

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Neuroscience Career Pathways

Explore the ways you can apply your UChicago degree to the professional world through these sample student pathways.

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PREPARING FOR CAREERS OF THE FUTURE IN BIOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE

UChicago's Careers in Biological Sciences program prepares students for success with networking opportunities, career treks, personalized career advising, innovation challenges, and internships with a diverse range of employers. Embark on your exploration of career pathways through talks with innovative industry experts, leading researchers, and faculty. Expand your professional horizons and discover growing areas that offer rewarding, high-growth careers to students, such as academic institutions, biotech companies, government agencies, pharmaceutical firms, and R&D departments.

CAREER TREKS

Career Treks give students the opportunity to meet multiple employers, build their professional network, and learn how they can be top candidates for internships and full-time jobs. Past treks to Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco have highlighted the vast diversity of careers in biological sciences including Cellular Biology and Genetics, Neuroscience, Biotechnology, Ecology, and Pharmaceuticals. Employer hosts have included the Epsilon Life Science, Tessera Therapeutics, Impossible Foods, and Ginkgo Bioworks.

JEFF METCALF INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

UChicago provides more than 4,200 paid, substantive internship opportunities each year through the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. 1,000+ Metcalf employers from a diverse range of industries hire students each year for project-based internships. This employer network includes firms that specialize in bioinformatics, bioengineering, biotechnology, neuroscience, ecology and evolution, public health, wildlife biology, and more! Students gain valuable experience with organizations like Advance Illinois, Argonne National Laboratory, the Allen Institute, Heat Biologics, Chicago Biomedical Consortium, and Partners in Health.

RENOWNED RESEARCH

The University of Chicago is a preeminent center for biological, biomedical, and neuroscience research where students are encouraged to engage in hand-on research experiences aligned with their interests. Research endeavors enable student to build their curricula vitae with hands-on experiences to make them more competitive for graduate programs and full-time roles. Summer research programs are organized in a variety of fields, including biomedical imaging, developmental neurobiology, ecology and evolution, genetics and genomics, global and public health, quantitative biology, translational medicine, and more. The Biological Science Collegiate Division and the Neuroscience Institute lead numerous summer fellowships enabling students to get hands-on research experience working alongside faculty and graduate researchers.

NESSTP (Neuroscience Early Stage Scientist Training Program)

This 10-week funded summer program supports independent research for UChicago undergraduate students from under-represented groups who have an interest in Neuroscience research. The NESSTP provides exposure to research and training experiences in Neuroscience for undergraduate students; career and professional development opportunities; and cross-level mentoring and training.

HEALTHCARE EXPLORERS

The Healthcare Explorers program helps first-year students kickstart their career journey in healthcare and other clinical careers such as social work. Over the course of their first year at UChicago, Healthcare Explorers cohort members complete immersive and exploratory career preparation programming that includes professional development workshops, mentorship from upperclassmen, funded internships and research experiences, and invaluable networking opportunities with industry leaders and faculty.

BEYOND THE CLINIC

The healthcare industry offers many non-clinical opportunities that require expertise in both the biological sciences and other fields. This track prepares students to pursue opportunities at the intersection of business and healthcare, including life sciences consulting or the corporate side of the biopharmaceuticals industry. Students also connect with leadership in UChicago Medicine and the Biological Sciences Division to learn more about healthcare administration.

POZEN GLOBAL HEALTH SCHOLARS

The Pozen Global Health Scholars Program is a selective track within Careers in Policy and Social Impact offered to College students interested in a broad scope of careers related to the field of health equity. The program is designed to help students explore the linkages between global, national, and local public health issues and the skills needed to advance in the sector. Students participate in a series of workshops and seminars that explore technology, research, data-storytelling, non-profit management, policy, supply chain, marketing, human-centered design, and their roles in global health. Scholars also benefit from skill trainings, networking events, and access to global internship opportunities.



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