Where it is comfortable to share ideas
Welcome to the University of Chicago Law School!

Ours is a unique and engaged community, and I am pleased to introduce you to it.

The Law School is well known for its extraordinary faculty. For all the well-deserved accomplishments and accolades of our faculty members, it is their deep commitment to intellectual inquiry in law that sets them apart. Our professors produce scholarship that regularly advances, if not sets the terms of, academic and legal policy debates. Our faculty includes many famous names, as well as many names that will soon be famous. Faculty scholarship at the Law School is well known for its interdisciplinary character, where professors bring the ideas and methodologies of other fields to bear in studying law. The Law School was the cradle of Law and Economics, one of the most influential interdisciplinary legal fields and a field that continues to flourish here. Interdisciplinarity here at the Law School encompasses many other fields as well, such as history, philosophy, political science, and anthropology. Whatever the intellectual approach, the core scholarly endeavor at the Law School is to understand the law and legal institutions.

As devoted as our professors are to their scholarship, they are equally committed to their teaching. Our faculty consider teaching a privilege, and we especially prize the opportunity to teach first-year students. You will find all of our faculty members regularly teaching in the curriculum, just as you will regularly find them in their offices, at weekly coffees, and stopping to chat in the hallway. Legal education is the core of the Law School’s mission, and student access to our stellar faculty is essential to that education.

When you come to study at the Law School, you will join a small and diverse student body that is deeply committed to studying the law, developing life-long friendships and professional relationships, and changing the world. Our students participate in more than 60 student organizations, and their involvement allows them to learn about career opportunities, serve the public, debate and discuss the most important topics of the day, and, of course, have fun. I am impressed by our students every day—by their intellect and their commitment, and by how seriously they take both their participation in the life of the Law School and their opportunities for career and professional development.

The Law School is a place that is serious about ideas. We continuously challenge and test ideas in our scholarship, our classrooms, and in our hallway conversations. A diversity of perspectives strengthens intellectual inquiry of this sort, and we welcome students and faculty of diverse backgrounds and experiences. Debate and deliberation also require open discussion, and the University of Chicago has repeatedly reaffirmed its commitment to freedom of expression. The Law School is not a place where everyone agrees with everyone else, nor a place where everyone talks to only like-minded peers or professors. Instead, the Law School is a place where conversations between people with different views often yield the most valuable insights and the closest friendships.

You will find our alumni in every state and all over the world, in every job imaginable. Just based on the alumni I know personally, you might end up the executive director of a non-profit, the general counsel of a Fortune 100 company, a federal judge, the managing partner of a multinational law firm, a tenured professor, or director of a major government agency. Whichever career path you choose, the educational opportunities at the Law School will help prepare you. Of course you will learn the substance of the law and how to think about it. In so doing, you will sharpen your analytical thinking, and that will prove invaluable wherever your career takes you. You may also choose to participate in our clinics and experiential courses or the specialized curriculum of the Doctoroff Business Leadership Program. You will enjoy professional development programs such as the Kapnick Leadership Development Initiative. You will join our strong network of alumni worldwide, supporting your goals and aspirations for the future.

I hope that you will take advantage of the information offered on our website and other outlets to learn more about the Law School. Immerse yourself in our videos, follow us on Twitter, read faculty scholarship, and spend time on these pages especially for prospective students. Then come visit us in person and let us show you why our students and faculty are so happy to be here and why alumni are so proud of the education they received here. Come see our beautiful facilities, our vibrant Hyde Park neighborhood, and the incredible city of Chicago. Experience for yourself the best legal education in America. All of us at the Law School look forward to meeting you.

Thomas J. Miles
Dean and Clifton R. Musser Professor of Law
We revel in working through a complex problem, benefiting from the insights of fellow members of our community. Our students have a passion for discussing cutting-edge issues—such as commercial law in virtual worlds or international human rights issues in China—over coffee in our Green Lounge. Our faculty are excited about hosting students in their homes for our unique Greenberg Seminars, where the focus could be anything from American foreign policy to graphic novels. We thrive on being part of the world-class intellectual environment that is the University of Chicago.

