FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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 Campus North
8:00am-9:00am Breakfast at campus Bartlett 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 – 9:00pm 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 15 through Friday, September 21. 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?

Participants are expected to contribute $100 contribution to help defray program costs. This expense will be added to the Winter Quarter tuition bill. Financial assistance is available for students, please indicate on your application if the $100 contribution is a barrier to your participation. Housing, food, and transportation expenses are covered. Students will be responsible for any personal or incidental expenses.

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 15, 2018

Q: Who can apply to Chicago Bound?

Any incoming first-year student in the College is eligible to apply. Last year, we received 165 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, July 6, 2018

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 2018 quarter and a week before official Saturday, September 15 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, and activities. 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 Campus North with the other participants and program staff. Gender-neutral housing and bathrooms are an option.

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

There are some program participants who will have a roommate and some who won't depending on the housing options in the dormitory.

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

All program participants are expected to arrive on campus by noon on Saturday, September 15. Please arrange your travels accordingly. There will be program staff there to help you get settled in.

**Q: When does the program begin and end?**

The program officially kicks off at 12pm on Saturday, September 15 and will end at 10:30pm on Friday, September 21.

**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 21.

**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/](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 21.