

Language skills open doors to a world of opportunities. Studying another language gives you strong communication skills, cultural sensitivity, and adaptability. Language skills prepare students for many career paths such as international business, diplomacy, journalism, and more! They can also strengthen your application for graduate programs and competitive fellowships like Fulbright, Boren, DAAD, Schwarzman, or Critical Language Scholarships.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Get started with these resources and stay up-to-date on language events and internships!

- **Explore Metcalf opportunities in Handshake** to find paid, substantive internships around the world.
- **Sign up for Career Advancement's Language Careers Newsletter** to get regular updates on events and opportunities.
- To subscribe to Career Advancement's events calendar, [copy this calendar feed URL](#) and add to any calendar application.

TRY IT OUT

Short-term experiences are a great way to try out a career path, start building your resume, and meet mentors - no prior experience needed!

- **Job shadow** with a UChicago alum who use language skills in their day-to-day roles.
 - Winter Break Job Shadowing: December 15 - 19, Application deadline: November 10, 2025
 - Spring Break Job Shadowing: March 16 - 20, Application deadline: February 17, 2025
- **Apply for a career trek across industries** to meet employers and learn how you can apply your language skills.
 - Winter treks: Beijing & Shanghai, Berlin & Frankfurt, Santiago, and Seoul. Application deadline: October 13, 2025
 - Spring treks: Istanbul, Jakarta, and Sao Paulo. Application deadline: January 20, 2026
- **Sign up for Metcalf Clinics** to work on an employer project with a team of peers.
 - Fall 2025 application deadline: October 5, 2025
 - Winter 2026 application deadline: January 11, 2026
 - Spring 2026 application deadline: March 29, 2026
 - Summer 2026 application Deadline: April 12, 2026

BUILD YOUR SKILLS

Whether you're a beginner or already have language experience, UChicago offers many resources to help you build your language skills and stand out in the job market.

- **Immerse Yourself in Culture**
 - Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Program, an opportunity for UChicago students to visit China to learn about green energy and study language. Rolling application deadline through November 14, 2025. Spots will be filled by Winter Break.
 - Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth Fellows Program, an intensive experiential program to gain first-hand exposure to the climate and energy in India. Rolling application deadline. Spots will be filled by Winter Break.
 - Doing Business in the Middle East, the opportunity to gain real-world business experience in Cairo, Egypt through academic sessions led by American University in Cairo faculty and industry experts. Rolling application deadline. Spots will be filled by Winter Break.
- **Pursue research and fellowship opportunities** that can immerse you in new cultural and linguistic environments
- **Study a foreign language** through UChicago classes or hands-on study abroad experiences.
 - Apply for the FLAG Program by February 2, 2026 to receive a \$7,000 grant towards language study.
 - Apply for the Foreign Language Proficiency Certification (FLPC), which documents real-world, functional language skills and makes you more competitive when applying for roles.
 - Apply to Language-Focused Study Abroad Programs for quarter-long intensive language programs.
 - Apply to Immersive Direct-Enrollment Study Abroad Programs to study with one of our partner universities.

GET EXPERIENCE

Get hands-on experience speaking languages by interning with UChicago employer partners such as:

- **International Business:** Citi, BCG, HSBC, Sidera, SG Partners, JP Morgan
- **Academic Institutions:** UNAM, Chicago Public Schools, Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies
- **Global Media Agencies:** Ad Council, Harper's Magazine, Goodheart-Willcox, TransPerfect
- **International Non-Governmental Organizations:** Turning Pages (India), EducationUSA (Mexico), International Rescue Committee, Migrants of the Mediterranean, Kuska (Peru)

FIND OPPORTUNITIES

There are many strategies to find jobs and internships, including applying for posted positions and creating your own opportunity through networking. These resources can help you find opportunities and networking contacts.

