



Arts & Humanities in Practice @ UCHICAGO

Ideas | Imagination | Impact

At UChicago, the Arts and Humanities aren't just something you study – **they're something you do**. Whether it's in the classroom, in the studio, on set, or in the workplace, UChicago students and faculty bring the arts, culture, and language to life every day.

A UChicago Arts and Humanities degree opens the door to many exciting career paths. In addition to a rigorous academic curriculum, UChicago offers **hands-on experiences – including internships, research, and Study Abroad programs** – to help students channel their creativity into scholarly and professional success.

ARTS & HUMANITIES RESEARCH

Work with leading faculty scholars as they explore new frontiers in the Arts and Humanities.

College Center for Research and Fellowships

- **The College Summer Institute in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences:** provides undergraduates the opportunity to undertake intensive training and research with scholars across the humanities and social sciences
- **University of Chicago and University of Sussex International Junior Research Associates Program:** provides selected College students the opportunity to participate in a summer of intensive, faculty-mentored research in the Humanities at one of the UK's leading institutions of higher education, the University of Sussex
- **Quad Undergraduate Research Scholars Grants:** offers competitive, open-discipline grants for faculty-mentored research during both the academic year and the summer
- **Straetz International Undergraduate Research Scholars Program:** supports advanced research opportunities outside the United States during the summer
- **Quad Undergraduate Research Conference Grants:** funds conference participation by current undergraduates to present a poster or deliver an oral presentation on a faculty-mentored research project at an academic conference
- **Undergraduate Research Symposium:** gives undergraduate researchers from across all disciplines and all years opportunities to present their research in poster or oral presentation sessions

Weston Game Lab

The Weston Game Lab (WGL) is a collaborative space where UChicago students, faculty, and staff design and research games of all mediums and forms. Directed by Patrick Jagoda (Associate Professor of English and Cinema & Media Studies), WGL hosts Media Arts and Design courses, supports student groups like UChicago Game Design, and partners with faculty initiatives. Visit the Weston Game Lab in the MADD Center to start developing your game ideas!

“Interning at the Smart Museum has taught me how to be meticulously creative; to imagine the exhibit while analyzing every object. This skill has helped me work with complex data in economics research or study reasons behind trends in financial markets. The skills gained from working in the Arts are incredibly cross-applicable!”

Keshav Malik Kapoor, AB'27

Major: Economics; Fundamentals: Issues and Texts
Programs: College Summer Institute in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Internship: Smart Museum of Art: Research Curatorial Assistant



ARTS & HUMANITIES CAREERS

Expert Support

Career Advancement's Careers in the Arts & Humanities program prepares students for successful careers in creative and storytelling industries, including the arts, entertainment, media, publishing, and more!

- **Ben Waltzer**, Sr. Program Director, brings extensive experience in the performing arts, journalism, and arts education
- **Nely Rentas**, Associate Director, has a professional background in campus recruiting. She knows what employers are looking for and can help put your best foot forward in your application!

Practitioner Program

The Practitioner Program matches students with practicing artists and writers to take on paid projects. Practitioners include novelists, reporters, historians, performing artists, and more! Recent project hosts include:

- Eve Fairbanks, Historian
- Gideon Lewis-Krause, Historian
- Nathaniel Rich, Novelist
- Tami Sagher, Comedian
- Lawrence Wright, Author

Internships

UChicago's Jeff Metcalf Internship Program provides 4,500+ paid, substantive internships annually for College students. Previous Metcalf interns have secured internships with leading humanities employers, including:

- ABC News
- Art Institute of Chicago
- Encyclopedia Britannica
- Hachette Book Group
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- New York Philharmonic
- Paramount Pictures
- Sotheby's
- The Second City

Career Treks

On Career Treks, students travel to a new city to meet potential employers. Each year, Career Advancement offers treks to major arts and culture hubs, including an annual entertainment industry trek to Los Angeles and an annual publishing and media trek to New York City. On recent treks, students have networked with top employers like 21st Century Fox, 21 Laps Entertainment, Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, The New York Times, and United Talent Agency.

STUDY ABROAD

Explore new cultures, languages, and civilizations on one of the College's 83 Study Abroad programs across 32 cities around the world! Students can also apply for funding to support research and language study abroad:

- **Foreign Language Acquisition Grant:** awards grants to defray the costs of summer language study abroad
- **African Studies Research Grant:** funds students conducting summer research in Africa
- **Summer International Travel Grant:** sponsors students conducting summer research outside the U.S.



My journalism internships supported by UChicago got me on-the-ground experience in reporting quick-hit news and in-depth features. During my humanities research, separately, I closely researched a community through interviews and documents. All of this experience let me hit the ground running as a political reporter taking on both breaking news and longer-term research assignments.

Oren Oppenheim, AB'21

Major: Creative Writing

Programs: Jeff Metcalf Internship Program

Post-Graduation Role: ABC News (*part of the team that won 2025 News and Documentary Emmy for Outstanding Live News Program*)

Internships:

- Jerusalem Post - News Reporting Intern
- The Philadelphia Inquirer - News Features Intern
- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel - Political Reporting Intern
- ABC News - Political Unit Intern



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