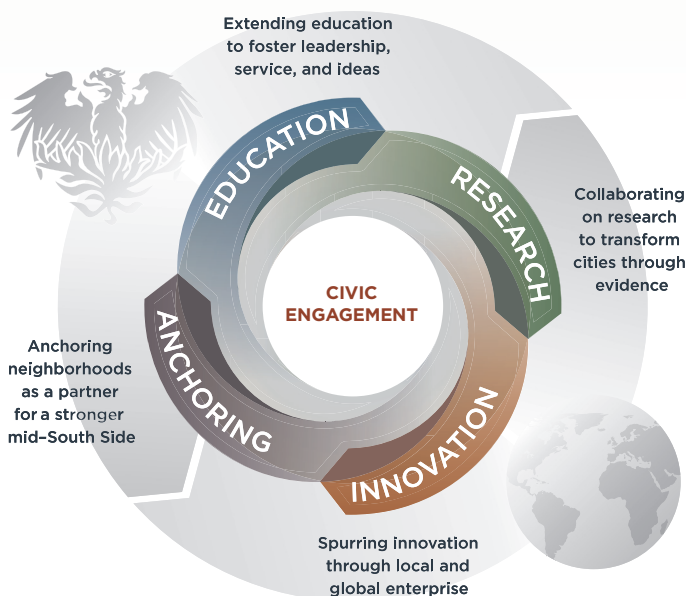


## Extending education to foster leadership, service, and ideas

As an educational institution, we both contribute to and benefit from the diversity of perspectives, expertise, and resources that a robust exchange with the broader community and city enables. For example, we draw on a network of civic partners to extend education beyond the classroom through fieldwork and internships that yield significant value to both our students and their hosts. And our ongoing community and civic programming collaborations are deep and expansive, ranging from improving college readiness and college access for all Chicago high school students to urban leadership development to open forums for public discourse on civic and urban issues.

## Anchoring neighborhoods as a partner for a stronger mid-South Side

UChicago is integral to the South Side's fabric and holds a vital stake in its future. We are committed to advancing a broad and enduring civic partnership of mutual investment in the neighborhoods of the mid-South Side across such critical areas as community health, educational opportunity and attainment, business and workforce development, public safety, economic development, and arts and cultural enrichment.



## Collaborating on research to transform cities through evidence

As a leading research institution, one of our greatest contributions to urban transformation and advancement is evidence-based research. By proactively facilitating research collaborations that bridge the interests and expertise of urban practitioners and University researchers, we are jointly developing a better understanding of the pressing issues facing urban environments and advancing more effective solutions.

## Spurring innovation through local and global enterprise

Within our University and our city, there is a tremendous appetite for expanding our collective innovation and



entrepreneurship presence and contributions both locally and globally. Within the University community, and through our collaborations with the Argonne and Fermi National Laboratories, we

welcome partnerships to jointly advance proof-of-concept work and scale innovations into marketable products, start-ups, and replicable solutions for use in communities and cities around the world.



## About the Office of Civic Engagement

Civic engagement is critical to the work and mission of the University of Chicago and is fostered by individuals and groups from across the University. The Office of Civic Engagement (OCE) provides a “front door” to the University for external organizations and works with UChicago faculty, students, and staff to support a wide range of civic projects and partnerships.

“Making civic engagement truly part of the DNA of the University and building external partnerships of substantial impact—that’s our goal.”

—DEREK DOUGLAS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

### Supporting the University’s engagement in five main ways:

#### 1 Advancing New Urban Initiatives

OCE brings together University and civic interests and resources to advance new collaborations across the four areas of impact: anchoring, education, research, and innovation. In recent years, these collaborations have led to the development and launch of initiatives, including the Chicago Innovation Exchange, UChicago Local, and the Community Programs Accelerator.

#### 2 Fostering Active Community Engagement

OCE fosters greater transparency and open dialogue between the University and our greater community through open forums and regular contact with neighborhood residents, local leaders, and community organizations.

#### 3 Supporting Civic and Community Programming

OCE manages the youth outreach and college-readiness programs of UChicago Promise, including: Collegiate Scholars, Neighborhood Schools, Jumpstart, and Upward Bound. OCE also supports a network of over 150 community and civic programs led by groups from across the University.