We strive every day to create the finest learning experience possible. Classes are small, allowing for intimate conversations. Entering students are organized into research and writing sections of about thirty students, who get to know each other well and work together their entire first year. Connecting and collaborating with faculty, who bring their scholarly expertise and broad personal interests to bear on topics large and small, is not only easy but expected.

Our students enjoy their time outside the classroom as much as their time in it. They run organizations that delve deeper into law or that broaden social horizons. They play sports, sing in a cappella groups, act in the Winter Quarter Musical, represent clients in our legal clinics, challenge the faculty in a trivia tournament, and volunteer for community service. A favorite activity is the weekly Wine Mess, an afternoon “happy hour” that has been a tradition at the Law School for more than fifty years. On Wednesday mornings, faculty and staff drop by the Green Lounge for Coffee Mess, where they talk with students over donuts and bagels. And our entire community benefits from our location in Chicago, where students can enjoy fine restaurants, theater, concerts, parks, sports, and more.

We take great pride in our network of alumni, who have been trained to think independently, critically, and creatively about the law. We believe, and our graduates confirm, that ideas turned into action is one of the most satisfying ways to practice law.

Come visit us and see the UChicago difference. Meet our faculty members—driven teachers and prolific scholars, engaged with social problems and real legal issues. Spend time with our students, who value academic thought, compassionate clinical work, and engagement with one another and their teachers. Get to know our graduates, who distinguish themselves with their intellect, skepticism, sense of purpose, and taste for the tough questions. Come join our family of lifelong learners.

“I remember how I loved the experience. I don’t think there is anyplace else in the world where one learns so well how to think and process information, to look at all aspects of any situation and think about it on multiple levels, from the highly theoretical to the utterly human.”

Steve Lipscomb, ’88, Founder, World Poker Tour; Founder, Practicrats LLC
UChicago students enjoy their classes. UChicago faculty love teaching them. UChicago alumni never forget them.

Our students crave intellectual stimulation. They work hard—and play hard. They challenge their teachers and each other on all things logical, legal, and political. They master a lawyer’s most powerful skills: researching, writing, and presenting well-reasoned legal arguments. And they also enjoy more than 60 student organizations ranging from the Environmental Law Society to the Federalist Society, from Neighbors, which engages in a wide variety of community service activities, to the intramural sports teams, which have won the Phoenix Cup (the campus-wide all-sport graduate student championship) for the Law School five years in a row. Students even fill the classrooms during lunchtime to hear faculty and other speakers discuss the issues of the day, and to enjoy a free lunch.

Why do they do this? Because it’s great. Because it’s worth it. Because they are partners in their own education. Because they grow. Because they are truly prepared for their careers—and lives—after law school. Because they forge lifelong friendships and mentoring relationships. And, most of all, because it’s fun.

UChicago students enjoy a very special environment—a true community that combines the academic and the social. Our small size allows an environment where everyone knows everyone else, where faculty, staff, and students can get to know each other on an individual basis, and where everyone is part of a common enterprise. It also gives students a ready group with whom to explore Chicago—the restaurants, the theaters, the running paths, and yes, the bars—and with whom to start out on the path to an exciting career.

UChicago students are confident and engaged. They come from diverse backgrounds and hail from across the country and around the globe. They are ready for the next challenge. They go on to head law firms, lead international NGOs, become CEOs of companies, clerk for Supreme Court Justices—and become judges themselves. Learn more about student life at www.law.uchicago.edu/life.

“"My classmates and I were a close knit group—we played together, studied together, challenged one another’s views and thoughts. There was an incredibly wide range of ideas and views in the classroom and we managed to really exchange those ideas and look at problems in ways I had never looked at them before. It was very exciting.”

James Cole, ’95, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Education

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Learning the law at UChicago is collaborative.

“The Law School has a special way of making lectures feel like seminars where everyone is involved. In my criminal procedure class, we gained a solid foundation for the doctrine, debated often about policy repercussions of the various rules, and even had time to engage with the professor in some of his recent research on police use of force.”

