



University of Chicago

International Partnerships Program Factsheet 2025-26

The International Partnerships Program is a robust community of exchange students, generally referred to as International Students-at-Large (ISALs), joining UChicago from partners around the world.

As non-degree-seeking undergraduate students, ISALs have full access to the College course catalog and no academic requirements to UChicago. ISALs are integrated into the College similarly to degree-seeking students. They have the opportunity to engage in Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), research, athletics, and more.

Nomination and Application Process

- Nomination deadline: January 31, 2025
- Application opens: February 15, 2025
- Application deadline: April 15, 2025
- Decisions announced: April 30, 2025

The online application portal is open only once per year and only for students nominated by our partner institutions. Students can be of any major. The portal link and instructions will be shared with partners in the previous year (for example, Autumn 2024 for the 2025-2026 academic year).



Application Requirements

- At least one letter of recommendation from a professor who is familiar with their work
- Official academic records (official transcripts along with translations, if necessary)
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume
- English language competence:
 - TOEFL Score Report with a minimum score of 104 (4 sub-scores of 26 each)
 - IELTS Score Report with a minimum score of 7 (sub-scores of 7)
 - Duo Lingo Score Report with a minimum score of 135 (4 sub-scores of 135 each)
- Essays

Academic Calendar

- Orientation: TBD
- Quarter 1 – Autumn 2025: Monday, September 29 to Saturday, December 13
- Quarter 2 – Winter 2026: Monday, January 5 to Saturday, March 14
- Quarter 3 – Spring 2026: Monday, March 23 to Saturday, June 6

Academics

International Students At-Large (ISALs) have access to the full [College course catalog](#), as well as courses in select graduate programs and professional schools.

All students in the College must take a minimum of 3 courses (worth 300 units) and a maximum of 4 courses (worth 400 units) per quarter to be fully registered. Course registration at UChicago is very competitive, thus we cannot guarantee enrollment for courses in the student's major subject.

Housing

ISALs live off-campus in the vibrant Hyde Park neighborhood, which is walking distance from campus and can be accessed via a free bus system. Students can find more in-depth information on what to expect living in Hyde Park, housing resources, etc. [here](#).

Annual Cost of Attendance (2024-25 AY)

- Tuition: \$22,482 per quarter
- Student Services Fee: \$520 per quarter
- UPass Fee: \$106 per quarter (grants students unlimited access to public transportation in the city)
- Health Insurance: \$1,666 per quarter (can be waived if student has a comparable coverage plan)

