

# National Security and Community Safety

## INDUSTRY GUIDE

### Career Paths and Desired Skills

National Security and Community Safety offers careers at the intersection of economics, law, policy, and cutting-edge technology. In these fields, students apply an interdisciplinary skillset to analyze threats and manage risks. Opportunities are available with a wide range of employers, including government agencies, think tanks, advanced materials firms, and companies focused on geopolitics and global trade.

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

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

- **Sign up for industry newsletters** to get regular updates on opportunities in your area of interest
- **Explore the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program** to find paid, substantive internships around the world
- **Get personalized support** from a Careers in Policy and Social Impact adviser:
  - **Maha Ezalarab** oversees all global health career programs drawing on her expertise in health policy research and implementation
  - **Tala Ali-Hasan** is a UChicago double alum with experience in public policy research and education policy
  - **Bethany Malzman** works closely with employers to create student opportunities with government agencies, think tanks, nonprofits, and more
  - **Paige Williams** is a UChicago double alum, drawing on her expertise in policy and non-profits to support students in the behavioral sciences
- **To subscribe to Career Advancement's events calendar**, copy this calendar feed URL and add to any calendar application. Contact Career Advancement with any questions.

### MEET EMPLOYERS AND BUILD YOUR POLICY SKILLS

*Stand out by engaging with employers, learning important skills, and building your policy expertise.*

- **Attend employer information** sessions to network with recruiters such as Chicago Appleseed, Atlantic Council and John Howard Association
- **Use the UChicago Alumni Directory** and other tools like LinkedIn to contact alumni at your target employers
- **Job shadow** with an alum working in government, intelligence agencies, or with a think tank
  - **Winter Break Job Shadowing (December 15 - 19):** Apply by November 10, 2025
  - **Spring Break Job Shadowing (March 16-20):** Apply by February 17
- **Apply for a national security and community safety career trek** to meet employers and learn about careers pathways. Upcoming treks include Chicago and Washington, DC.
  - **Chicago Local National Security Trek (November 14):** Apply by November 7
  - **D.C. National Security and Public Policy Spring Break Trek (March 16-20):** Apply by January 20
- **Apply for the Summer Institute in Social Research Methods** to get accelerated training in social science research methodologies. Apply and join the community of 68 UChicago students from the 2025 program!
- **Get involved with research** and work with a faculty member specializing in your field of interest
- **Apply for the FLAG Program**, which offers awards of \$7,000 to support the costs of intermediate or advanced language study abroad.
- **Join a policy competition** like the **UChicago Impact Competition** on May 8, 2026
- **Sign up for the Metcalf Clinics Program** to work on an employer project with a team of peers.
- **Complete a policy immersion program** like the Hoover Institution, Summer Policy Boot Camp or the Stimson Center Foreign Policy Futures Program

### GET EXPERIENCE

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

- **Intelligence Agencies:** CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency, FBI, National Security Agency
- **Think Tanks:** Atlantic Council, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, RAND Corporation
- **Advanced Materials and Trade:** Applied Materials, International Trade Administration, Mare Liberum, NVIDIA
- **Public Prosecutors:** Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, U.S. Attorneys' Offices

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## EVENTS

### Fall Quarter

- September 29 | UChicago's Fall 2025 Career Fair
- September 30 | Student Employment 101: Jobs, Work-Study & Community Connections
- Sept. 30 | UChicago Grad Programs Fair featuring 4+1 Advanced Scholars Programs
- October 2 | Student Employment 101: Jobs, Work-Study & Community Connections
- October 5 | Metcalf Clinics Application Deadline
- October 7 | Resumes for Policy Careers and Student Employment
- October 8 | Campus Research and Employment
- October 14 | Student Employment 101: Jobs, Work-Study & Community Connections
- October 16 | Correctional Oversight with John Howard Association
- November 6 | Careers in Think Tanks with the Stimson Center
- November 13 | Chicago Local Criminal Justice Trek
- December 15 - 19 | Winter Break Trek
- December 15 - 19 | Winter Break Job Shadowing

### Winter Quarter

- January 8 | Dine and Define Your Summer Plans
- February | Careers in Germany Alumni Panel
- February 18 | Fair Courts and Criminal Justice with Chicago Appleseed
- February 20 | Chicago Local Security Trek
- February 23 | Criminal Justice in Illinois with the Illinois Prison Project
- March 1 | ICSG Fellows Program Application
- March 16 - 20 | Spring Break Treks
- March 16 - 20 | Spring Break Job Shadowing

### Spring Quarter

- April 9- 10 | Springfield Security and Criminal Justice Trek
- April 20 | Careers in Intelligence with DIA
- May 8 | Impact Competition

### Summer Quarter

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

### Government Agency Visits

If you are interested in learning about information sessions with national security agencies such as the CIA and FBI, please contact Bethany Malzman at [bmalzman@uchicago.edu](mailto:bmalzman@uchicago.edu)!

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### Fall Quarter

- October 13 | Winter Break Trek Application Deadline
- October/November | U.S. Department of State Summer Internship Applications Due
- October/November | FBI & CIA Summer Internship Applications Due
- October/November | U.S. Department of Treasury Full-Time Fellowships Due
- October 24 | Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Application
- November 3 | Fall Deadline: 4+1 Programs
- November 10 | Winter Break Job Shadowing Deadline
- November 14 | Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Application

### Winter Quarter

- Jan. 12 | Winter Deadline: 4+1 Programs
- January 20 | Spring Break Trek Application Deadline
- January 21 | Peace Corps Volunteer Application Window
- January 11 | Winter Metcalf Clinic Deadline
- February | Illinois Governor's Office Summer Internship Program application window
- February 17 | Spring Break Job Shadowing Deadline
- March 1 | ICSG Fellows Program Application

### Spring Quarter

- April 1 | Obama Foundation Voyager Scholarship
- Apr. 13 | Spring Deadline: 4+1 Programs
- Apr. 15 | Selective Career Cohorts
- April | Summer Trek Applications Due
  - Locations coming soon!