Joe Egozi, ’17

Faculty do not simply lecture—they engage students in a dialogue. They ask questions about complex legal concepts and principles, challenging students to articulate and think about the law for themselves. UChicago faculty know that complex social and legal problems have no easy answers. Our graduates need to think on their feet in the courtroom, the legislative chamber, and the boardroom—and the Socratic Method teaches them to do that. Because the Law School believes in interdisciplinary inquiry, our faculty are not just leading law scholars. They are also feminist scholars, historians, economists, and philosophers. They are clinical practitioners, dedicated to teaching and advocacy.

UChicago faculty engage with students in ways uncommon in academia. UChicago students love the Greenberg Seminars, where professors from different disciplines team up to teach casual seminars on unusual subjects in their own homes. Students have said that the seminars, which change yearly, enhance the Law School’s reputation for professors’ accessibility, and take the open-door office hours policy several steps further than most law schools. UChicago faculty encourage students’ own scholarly ambitions, often by working together on articles that they publish as co-authors. The relationships built during these collaborations can continue on for decades as students and teachers become professional colleagues.

Several times a year, faculty host roundtable dinners, a popular discussion series for students. Twenty students gather at a faculty member’s home to talk about topics not covered in classes—from who has property rights over the final out ball of the Red Sox World Series game, to the exposure of children to the Internet, to racial profiling and gerrymandering.
In order to make public interest careers possible, the Law School has created unique and generous programs to assist current students and graduates who pursue these jobs.

**A dedicated public interest law advisor** serves on the Office of Career Services staff to offer critical assistance to students and alumni pursuing work and volunteer opportunities in the public and nonprofit sectors. Susan Curry, our Director of Public Interest Law and Policy, and our other experienced OCS counselors meet regularly with students to assist them in every step of their job search, as well as coordinate informational programs and guest speakers to highlight different types of government and public interest law careers. They also connect students with alumni mentors practicing in public interest law.

To learn more about public interest at the Law School, visit [www.law.uchicago.edu/publicinterest](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/publicinterest).

The Law School’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program allows **any graduate who works in a qualified public interest position for ten years to attend law school for free.** Working in concert with current federal debt relief programs, UChicago’s LRAP is one of the most generous of its kind. Unlike most law schools’ LRAPs, our inclusive program includes judicial clerkships as eligible positions and has a generous salary cap of $80,000. More details are available at [www.law.uchicago.edu/financialaid/LRAP](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/financialaid/LRAP).

The Law School guarantees summer funding for 1L and 2L students engaged in qualified public interest work. Through the Heerey Fellowship Program and the Chicago Law Foundation, first- and second-year students working in eligible nonprofit or government law positions during the summer are guaranteed a $5,000 award.

Our clinical programs (see page 11) aren’t the only way to serve the public interest and engage with issues that matter to you while you’re in law school. You can join organizations like the Chicago Law Foundation, which raises money for grants given to students working in summer public interest jobs, or Neighbors, which works with local school children on literacy and civics issues. You can participate in the Spring Break of Service, which annually sends more than two dozen students to do legal aid work in places like Biloxi and Jackson, Mississippi, or Jammu, India. You can even start your own organization to do what is meaningful to you. Or you can participate in our **Pro Bono Service Initiative** by pledging to volunteer at least 50 hours of law-related service during your time in law school. Program participants recognize that pro bono public service is an integral part of a lawyer’s professional obligation and an essential ingredient in a legal career. Each year, UChicago Law students log hundreds of pro bono hours, gaining additional opportunities to develop their legal skills and experience while helping legal service providers in our community. Learn more about the Pro Bono Service Initiative at [www.law.uchicago.edu/probono](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/probono).
UChicago students get involved in **our community**, and the Law School’s clinical programs make it easy for them to do so.

“Our clinical faculty are expert practitioners and expert teachers. We don’t just practice law and let students tag along—our job is to coach, challenge, and guide our students in their development as practitioners. Over their time in the clinic, students learn to take the lead on the case or transaction. They move from being apprentices to being true colleagues.”