- **Get personalized support** from a Careers in Language adviser
 - Schedule an appointment with Grace Beckman, Associate Director of International Careers
- **Use the UChicago Alumni Directory** and other tools like LinkedIn to reach out to alumni at your target employers

CAREERS IN LANGUAGES

EVENTS

Fall Quarter

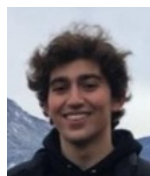
- September 29 | UChicago's Fall 2025 Career Fair
- September 30 | UChicago Grad Programs Fair (4+1 Advanced Scholars program)
- Sept 30 | Meet the UChicago Champions Employer Networking
- September 30 | Student Employment 101: Jobs, Work-Study & Community Connections
- September 30 | Recruiting Bootcamp Series Part 3: Networking with Firms & UChicago Grad Schools
- October 2 | Student Employment 101: Jobs, Work-Study & Community Connections
- October 7 | Resumes for Policy Careers and Student Employment
- October 8 | Campus Research and Employment
- October 13 | Hack the Tech Recruiting Process
- October 14 | Recruiting Roadmap for Corporate & Leadership Rotational Programs
- October 14 | Student Employment 101: Jobs, Work-Study & Community Connections
- October 15 | Careers in CS Fall Hackathon
- October 15 & 20 | Night on Wall Street
- October 17 | Recruiting Roadmap for Finance
- October 20 | Exploring Future Careers
- October 24 | @ JAMfest: Arts and Humanities Opportunities on campus
- October 29 | Climate Frontiers Career Fair
- November 3 | UChicago Law Mentorship Program & Fall Reception
- November 13 | Business Office Hours
- December 15 - 19 | Winter Break Treks
- December 15 - 19 | Winter Break Job Shadowing

Winter Quarter

- January 8 | [Dine and Define Your Summer Plans](#)
- January 15 | STEM Recruiting Night
- January 20 | Summer 2027 Consulting Recruiting Roadmap
- January 20 | Revamping Your Cover Letter
- January 21 | Acing the Interview
- January 30 | Consulting Case Interview Workshop
- February | Careers in Germany Alumni Panel
- February 4 | Beyond the Clinic Healthcare Innovation workshop
- February 25 | Healthcare Explorers Winter Specialist Panel
- March 16 - 20 | Spring Break Treks
- March 16 - 20 | Spring Break Job Shadowing

Spring Quarter

- March 31 | Consulting: Resume Workshop & Networking
- April 7 | Beyond the Clinic Healthcare Consulting workshop
- April 24 | Excel Essentials Bootcamp
- April 28 | Internship Best Practices Workshop
- May 8 | Social Impact Competition
- May 12 | Beyond the Clinic Global & Public Health workshop



August Wachter, AB'23

- Fulbright Grantee | Austria Program
- Majors: Germanic Studies; Philosophy
- Intern, Domi Labs UG | Berlin
- FLAG Grant Recipient | Vienna
- Study Abroad, Vienna in Western Civilization



Dannerys Peralta, AB'24

- Right Hand to the CEO, Corma | Paris
- Major: Global Studies
- Intern, Founderland gUG | Berlin
- FLAG Grant Recipient | Tours
- Study Abroad, Paris Exchange

Summer Quarter

- June -July | Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Program (Hangzhou, China)
- September | Summer Treks

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Fall Quarter

- October 5 | Fall Metcalf Clinic Deadline
- October 13 | Winter Break Trek Applications
- October 24 | Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Application
- November 3 | 4+1 Master's Programs Fall Application Cycle
- November 10 | Winter Break Job Shadowing Deadline
- November 14 | Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Application

Winter Quarter

- January 11 | Winter Metcalf Clinic Deadline
- January 12 | 4+1 Master's Programs Winter Application Cycle
- January 20 | Spring Break Trek Applications
- February 2 | [Apply to Foreign Language Acquisition Grant](#)
- February 17 | Spring Break Job Shadowing Deadline
- March 1 | ICSG Fellows Program Application
- March 8 | Doing Business in the Middle East

Spring Quarter

- April 13 | Spring quarter deadline for 4+1 Applications
- April 15 | Selective Career Cohorts