#### 4 Promoting Local, State, and Federal Relations

OCE represents University activities and promotes the University’s perspective to the City of Chicago and county and state entities, as well as to the White House, executive branch agencies, members of Congress, and local and national opinion and policy leaders.

#### 5 Facilitating Meaningful Connections

OCE supports a robust exchange between members of the University community and the nonprofit, public, corporate, philanthropic, and broader civic sectors. For example: connecting faculty and external groups interested in research collaborations, assisting civic organizations in hosting student interns, and helping individuals navigate resources within the University.



**300+** local, regional, and national public and private organizations and agencies collaborate with OCE each year on projects and programming.



**15,000+** individuals reached each year by OCE through programs, initiatives, forums, events, community meetings, and social media.



**35,000+** hrs/year of service in the community by UChicago students through OCE programs like Neighborhood Schools, which works with over 30 local schools.



**250+** civic engagement events, including conferences, workshops, community meetings, and panel discussions that OCE has hosted or participated in with University and civic partners in 2014.



## Programs and initiatives that engage with the city and beyond

### A partial list of collaborations from across the University

- **Arts + Public Life** builds creative connections on Chicago's South Side through artist residencies, arts education, and artist-led projects and events.
- **Black Youth Project** produces research about the ideas, attitudes, decision making, and lived experiences of black youth, amplifies their perspectives, and—informed by culturally specific knowledge—mobilizes them to achieve positive change.
- **Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health** creates an intellectual hub for a network of faculty, staff, and students to work collaboratively with external partners to address critical problems in sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice.
- **Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture** promotes engaged scholarship and debate on the topics of race and ethnicity, and how these ideas and their structural manifestations impact and shape people's daily lives.
- **Chicago Innovation Exchange** supports collaborations and business start-up activities to help convert research and ideas into solutions that benefit society.
- **Civic Knowledge Project** builds community connections and fosters civic friendship through humanities-based educational programming in collaboration with a wide range of community partners.
- **Civic Leadership Academy** strengthens the capacity of nonprofits and government agencies in Chicago and Cook County by bringing together emerging leaders from both sectors to learn critical skills and the means to find solutions to challenges they face.
- **Community Programs Accelerator** supports the success of area nonprofits through partnerships, resources, and technical assistance.
- **Employer-Assisted Housing Program** incentivizes employee homeownership and investment on the mid-South Side, helping the University anchor and strengthen its connections in surrounding communities.
- **Institute of Politics** cultivates future public service leaders and an active citizenry through public programs, visiting fellowships, student internships, and civic engagement projects.
- **Network for College Success** builds the capacity of high school leaders to ensure that all students graduate from high school prepared for college.
- **Office of Business Diversity** advances the utilization of minority- and women-owned business enterprises within University contracting opportunities.
- **Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation** supports entrepreneurial learning, collaboration, and venture creation through research, conferences, mentorship, and community and global outreach.
- **Social Enterprise Initiative at Chicago Booth** supports students and alumni in their efforts to impact societal issues and furthers research on how institutions help solve global problems.
- **UChicago Local** expands economic opportunities for mid-South Side businesses and residents.
- **UChicago Promise** increases college access and affordability for Chicago high school students through workshops; prep programs such as Collegiate Scholars, College Bridge, and Upward Bound; and by eliminating financial aid loans for students admitted to the College.
- **UChicago Urban Labs** address urban challenges across five key areas—crime, education, health, poverty, and energy & environment—with a distinct approach, combining action-oriented scientific inquiry with real-time impact.
- **University Community Service Center** connects students with organizations for service opportunities in our community.
- **University of Chicago Law School Clinical Programs** teach students effective advocacy skills and professional ethics, and advance systemic reforms to better serve the interests of the poor and those denied access to justice.
- **Urban Center for Computation and Data** utilizes big data analysis and advanced computer models to better understand and design cities and urban policy.
- **Urban Education Institute** operates a four-campus pre-K to 12th-grade charter school, trains exemplary urban teachers, undertakes applied research, and provides tools and training to improve schooling nationwide.
- **Urban Health Initiative** supports initiatives to improve the health of local populations in collaboration with health centers and hospitals, community-based organizations, schools, churches, and other partners, including the Center for Community Health and Vitality, the South Side Health and Vitality Studies, and the South Side Healthcare Collaborative.

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