South Side College and Career Catalyst Program

The South Side College and Career Catalyst program (C3) at the University of Chicago provides low-income and first-generation college-bound Chicago public high school students from the South Side with year-round college and career exploration activities and educational opportunities to prepare them for academic and career success. The program, led by the college and career readiness team at the University’s Office of Civic Engagement, carries on a proud legacy, building on college readiness programming the University of Chicago has offered to South Side Chicago public high school students for more than 50 years.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**SUMMER**
- Six-week academic enrichment session with college preparatory courses in English, social sciences, math, humanities, and science/STEM
- Opportunity to live on campus and gain insights into college experience while attending classes
- Annual college fair and career conference

**YEAR-ROUND**
- Monthly college and career readiness workshops
- Local and national college visits
- Academic tutoring and college advising support
- Cultural and community-building field trips throughout the city
- Enrichment on topics ranging from STEM to financial literacy
- Social-emotional skills building activities

**WHO WE SERVE**
- 9th- to 12th-grade students
- Priority given to low-income or first-generation college students who live or attend a public high school, including charter schools, in one of the following South Side communities:
  - Douglas
  - Grand Boulevard
  - Greater Grand Crossing
  - Hyde Park
  - Kenwood
  - Oakland
  - South Shore
  - Washington Park
  - Woodlawn

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Questions about the C3 program? Email uccatalyst@uchicago.edu or call 773-702-8288.

Sign up for the Office of Civic Engagement’s mailing list at civicengagement.uchicago.edu for the latest on college and career readiness programming and events.

The Office of Civic Engagement’s college and career readiness programs prepare Chicago public high school students to gain admission to, pay for, and thrive in college and excel in future careers. The multi-year programs provide free support to more than 250 students annually.