The University of Chicago Youth Internship Program is a paid summer employment opportunity for Chicago Public Schools students who live on the South Side.

Launched in 2021, the UChicago Youth Internship Program (YIP) serves Chicago Public Schools and charter school students over the course of two summers.

The first summer take an “earn & learn” approach, providing college and career preparation through workshops, seminars, and activities. This includes a guest speaker series from a variety of STEM professionals, workplace tours, professional leadership lessons, college tours, post-secondary planning, and service learning.

The second summer, participants who successfully completed the first summer are eligible to reapply for a YIP Year 2 Internship within one of several University units for a six-week job in health sciences, computer sciences, or IT services.

YIP partners with One Summer Chicago, a citywide initiative through the Department of Family & Support Services’ Summer Youth Employment Program, which provides youth with employment and enrichment opportunities during the summer months.

“As the program progressed, we got to have more hands-on experience. We got to actually talk to patients one-on-one, actually play the role of a doctor...it was just super cool to connect with people on that level.”

UChicago Youth Internship Program participant

INTERNSHIP BENEFITS

- Earn a $15.80 hourly wage for up to 20 hours a week for 6 weeks
- Attend workshops focused on career exploration, professional development, and more
- Prepare for the college application process through college tours and workshops
- Develop valuable skills and experience, whether you want to work immediately after graduation or attend college
QUALIFICATIONS

The UChicago Youth Internship Program is looking for motivated, hardworking students who:

- Have an interest in learning about careers in health sciences, computer sciences, or IT services
- Are at least 16 years old by June 24, 2024 and authorized to work in the United States
- Are residents of the city of Chicago

Priority will be given to applicants with at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA who attend a CPS high school in the Office of Civic Engagement’s nine-neighborhood focus area on the South Side: Douglas, Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, South Shore, Washington Park, and Woodlawn.

PROGRAM DATES: JUNE 24 – AUGUST 1, 2024

Year 1 interns will work and attend programming Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m. (up to 20 hours per week).

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024 PROGRAM ARE BEING ACCEPTED MARCH 4 - APRIL 19

Learn more at ccreadiness.uchicago.edu

Apply at onesummerchicago.org

Limited spots available! Be sure to select Chicago Department of Family & Support Services as your organization and the University of Chicago as your preferred agency. Questions can be sent to ucyip@uchicago.edu.