*Jeff Leslie, Director of Clinical and Experiential Learning, Clinical Professor of Law, Paul J. Tierney Director of the Housing Initiative, and Faculty Director of Curriculum*

Students can readily prepare for careers serving the public interest and **get practical experience that will enrich their education, their legal practice, and their lives.**

The Law School was a pioneer in clinical legal education by establishing one of the first legal clinics associated with a law school. In 2008, the Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic celebrated its 50th anniversary of serving the people of Chicago. Second- and third-year students working in the clinic learn litigation, legislative advocacy, and transactional skills by representing clients while under the close supervision of the Law School’s outstanding clinical professors. Students can work in over seventeen clinical projects in a variety of legal areas. The Law School is fully committed to providing a clinical experience for every student who wants one. To see a list of our current clinical opportunities, visit [www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/projects](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/projects).

Students actively represent clients in all of these projects—it’s not just busy work. The State of Illinois and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals allow students, under the supervision of licensed attorneys, to serve as counsel for clients. This means that our students serve as trial lawyers, conducting direct and cross examinations, making opening and closing arguments, and drafting motions. They also argue the cases on appeal. They do the leg work and the research, they draft the contracts and negotiate the settlements. **They practice law.** For this, they earn course credit, gain real-world experience, and serve the community.

Our clinic students’ **work makes a difference.** In the past few years UChicago Law students have helped exonerate a man wrongfully imprisoned for 29 years, advocated for changes to the laws that impede Chicago entrepreneurs, laid the legal groundwork in the completion of a new Chicago affordable housing development, won a landmark appellate ruling that opened up police misconduct records to the public, and won a case before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals that could fundamentally change the way the federal government prosecutes illegal immigrants. Our students have even built a case before the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the State of Illinois’s forfeiture laws. Every day our students are doing work that gives a legal voice to the voiceless in ways large and small. Read more about our clinical programs at [www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics).
At UChicago, you learn the law—and you learn how to think, which is even more important.

“What I can promise you is a community that is committed to both sides of the lawyer’s craft—to the passion and commitment to what the law should try to achieve, and also to unflinching critical analysis that accepts no orthodoxy except the sovereignty of reason.”

David Strauss, Gerald Ratner Distinguished Service Professor of Law

The Law School encourages students to get a broad curricular foundation. The law keeps changing, and so we train our students for the future. Classes are small—particularly our Bigelow legal research and writing course. First-year students take a core sequence covering contracts, torts, property, criminal law, and civil procedure, as well as one interdisciplinary course, Elements of the Law.

“Elements,” a class designed at UChicago, examines legal issues from diverse standpoints. You’ll learn how political scientists, economists, psychologists, sociologists, and moral philosophers think about legal questions. And you’ll learn about the basic reasoning behind all laws: why we reason from precedent; what consent, coercion, and voluntary choice mean; how we choose between rules and discretionary standards; and how to think about interpreting statutes and other authoritative texts that may not have been written with today’s problems in mind. Elements will give you the tools to analyze legal problems long after you leave UChicago’s halls.

UChicago is on the quarter system (although we’re only in session three quarters a year). Quarters create shorter classes, and you take fewer of them at a time than you would in a semester system. Our students find that the quarter system allows them to take a wider variety of classes than at most law schools. The quarter system also lets our 1Ls ease into their exams because they only have two finals in their first quarter compared to four in a semester system. And the quarter system allows every 1L to take an elective during the third quarter of their first year. You’ll get to spice up your 1L schedule with such courses as Copyright, Public International Law, Economic Analysis of the Law, or Legislation—courses most schools don’t offer to 1Ls. To learn more about the quarter system, visit www.law.uchicago.edu/prospectives/faqs/quartersystem.

