

Orientation Team 2021

What is an Orientation Team Member?

The Orientation Team is a group of current students that assist in the facilitation and implementation of the College's first year programs including, the UChicago Mentoring Program, Pre-Orientation and Orientation Week. These students play an integral role in the welcoming and transition of the First-Year student population by serving as a role model, ambassador, and support system throughout Pre-Orientation, Orientation, and beyond.

What are the different roles I can apply for?

Though O-Team members will all work together toward the same goal of welcoming our newest students to campus, various segments of the O-Team will do this in differing ways. Below are the different roles that you can apply to be a part of, along with a short overview of the program's mission.

Students are eligible to apply for either a Pre-Orientation or Orientation position and Peer Mentor position (cannot be selected for both a Pre-Orientation and Orientation position). Further information on the can be found at oteam.chicago.edu

- *UChicago Mentoring Program (UCMP)*
 - Peer Mentors – **100 positions available**
 - The UChicago Mentoring Program provides incoming students with an upper-class mentor to aid in their transition to the College.
 - ***This position runs spring quarter through fall quarter.**
- *Pre-Orientation Programming*
 - Campus Crew Captains
 - By day, supervise and work with student crew members as they help prepare the campus for orientation. By night, oversee outings and activities around the city.
 - Chicago Urban Explorers (CUE) Guides
 - Allow students to explore Hyde Park and the city of Chicago before school begins; acclimate the students to unique aspects of life in the city; facilitate bonding between first-year students
 - International Pre-Orientation (IPO) Navigators
 - Assist international students in their transition into a new school and home; acclimate participants to public transport; aid in setting up cell phones and bank accounts; facilitate bonding between first-year students
 - Phoenix Outdoor Program (POP) Rangers
 - For five days, first-year students and their upper-class leaders will backpack through the woods, experiencing all that the great outdoors has to offer and creating lasting bonds in the process.

- *Orientation Programming*
 - Transfer Student Directors – **2 positions available**
 - Coordinate transfer student experience during the summer and Orientation Week, along with the CPO. Serve as a peer mentor for the transfer students as part of the UChicago Mentoring Program (UCMP).
 - Orientation Leaders – **10 positions available**
 - Assist the CPO and College staff with Orientation event preparation, implementation, and execution; welcome new students and their families to UChicago and help them navigate the campus and Hyde Park.
 - Assist with additional programs during Fall Quarter like SARF and Family Weekend.

What's in it for me?

- \$500 stipend
- Free housing and meals during pre-orientation and orientation, as well as during your training
- Participate in fun activities and outings
- SWAG from the College and a thank you gift

What are the desired skills and qualifications?

- Takes pride in the University of Chicago and being a UChicago student
- Provides excellent customer service
- Takes initiative and can take direction
- Can adapt to new challenges and solve problems creatively
- Is able to work effectively and collaboratively as a team
- Works well and acts responsibly under pressure

Application Timeline

- Students must submit an online application that includes bio information, three short answer questions, current resume, and recommendation form.
- Application: 2/1/2021 – 2/21/2021
- Interviews: 3/1/2021 – 3/5/2021

For more information, and to access the on-line application please visit oteam.uchicago.edu.
Should you have further inquiries please email college-programming@uchicago.edu.