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Paid internships in U.S. Senate and Congressional offices, the Illinois Governor's Office, The Hoover Institution, ABC News, the White House, Chicago Public Schools, the Illinois Justice Project and more



Join Civic Engagement cohorts focused on leadership development, journalism, civic tech, criminal justice reform, voter registration and bridging the urban-rural divide



Hear from visiting speakers including former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, General Stanley McChrystal, human rights activist and former NBA player Dikembe Mutombo, U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT), U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, investigative reporter Carl Bernstein, Mexican-American journalist Jorge Ramos



Get to know our Pritzker Fellows including former U.S. Sen. Doug Jones (D-AL), criminal justice reform advocate Shaka Senghor, Indian journalist Rana Ayyub and explore opportunities to connect with past Pritzker Fellows such as U.S. Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX), former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, New York Times contributing writer Kara Swisher, and climate justice advocate Heather McTeer Toney



Trek with us through Chicago, around Illinois, to Washington, D.C. and around the country

Special opportunities:

Student Advisory Board & House Internships

The IOP's student leadership team & in-house interns work with staff to carry out the Institute's mission

UChiVotes

A nonpartisan student-led voter engagement initiative created to boost voter registration and turnout on campus

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Become a voting ambassador at UChiVotes.com/pledge-to-vote



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The nonpartisan Institute of Politics is committed to fostering in our students a passion for public service, meaningful dialogue, and active engagement in our democracy.

Program Areas

Civic Engagement

Offering hands-on programming for students to develop as leaders and deepen their public service experience through exploring Chicago and beyond. Current programs include:

Bridge Writing Workshop is a partnership with the Cook County Jail where students lead weekly creative writing workshops for incarcerated individuals.

Bridging the Divide is a public service leadership program bringing urban and rural students together to listen and learn from each other, challenge each other's perspectives, and find shared solutions to the issues our communities are facing.

The Gate is an independent student-run magazine focused on politics and policy at the local, national, and international levels.

Leaders of Color is a student-run leadership development program for first- and second-year students of color. LoC also organizes a Politics and Identity speaker series that encourages critical conversations about race, politics, and leadership.

Spectrum connects and empowers LGBTQ+ students with opportunities to expand their leadership skills and passion for public service.

TechTeam provides opportunities for students to develop tools and digital media supporting the needs of local non-profit organizations.

W+ provides training, mentorship, and resources to women and people of underrepresented genders interested in public service.

Local Treks offer opportunities to gain multiple perspectives on issues facing Chicago communities.

Speaker Series

The IOP hosts forums to provide students contact with prominent guests spanning a vast spectrum of ideological, professional, and geographic backgrounds. Recent guests include U.S. Defense Secretary Gen. James Mattis; U.S. Rep Ayanna Pressley, (D-MA); former Deputy Director of National Intelligence Sue Gordon; former White House Press Secretary Dana Perino; U.N. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield; Admiral William McRaven; and more!

Career Development

Career Development inspires students to pursue careers in public service through practical experience, workforce training, career advising, and access to a far-reaching professional network.

Paid Internships

Each year the IOP provides 300 paid academic-year and summer internships in the U.S. and across the globe, allowing students to pursue opportunities in politics, policymaking, public service, and other related fields.

Stipends

Apply for \$2,500 stipends to support public service-related internships.

Treks

Travel with the IOP to Washington, D.C., New York, San Francisco, and more. Each trip offers students the chance to meet with leaders, learn about organizations, and explore a wide range of careers.

Career Advising

Get advice on how to develop a professional network, build your credentials, and pursue a career in your chosen field.

Pritzker Fellows

Each quarter, the IOP brings a diverse cohort of elected officials, diplomats, policymakers, activists, and journalists to campus to analyze issues of the day, offering a unique opportunity for students to question and learn from leading political minds and public servants.

Seminars

Pritzker Fellows lead weekly student-only seminars where they can discuss issues of local, national, and international importance with accomplished practitioners.

Office Hours

Students can meet one-on-one with Pritzker Fellows to discuss career advice, their current study topics, and news of the day.

Fellows Ambassadors

Students can apply to become an ambassador to serve as a Fellow's aide and guide to campus. This one-on-one interaction allows students access to some of the most successful practitioners in politics and public service.