All of the University is open to you in the second and third years, when you can choose not only from more than 170 classes within the Law School, ranging from Health Law and Policy to Structuring Complex Business Transactions, from Feminist Jurisprudence to International Criminal Law, but also from hundreds of courses in other schools and departments. The Law School encourages interdisciplinary work—all students may take up to twelve hours of coursework anywhere in the University. You will find that the curriculum is deep and diverse, emphasizing careful analysis infused with interdisciplinary perspectives, drawing on the faculty’s extensive backgrounds in fields such as history, philosophy, political science, economics, and sociology. To see a list of courses taught recently at the Law School, grouped by subject area, visit www.law.uchicago.edu/prospective/curriculum.

Students may also apply for joint or dual degree programs—including three formal joint degree programs with the Booth School of Business (M.B.A., Ph.D.), The Harris School of Public Policy (M.P.P), or the Divinity School (M. Div)—either at the same time they apply to the Law School, in their first year (as required by certain joint degree programs), or during the course of their studies at the Law School. For more information, visit www.law.uchicago.edu/students/jointdegree.
Preparing for a legal career certainly involves a great deal of learning about the law, but at UChicago, it also goes far beyond that. From lunchtime events to clinical opportunities, from intensive practice workshops and labs to moot courts and journals, the Law School offers countless ways to gain skills and knowledge necessary for the practice of law. All students must take at least one “skills” course in order to graduate, but your opportunities to learn important professional skills and gain practical experience will extend far beyond the classroom.

Through a combination of classroom instruction and direct work on real, cutting-edge projects, students in the Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab train to become well-rounded legal practitioners with sound legal and business judgment. Corporate Lab students work closely with corporate legal teams at major companies in a variety of sectors, such as technology, consulting, telecommunications, and emerging businesses. The Corporate Lab mirrors a real-world work experience: students receive hands-on substantive and client-development experience and are expected to manage and meet expectations and deadlines while exercising a high level of professionalism. More information is available at www.law.uchicago.edu/corporatelab.

In 2014, the Law School launched the Kapnick Leadership Development Initiative, a program that introduces systematic leadership development and training to the first-year class. The Law School, in partnership with The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, has modeled the leadership training program on Booth’s very successful Leadership Effectiveness and Development (LEAD) class and customized it for law students to give them the tools to respond to the legal profession’s unique challenges. Each year, all first-year law students participate in a series of team-building exercises, leadership challenges, and social events, which have been created to give each 1L the opportunity to be introduced to their classmates and learn about their own leadership style and effectiveness in team situations. To learn more, visit www.law.uchicago.edu/kapnick

In 2013, the Law School launched the Doctoroff Business Leadership Program, a certificate-granting program that combines law and business courses to prepare the next generation of law graduates with the analytical skills to be leaders of businesses or key advisors to business. The program makes available to all students a series of core business courses. In addition, it provides students admitted to the full program a unique array of mentorship, internship, and enrichment opportunities not normally found in law schools. For more information on the Doctoroff Business Leadership Program, visit www.law.uchicago.edu/doctoroffbusinessleadership.

You’ll graduate UChicago Law not only thinking like a lawyer, but also ready to practice and to lead.

“I can’t imagine finding a better, smarter, or more engaged group of people than the average class at the Law School. Everyone shows up with a positive attitude and an honest desire to learn and discuss their ideas. Students at The Law School might not always agree with each other, but everyone is engaged, thoughtful, and committed to new ideas and rigorous debate.” Jonathan Hawley, ’17
Seminars, workshops, and seven professional career advisors are dedicated to helping you find the job that will fit you best.

“A law degree from the University of Chicago gives you tremendous access to opportunities. Everywhere I go there are UChicago alums, which helps form an instant bond. A degree from the Law School provides a seal of integrity in a field not always known for it.”
James L. Tanner Jr., ’93, President, Tandem Sports and Entertainment

An individualized approach is the centerpiece of the UChicago philosophy of career services. Starting in the first year of law school, you will regularly work on a one-on-one basis with our career advisors to be sure that the advice you receive is tailored to your individual circumstances and goals.

Practice interviews and coaching are available to all students, and you can research your future employment using office publications, online databases, proprietary survey data, clippings, and recruiting materials available at our wired and wireless Career Resource Center. Regular programs teach job-seeking and interview skills, as well as allow you to hear directly from alumni at top firms, government agencies, and public interest organizations.

