

## ❓ 1. About University of Chicago

**University of Chicago** is a top-ranked private research university located in *Chicago, Illinois, USA*. It attracts students from **100+ countries**, with about **24% of the university community coming from overseas**. [uchicago.edu](https://www.uchicago.edu)

---

## ❏ 2. Undergraduate Admission – International Students

### ❏ Application Process

- Apply using **Common Application** or **Coalition Application** with the UChicago Supplement. [College Admissions](#)
- International and domestic applicants follow the **same process**. [uchicago.edu](https://www.uchicago.edu)

### ❏ Standardized Testing

- UChicago has a **test-optional policy** for SAT/ACT; you may choose whether to submit scores. [ShunStudent](#)

### ❏ Required Materials

Common requirements typically include:

- Completed online application (Common or Coalition) [College Admissions](#)
  - Official secondary school transcripts (with English translation if needed) [College Admissions](#)
  - Essays & College-specific supplement [College Admissions](#)
  - Letters of recommendation (usually two) [College Admissions](#)
  - Optional: SAT/ACT scores (if submitted) [ShunStudent](#)
  - Proof of financial resources (for visa I-20 issuance) [internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu](https://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu)
- 

## ❏ 3. Graduate Admission – International Applicants

### ❏ General Requirements

- Online application through the program's portal. [UChicagoGRAD | The University of Chicago](#)
- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) for Master's applicants; advanced degree for doctoral programs. [UChicagoGRAD | The University of Chicago](#)
- Transcripts and academic records. [UChicagoGRAD | The University of Chicago](#)
- Department-specific requirements (e.g., GRE/GMAT, essays, letters of recommendation). [UChicagoGRAD | The University of Chicago](#)

### ❏ English Proficiency

For graduate programs, proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT or IELTS Academic) is usually required *unless waived*. Only TOEFL iBT and IELTS Academic are accepted for most programs. [UChicagoGRAD | The University of Chicago](#)

---

## ☐ 4. English Language Requirements

- Many graduate divisions require TOEFL iBT or IELTS Academic, and may **waive this** if you studied in English or meet other criteria. [UChicagoGRAD | The University of Chicago](#)
  - Minimum scores vary by program and are detailed by individual departments. [UChicagoGRAD | The University of Chicago](#)
- 

## ☐ 5. Tuition & Financial Aid

### ☐ Tuition & Fees

- UChicago is a private university with significant tuition and living costs. (Exact 2026 figures should be confirmed on the official site.) [uchicago.edu](http://uchicago.edu)

### ☐ Financial Aid

- **Need-based financial aid:** Available for international undergraduates *if applied for during the admissions process*. [College Admissions](#)
  - Financial documentation is also required for **visa eligibility**. [internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu](http://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu)
- 

## ☐ 6. Student Visa (F-1/J-1)

### ☐ Visa Sponsorship

- UChicago sponsors full-time international students in **F-1 or J-1 student visa status**. [internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu](http://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu)
- After admission, you must request a **Form I-20 (F-1)** or **Form DS-2019 (J-1)** from the University's Office of International Affairs (OIA). [internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu](http://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu)

### ☐ Visa Application

- With the I-20/DS-2019, pay the **SEVIS I-901 fee** (e.g., ~\$350 for F-1, ~\$220 for J-1) before scheduling a visa interview. [internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu](http://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu)

- Apply for the **F-1/J-1 visa** at a U.S. embassy/consulate in your home country, bringing your I-20/DS-2019, proof of finances, passport, and other requested documents. [internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu](https://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu)
- 

## ☐ ☐ ☐ **7. Support & Services for International Students**

### ☐ **Office of International Affairs (OIA)**

- Provides advising on visas, pre-arrival webinars, check-in procedures, immigration compliance, and cultural/high-school to college transition support. [internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu](https://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu)

### ☐ **Campus Life & Housing**

- UChicago offers residence halls for undergraduates and apartments for graduate students; freshman and sophomore housing is usually on-campus. [Wikipedia](#)
  - Hyde Park (University neighborhood) is a vibrant community with housing options and student life resources. [Goreto](#)
- 

## ☐ **8. Important Application Timelines (Typical)**

### ☐ **Undergraduate**

- **Early/Regular Deadlines:**
  - Early Action: usually in early November
  - Regular Decision: usually in early January  
(Exact dates are posted yearly on the UChicago admissions site.) [College Admissions](#)

### ☐ **Graduate**

- Deadlines vary by program — check individual department pages.
- 

## ☐ **9. Tips for 2026 Applicants**

- ✓ Start your application early and confirm deadlines on the official UChicago admissions site. [College Admissions](#)
- ✓ Prepare financial documentation for visa and aid considerations. [internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu](https://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu)
- ✓ Seek English proficiency score submissions if your prior education was not in English. [UChicagoGRAD | The University of Chicago](#)

✓ Check program-specific requirements for standardized tests (GRE/GMAT) if applying to graduate or professional programs.