

Welcome

The University of Chicago has changed the world, explained the world and enlivened the world. Here the link between genetics and cancer was discovered, Carbon-14 dating was developed, black holes in the universe were discovered and the concepts of free markets, and law and economics were honed. The University of Chicago established the first comprehensive school of social work, independent department of sociology and PhD program at a business school. The Center for Disciplinary Innovation (est. 2007) of the Franke Institute for the Humanities and the Gwen and Jules Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery (est. 2009) are but two of our initiatives created to push the limits of knowledge. Throughout our undergraduate College, four graduate divisions and six professional schools, cross-disciplinary collaboration and the passion for inquiry propel faculty and students.

The University has been home to 85 Nobel Prize winners (eight current faculty), 25 Pulitzer Prize winners, 14 National Medal of Science winners, 11 Presidential Medal of Freedom winners, 43 members elected to the National Academy of Sciences, 217 Guggenheim Fellows, 29 MacArthur “Genius” Fellows and 11 Institute of Medicine members. Ours is a culture of singular intellectual intensity.

The faculty is our most valuable asset. We seek to support their achievement in our policies, programs and benefits. In this packet you will find information on our generous programs for stopping the clock on tenure review and supporting child care for the professional travel of assistant professors. We list information for learning about housing, job assistance for spouses and partners and other resources. You will also find materials about the University’s Laboratory Schools, hospital, cultural institutions, libraries and other treasures.

The University of Chicago is located in the charming and diverse Hyde Park neighborhood. There are great used bookstores, architecture and ethnic restaurants. At one, the wait staff wears shirts reminding us that “Obama eats here.” Hyde Park is home to world class theatre, museums and galleries and musical performances. Within a few blocks you can hear a concert on the largest carillon in the world, tour a World War II German submarine and see the statue of a Nubian king (ca. 700 BC).

And then there’s the City of Chicago, a great place to explore, engage and, for many of our faculty, research. We include in the packet materials to start your discovery.

At the University of Chicago, you will experience the power of ideas in action. In our community of scholars outstanding faculty and remarkable students join in the enterprise of constant questioning and challenge in the belief that ideas impact the quality of human life.