Our graduates take on the most demanded and demanding professional opportunities. The country’s key nonprofit organizations, top 200 law firms, Fortune 500 companies, and government agencies all actively seek out UChicago graduates. Over 400 employers come to campus annually to interview our students during the fall On-Campus Interviewing program. UChicago is one of the two most successful law schools in placing graduates in Supreme Court clerkships. Over the past ten years, 20 to 25 percent of each class has clerked for federal or state judges. An increasing number of alumni are clerking after a few years of experience in the public or private sector.

The Law School’s Office of Career Services has a long history of assisting students interested in pursuing a career in public service (see page 8). Our career counselors are experts in navigating the sometimes complicated world of fellowship applications and government programs and know how to help you find not only a job but also funding. We have built a network of alumni in public service so that you will have a community not only within the Law School but in your field.

These alumni are graduates of prestigious programs like the Skadden and Echoing Green fellowships, practice worldwide, and have even started their own renowned public service organizations. We also offer financial support to students and alumni through loan repayment assistance and summer funding.

Many UChicago Law alumni pursue careers in law teaching, and the Office of Career Services, as well as our dedicated faculty, provide a range of resources and services for those interested in the academic marketplace. Faculty and career counselors work closely with students while they are at UChicago to discuss course selection and academic training, plan career paths, and work towards published work for the student to bring to the market. When alumni go on the law teaching job market, they come back to the Law School to participate in our annual preparatory summer workshop. Faculty and staff work with alumni through their entire experience on the market, and serve as mentors and colleagues for decades to come.

UChicago graduates work and live all over the world. We have alumni in every American state and in (at last count) 70 countries. Because of this extensive network and the high demand for UChicago-educated lawyers, our students have opportunities to work during the summer and after graduation at foreign courts, multinational corporations, war crimes tribunals, international aid agencies, and private law firms around the globe. For more information and to view current employment data, visit www.law.uchicago.edu/prospective/careers.
The University of Chicago is known for its more than eighty-five Nobel laureates and its world-changing ideas, but it is also part of a campus and a city that are friendly places to work and play.

“The heart of the University campus, known as the Quads, is a 211-acre botanic park. Students study by the ducks in Botany Pond, relax on the swing in the Social Science quad, or take a quiet walk through the cloisters near the Divinity School. Not only is the campus bisected by the spacious green belt known as the Midway, but it is also surrounded by Chicago parks, which include an 18-hole golf course one half-mile from campus, a swimming pool, romantic lagoons, and a bustling marina on Lake Michigan.

Chicago
Chicago is a cosmopolitan, diverse, yet affordable city. Chicago is also the birthplace of modern architecture and sketch comedy, the home of the Chicago Marathon on Columbus Day weekend, and a showplace for world-class museums like the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Field Museum of Natural History. It’s a city where there is something new to do every day and night: go to Navy Pier to take in Shakespeare and a ferris wheel ride; visit Devon Avenue to buy a sari or the Pilsen neighborhood to admire the public murals and eat Mexican food; dance at hundreds of nightclubs; feast at thousands of restaurants; take in an art film, a rock concert, or a street fair. Our students plan outings to see our major league sports teams: the Bulls, the Bears, the Fire, the Blackhawks—and of course the Cubs and the White Sox. Many of the 350 local theater ensembles and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra offer student discounts. Some students particularly like getting a drink at legendary jazz and blues clubs like the Green Mill and Hyde Park’s own Checkerboard Lounge.

Hyde Park
Hyde Park, nestled next to Lake Michigan and long considered the jewel of Chicago’s South Side, is a diverse, close-knit, and highly intellectual community. Many of the University professors live nearby on “Professors’ Row,” and residents greet each other outside the Medici, a popular burger joint, or while walking their dogs in Nichols Park. They attend raucous community meetings on zoning and development, often enriched by the views of economics and sociology professors.

