

TIMELINE University Community Service Center (UCSC)

Since 1996, the University Community Service Center (UCSC) has provided students with service opportunities that complement their academic experience. Through UCSC, students connect to Chicago, develop meaningful collaborations with diverse communities throughout the city, develop friendships with other social-minded students, and apply classroom learning to understand and address complex societal issues.

1992
The University Community Service Center (UCSC) launches as a student-run organization.

1996
Faculty-Student Committee on Volunteerism recommends the formal establishment of UCSC.




MICHELLE OBAMA IS HIRED AS FIRST UCSC DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES.

1999
Neighborhood Discussion Tours give university students, faculty, staff, and community members an opportunity to explore and engage in Chicago's communities.

2001
UCSC awarded U.S. HUD grant to identify gaps in services and provide customized technical assistance.

CSRSOs GROW TO 20 STUDENT GROUPS

2002
INVESTMENT IN DIVERSITY PROVIDES FREE INTRODUCTORY COLLEGE TOURS TO FIRST-GENERATION AND MINORITY STUDENTS.



Absolute Value Math Camp launches to prepare local 7th- and 8th-grade students for high school mathematics.

2003
Community Service Leadership Training Corps—now called Seeds of Justice—launches as an academic student leadership development program on social change.

2004
WONDER WOMEN RECEIVES WOMEN'S BOARD GRANT TO PROVIDE HEALTH-CARE AND SEX EDUCATION FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

CSRSOs GROW TO 30 STUDENT GROUPS

2006
Public and Social Service —now UChicago Careers in Public Policy and Service—introduces students interested in public service, social service, and nonprofit careers to alumni and representatives working in those fields.

2007
UCHICAGO PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAM PLACES GRADUATES IN PUBLIC INTEREST POSITIONS.



CSRSOs GROW TO 44 STUDENT GROUPS

2008
Chicago Studies provides academic and financial support for students interested in community-based participatory research.



2009
Woodlawn Matters provides programs for K-12 students and South Side residents.

HENRY OTTO (AB '81, MBA '82) AWARDS STUDENT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS TO STUDENTS INVOLVED IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.



2010
Corporation for National and Community Service names the University on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

UChicago Careers in Public Policy and Service (UCIPPS) launches.

CSRSOs GROW TO 75 STUDENT GROUPS


2012
SERVICE MATCH, MAPSCORPS, AND CHICAGO BOUND PROGRAMS LAUNCH.



2014
Chicago Bound doubles from 20 to 40 first-years in partnership with the Institute of Politics.

2015
Chicago Studies Quarter launches in partnership with the College.

MAPSCORPS EXPANDS TO NYC, THEN UPSTATE NY AND NC.



2016
Alternative Spring Break launches in Woodlawn.