



## FREQUENTY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: What are the benefits of participating in Chicago Bound?**

- To learn about various social justice topics, discover the diverse neighborhoods of Chicago, and engage with fellow residents in the third largest city in the country.
- To build strong relationships with fellow incoming students and upperclassman program alumni Group Leaders and Program Coordinators.
- To become more informed about Chicago and methods of effecting social change, including direct service, research and evaluation, advocacy and activism, community organizing, public policy, social entrepreneurship, impact investing, and philanthropy.
- To learn about different nonprofit organizations, businesses, and government agencies and how they effect social change in the city.
- To apply what you'll experience through Chicago Bound to your experience as a UChicago student and a resident of Chicago

### **Q: What does a typical program day look like?**

7:45am-8:00am	Review the day's agenda on campus at I-House (International House)
8:00am-9:00am	Breakfast at campus dining hall
9:00am-10:00am	Take the CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) bus or train to organization site
10:00am-12:00pm	Meet community residents and leaders
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Meet staff of community organizations

6:00pm – 7:30pm	Dinner and discussion of day’s activities
7:30pm – 9:0pm	Evening social activity or event with community members
9:00pm-10:00pm	Return to I-House
10:00pm-10:30pm	Reflect on day’s experiences and foreshadow next day
10:30pm --	Sleep!

**Q: When does Chicago Bound take place?**

Saturday, September 9 through Friday, September 15. Chicago Bound participants will be able to move into their assigned academic year housing on Friday, September 15. Saturday, September 16 is the first day of the University’s Orientation Week (O-Week).

**Q: Does it cost anything to participate?**

No. The program is at no cost to you! All housing, food, and transportation expenses are covered by the University Community Service Center (UCSC) and Institute of Politics (IOP).

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Q: How do I apply?**

Complete a short online application form at <http://ucsc.sites.uchicago.edu/page/chicago-bound>

**Q: When is the application due?**

Friday, June 16, 2017

**Q: Who can apply to Chicago Bound?**

Any incoming first-year student in the College is eligible to apply. Last year, we received 195 applications for the 40 first-year program spots.

**Q: I don’t have any previous community service experience. Can I still apply?**

Absolutely! The program is designed to expose you to social change, social justice, and volunteerism.

**Q: When will I find out if I am selected?**

Friday, June 30, 2017

**PROGRAM MODEL AND STRUCTURE Q: Who runs Chicago Bound?**

Program is led by 10 selected program alumni student leaders, a graduate student, and professional staff members of UCSC and IOP. They meet for program planning and training in the spring 2017 quarter

and a week before official Saturday, September 9 program start date.

**Q: How is the program organized?**

Chicago Bound is purposely structured to be an intensive and immersive program experience to meet key student learning and community engagement goals. It includes discussion, reflection, meetings with community guests, activities, and service projects. Program staff will be facilitating and guiding participants throughout the 7-day experience.

**HOUSING, FOOD & TRANSPORTATION Q: Where will I live during the program?**

You will live in on-campus housing at International House with the other participants and student Group Leaders. Gender-neutral housing and bathrooms are an option.

**Q: Will I have a roommate?**

No. You will have a single room.

**Q: When do I have to arrive on campus?**

All program participants are expected to arrive on campus by noon on Saturday, September 9. Group Leaders, Program Coordinators, as well as UCSC and IOP staff, will be there to help you get settled in.

**Q: Do I have to buy my own food?**

No. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided each day. Participants will experience the amazing diversity of cuisine from various Chicago restaurants. Yum!

**Q: Where can I store my stuff for the school year?**

We will arrange for students to temporarily store their belongings before they are allowed to move into their assigned academic year housing on Friday, September 15.

**Q: How will I get from the airport or train station to campus?**

You are responsible to arrange for your own transportation to campus. For more information on transportation to campus go to: <http://collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/visiting/directions/>

**Q: Will I have any free time to explore on my own?**

You probably won't have much free time, because the Chicago Bound daily schedule (generally 7:45 am to 10:30 pm) is very full, and all participants are expected to participate in all scheduled activities.

**Q: Will anyone help me move into my permanent first-year housing?**

O-Week staff will be on site to help you get settled in on Friday, September 15.