

EDUCATION | INDUSTRY ROADMAP

Career Paths and Desired Skills

In addition to expertise in their subject matter, teachers require patience, cultural competence, and a passion for inspiring young minds. Experience in lesson planning and curriculum development is a huge plus, too! Interested in transforming education outside of the classroom? Consider roles in education consulting, education policy, or ed-tech.

Industry and Entry-Level Roles

Key Functions

Internships to help you get there

HIGHER ED ADMIN: ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Universities have many moving parts behind the well-oiled machine. Administrative positions lie within academic departments, admissions offices, career centers, community outreach initiatives, and more.

Skills: Public speaking | Organization | Decision making

- Recruit students worldwide, including via in-person travel
- Review application files to discern students' academic and community fit

- Programming Intern, UChicago Promise
- Education and Development Intern, Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund

RESIDENCY/CORPS PROGRAMS: TEACHER

It's possible to go into teaching without an Education major or licensure! Consider 2-4 year residency programs after undergrad. In addition to getting directly into the classroom, many programs also support a master's degree to become fully licensed.

Skills: Passion | Flexibility | Creativity

- Participate in pedagogical training to learn classroom management techniques
- Teach in your own classroom

- Neurodiverse Student Assistant, City Elementary
- Tutor, Neighborhood Schools Program

MUSEUM EDUCATION: CURATOR

Curators work behind the scenes to organize and plan displays, but just as importantly engage with the public through educational programs and exhibitions to make the pieces come to life.

Skills: Conceptualization | Academic writing | Preservation

- Use statistical software to interpret complex educational data sets
- Perform qualitative interviews with research subjects

- Archivist Intern, DuSable Museum of African American History
- Community and School Engagement Intern, The Field Museum

EDUCATION RESEARCH: ANALYST

Research analysts evaluate teaching methods, curriculum, and interventions to provide data-driven recommendations to improve educational systems.

Skills: Conceptualization | Academic writing | Preservation

- Use statistical software to interpret complex educational data sets
- Perform qualitative interviews with research subjects

- Development of Social Cognition Lab Researcher, Crown School
- To & Through Data and Research Intern, Urban Education Institute

EDUCATION POLICY: ADVOCATE

Using research, education policy advocates collaborate with lawmakers to influence and shape policies at the local, state, and national levels, fighting for a more accessible and equitable educational landscape.

Skills: Memo writing | Data extrapolation | Communication

- Collaborate with educators, parents, and community leaders to gather input
- Write reports, briefs, and opinion pieces to raise awareness about key educational issues and proposed reforms

- Policy Intern, Advance Illinois
- Education Data and Policy Analyst, Institute for Educational Leadership

BUILDING EXPERIENCE FOR

CAREERS IN EDUCATION

Career Advancement offers a number of events and resources to help prepare you for a career in education:

EVENTS

Fall Quarter

- October 1 | Meet the UChicago Champions Employer Networking
- October 2 | UChicago Career & Internship Fair
- October 14 | Education Professions “EdPros” Kick-Off
- October 28 | Intercultural Education Corps Information Session
- October 31 | Peace Corps Info Session & Coffee Chats
- November 12 | How a City Learned to Improve Its Schools: Fireside Chat with Authors

Winter Quarter

- January 6 | Application Open for Spring Break Education Trek to Philadelphia
- January 13 | Local Education Policy Trek Downtown
- January 27 | Application Deadline for Summer Links
- February 7 | Diversity + Inclusion Summit
- February 12 | Service & Education Panel: City Year, Peace Corps, and Teach for America
- March 1 | Resume Drop Opens for Summer Education Internships

Spring Quarter

- March 17-19 | Education Trek to Philadelphia
- April 2 | Young Alumni in Education Panel
- April 15 | Application Deadline for Education Professions “EdPros” Cohort
- May 7 | Teacher Appreciation Week Study Break

REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYERS

These employers actively recruit UChicago students!

Higher Ed Admin

Harvard Graduate School of Education
Northwestern School of Education and Social Policy
UChicago College Admissions

Residency Programs

Chicago Teacher Residency Program
City Year
Peace Corps
Teach for America

Museum Education

DuSable Museum of African American History
Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures
Museum of Science and Industry
Field Museum

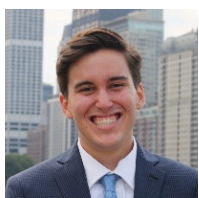
Education Research

Consortium on School Research
Edunomics Lab at Georgetown
Urban Labs

Education Policy

ACT Now
Advance Illinois
EdTrust
Illinois State Board of Education

Work with Career Advancement to stay current on recruiting timelines



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- Data Specialist for Community Schools at ACT Now
- Cohort Member, Seeds of Justice
- Tutor, Neighborhood Schools Program



Bella Ortega, AB'23

- Fulbright Teaching Assistant, Viet Nam
- Conducting Apprentice, University of Chicago Chamber Orchestra
- Senior Student Visit Coordinator, Office of Admissions