

EDUCATION PROFESSIONS | Industry Guide

Overview

Education is a fast-changing and diverse field at the intersection of education policy, research, and teaching with opportunities in education technology, non-profit management, and corporate settings. Our students interested in education pursue a variety of academic paths and professional experiences. **42% pursue post-grad teaching positions or grad school and 58% start their careers at policy, research, administration, and consulting organizations** such as McKinsey & Company, Urban Labs, Advance Illinois, and more!

JOIN THE ED PROS COHORT

Careers in Education Professions program (Ed Pros) prepares 2nd – 4th year students for careers in the education sector. This prestigious and selective program includes benefits such as:

- Dedicated **career advising and personalized assistance in career exploration** and skill development to land internships, full-time jobs, and graduate school acceptances.
- **Guaranteed internship funding** for one summer experience.
- A Chicago **Education Trek** to visit different education organizations including public and private teaching environments, policy think tanks, research institutes, advocacy groups, and educational non-profits.
- 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.

EXPLORE THE FIELD

Whether you're committed to the field or still exploring, UChicago can help you deepen your understanding of the ways you can make an impact with a career in education!

- Get involved with the **Urban Education Institute!** Apply for a research or internship position with UEI units like the UChicago Consortium on School Research.
- **Job shadow** with an alum working in education practice, policy, consulting, or administration.
- Consider **an academic-year internship** with an organization such City Year or Chicago Public Schools.
- **Volunteer with community organizations** to better understand barriers to education and the needs of under-resourced student populations.
- Join the **Neighborhood Schools Program**, which places students in roles such as teaching assistants, administrative interns, and preschool specialists in over 40 sites on Chicago's South Side.
- Join a **education-focused RSO** on campus, such as Bridge to College, Friends of Washington Park Youth Program or the South Side Free Music Program.
- Take **classes** to build expertise in public policy, comparative human development, and social science research methods and consider a minor in [Education and Society](#).
- Get involved in **research** and work with a faculty member studying policy, comparative human development, or curriculum theory and development.

GET EXPERIENCE

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

- **Residency Programs:** Chicago Teacher Residency Program, City Year, Peace Corps, Teach for America
- **Research:** Consortium on School Research, Edunomics Lab at Georgetown, Urban Labs
- **Policy:** ACT Now, Advance Illinois, EdTrust Illinois, State Board of Education

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.

- **Explore the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program** to find paid, substantive internships around the world.
- Review this list of **Education Employers and Organizations** including teacher placement organizations, organizations focused on research, policy and administration, consulting firms, and graduate programs.
- **Get personalized support** from a Careers in Education Professions adviser:
 - **Swapna Shaw** has worked in higher education for more than 20 years. She is passionate about working with our extraordinary undergraduate students to help them build meaningful careers in education.
- Sign up for **industry newsletters** for regular updates on opportunities in your area of interest.
- Use the **UChicago Alumni Directory** and other tools like LinkedIn to reach out to alumni at target employers.

EVENTS

Fall Quarter

- Sept. 29 | Fall Career Fair
- Sept. 30 | Academic Opportunities Fair
- Sept. 30 | UChicago Champions Networking Event
- Sept. 30 | UChicago Grad Programs Fair (4+1)
- Oct. 3 | Student Activities & Resource Fair
- Oct. 7 | Resumes for Policy Careers
- Oct. 8 | Campus Research & Employment
- Oct. 14 | Civic Engagement Workshop
- Oct. 15 | Careers in Education Panel
- Oct. 20 | Exploring Future Careers
- Nov. 18 | Stamps Scholars Information Session
- Dec. 15-19 | Winter Break Job Shadowing

Winter Quarter

- Jan. 8 | Dine and Define Your Summer Plans
- Jan. 26 | Teach For America Info Session
- Jan. 28 | Careers in Education Panel
- Feb. 3 | Applications & Appetizers
- Feb. 9 | Careers in Education Panel
- Feb. 19 | Peace Corps Info Session
- Feb. 23 | Careers in Education Panel
- Mar. 9 | Chicago Education Trek
- Mar. 16-20 | Spring Break Job Shadowing

Spring Quarter

- Mar. 25 | Careers in Education Panel
- Mar. 31 | Applications & Appetizers
- Apr. 2 | Careers in Education Panel
- Apr. 28 | Internship Best Practices Workshop
- May 4 | Careers in Education Panel
- May 11 | Ed Pros End of Year Celebration

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Fall Quarter

- Oct. 13 | Winter Break Treks
- Oct. 20 | Teach for America Deadline
- Nov. 3 | Fall Application Cycle for 4+1 Master's Programs
- Nov. 10 | Winter Break Job Shadowing

Winter Quarter

- Jan. 12 | Winter Application Cycle for 4+1 Master's Programs
- Jan. 20 | Spring Break Treks
- Feb. 2 | Teach for America Deadline
- Feb. 17 | Spring Break Job Shadowing
- Mar. 9 | Teach for America Deadline

Spring Quarter

- Apr. 13 | Spring Application Cycle for 4+1 Master's Programs
- Apr. 15 | Selective Career Cohorts including EdPros



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