Swim at the sandy beach near Promontory Point Park. Ice skate on the Midway just 200 feet from the Law School’s front door. Get involved with local politics—your local state representative could be going places! Browse through thousands of hand-chosen titles at the warren-like 57th Street Books. Buy some cotton candy at the Hyde Park Art Fair or fresh vegetables at the weekly Harper Court farmer’s market.

Students who live in Hyde Park will find a range of some of the most affordable housing in the city, from full-service buildings with a pool and a doorman, to family- and pet-friendly apartments owned by the University. UChicago students have the best of both worlds—a college town within one of the world’s great cities.

Nick Spear, ’14

while it is easy to rave about Chicago as an academic institution, the eclectic student body is equally impressive. Whether you want to go to the hot new restaurant in town and then catch a show at one of Chicago’s myriad jazz bars, or make dinner at home and listen to the radio, you can always find someone to join you.”
Your UChicago legal education is an investment in your future.

We train lawyers to be innovative. Being innovative and creative, yet practical, is good for the client—and it’s more fun for you.”
Anup Malani, ’00, Lee and Brena Freeman Professor of Law

UChicago provides generous financial aid in the form of scholarships and loans for all of our students. Entering law student tuition for 2016-2017 is $59,541 for the nine-month academic year. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the average budget, including tuition and living expenses, for a single student is $89,517. An additional $1,500 loan is automatically added to each student’s financial aid package during his or her first year to cover the cost of a computer. Tuition and expenses for 2017-2018 will be determined in Spring 2017.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program and Guaranteed Summer Public Interest Support
Public interest work is a valuable and fulfilling career option and the University of Chicago Law School is committed to making such options available for its students and graduates. In order to make public interest careers possible, the Law School created unique and generous programs to assist students and graduates who pursue these jobs.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is not a traditional loan repayment assistance program. There is not a lengthy time requirement to receive benefits, and benefits are provided regardless of spousal income or potential family contributions. Public service is defined broadly to include government and nonprofit jobs. Unlike many other programs, graduates may also take advantage of LRAP while completing a judicial clerkship.

LRAP provides an interest-free loan equal to each graduate’s repayment responsibility. Each year’s loan is fully forgiven one year after it is made, provided that the graduate remains in a qualifying public interest job. Benefits are available for those who work in qualifying jobs at salaries up to $80,000 and for ten years following graduation, with the potential to have all law school eligible federal loans forgiven. For more information, please visit www.law.uchicago.edu/financialaid/LRAP.

The University of Chicago Law School also guarantees financial support for students who engage in qualifying summer public interest work for 8 or more weeks during the summer following the first year and second year of law school. Students are eligible for a $5,000 living stipend at summer’s start. This aid is in addition to any salary paid by that employer or any other summer employer and is in addition to any other grant that may be received. For program details, please visit www.law.uchicago.edu/financialaid/summerfunding.

Full-Tuition Scholarships
The Law School offers several important full-tuition scholarships for entering students. The David M. Rubenstein Scholars Program was established in 2010 by David M. Rubenstein, ’73, who made his generous gifts to the Law School for two reasons: to help the Law School compete for the very best students and to provide worthy law students the kind of financial head start he also was given. These scholarships, up to 20 full-tuition, three-year scholarships per class, are predominantly merit-based. All admitted students are automatically considered for the Rubenstein Scholars Program.
Debra A. Cafaro, ’82, established the **Debra A. Cafaro Scholarship Program** to provide full-tuition, three-year scholarships to 22 students over the course of nine years. The Cafaro Scholarships enable at least three students with financial need each year to obtain a legal education with no debt. These scholarships are need-based. All admitted students who complete a need application are automatically considered for the Cafaro Scholarship Program.

The **Mark Claster Mamolen Scholarship Fund** will provide as many as three full-tuition three-year scholarships for each entering class. Mark Mamolen, ’77, wanted to live life on his own terms, and live it to the fullest. He wanted to do things he loved doing and to be a whole person—the whole package,’ as he put it. This scholarship fund will allow others to do the same. The Mamolen Scholars will be selected based on a combination of merit and need, so that highly talented students who might not otherwise be able to attend the Law School will have the opportunity to do so.

The **James C. Hormel Public Interest Scholarship**, founded with a gift from James C. Hormel, ’58, provides a three-year full-tuition scholarship each year to an entering student who has demonstrated a commitment to public service. Hormel has been supporting UChicago Law students with public service ambitions for more than 30 years and this scholarship enables recipients to pursue a public service career path without being burdened with debt. Barry, JD ’79, MBA ’80, and Jan Rock Zubrow have supported several Law School programs at the intersection of law and business. The **Zubrow Scholars Program** awards a full-tuition scholarship to a student admitted into the Doctoroff Business Leadership Program.

**Deadlines and Procedures**

All admitted students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships. No separate application is required. If you would like your financial need considered, it is necessary to complete an additional application. Please see the website for details and deadlines.* Parental information is required for all applicants even if your parents will not be contributing financially to your legal education.

Student loans are processed through the Student Loan Administration (SLA). To apply for loans, applicants must complete the FAFSA by the priority deadline of May 31. The Law School's FAFSA code is E00377. Applicants do not need to wait to receive an offer of admission before filing the FAFSA and need application. To contact SLA please visit sla.uchicago.edu.

Scholarship offers will take into account considerations of both merit and need.

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The Law School now has an environmentally friendly, completely paperless admissions process. All applicants must apply through the Law School Admission Council’s (LSAC) electronic application system, available at www.lsac.org.

When to Apply
The Law School starts accepting applications on August 15. You may apply Early Decision or Regular Decision.

Early Decision
If you want to apply Early Decision, the application and all supporting materials must be received by the Admissions Office by December 1. Admission during Early Decision is binding on applicants. Indicate your intention to apply Early Decision on your application and complete the Early Decision Agreement with your application. We will let you know by the end of December whether your application is accepted, denied, or placed on our waitlist. Admission will no longer be binding if your file is placed on our waitlist for further review.

Regular Decision
If you are applying Regular Decision, submit your application and all supporting materials so that the Admissions Office receives them by March 1.

We consider applications as soon as they are completed and review them in the order they are completed. Applications received after March 1 will be considered on a space available basis. Applicants taking the February or June LSAT may still apply, but space will be limited. We have been known to accept outstanding applicants into the summer.

Chicago Law Scholars
Current University of Chicago College students and alumni may complete the application process early and receive an expedited decision and a substantial scholarship, if admitted. If you are applying through the Chicago Law Scholars program, submit your application and all supporting materials by December 1. Admission is binding. For more information, visit www.law.uchicago.edu/prospectives/jdapply.

Application
To apply, electronically complete LSAC’s Flexible Application and provide the supporting materials, detailed below.

All application materials must be submitted online. The application fee is $75.

Law School Admission Test
Your Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score must be five years old or less from the date of the application. Submit all scores received on the LSAT.

Interviewing Program
Interviews will be conducted only at the request of the Admissions Committee. Applicants will be contacted via email and asked to set up an interview. Unfortunately, applicants may not request an interview. Visit www.law.uchicago.edu/prospective/interviews for more information about our Admissions Interviewing Program.

Academic History
Please provide us with a complete history of your academic performance, including all undergraduate and graduate transcripts, through LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

Résumé
Describe your principal extracurricular and community activities, as well as any full- or part-time employment, in your résumé.

Letters of Recommendation
You must send us two letters of recommendation, but we will accept up to four. We strongly recommend that you send at least one letter from an academic instructor who is very familiar with your academic ability. You must submit your letters through the LSAC’s CAS letter of recommendation service.

Personal Statement
Your personal statement is an important, required part of your application that gives us insight into the nonacademic contribution you would make to the class and helps us to know you better. A statement that focuses on some personal attribute or experience is helpful to the Admissions Committee. Detailed information and instructions regarding each of the application requirements may be found at www.law.uchicago.edu/prospectives/jdapply.

Visit the Law School
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David Weisbach, Walter J. Blum Professor of Law