



## first-rate education

“By bringing an elite research faculty to an urban mission, UIC forges an identity that aligns it with the other leading universities but makes it different. In the heart of the city, UIC offers extraordinary opportunity to all who seek learning in an intense research environment. It is urban and elite; it is elite but not exclusionary; it joins access with excellence.” — Sylvia Manning, Chancellor

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO IS A MAJOR RESEARCH UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT CITIES.** UIC provides a first-rate education for its students and is committed to creating and disseminating new knowledge as a university of growing national and international stature. The largest university in the Chicago area, UIC has 25,000 students, 15 colleges and annual research expenditures exceeding \$290 million.

Growing numbers of students are attracted to UIC, and they reflect the global character of Chicago; more than a third of UIC students speak English as a second language. UIC's student body — approximately 65 percent undergraduate and 35 percent graduate and professional — is recognized as one of the nation's most diverse. The university considers the diversity of its student population among its greatest strengths.

UIC's hallmark is its Great Cities Commitment through which UIC faculty, staff and students engage in hundreds of programs with community, corporate, government and civic partners to improve the quality of life in Chicago and other metropolitan areas around the world.

Playing a critical role in Illinois healthcare, UIC operates the state's major public medical center and serves as the principal educator of Illinois' physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

With more than 100 buildings on approximately 240 acres, UIC has recently transformed its campus environment with its southern edge expansion. The South Campus project includes housing for more than 1,500 students, academic offices, 930 units of private residential housing, new retail establishments, parking facilities and athletics fields on 85-acres immediately south of the east side of campus.



### UIC'S FACULTY AND STUDENTS ARE LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS, CLASSROOMS, LABS AND COMMUNITY

- The university continues to attract top national scholars to its strong faculty; its students can select from among 74 bachelor's, 77 master's and 60 doctoral degree programs.
- UIC's faculty have been recognized with many prestigious awards including the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, Fulbright Distinguished Professorship, Guggenheim Foundation grant, National Science Foundation's CAREER grant, Jonas Salk Lifetime Achievement Award, Society of Women Engineers' Achievement Award, and the United States Capitol Historical Society's Freedom Award.
- UIC students win major national competitive awards, including a Rhodes Scholarship, Gates-Cambridge Scholarships, Goldwater Scholarships, Fulbright Fellowships, and Harry S. Truman Scholarships, among others.
- The UIC Flames, members of the Horizon League athletic conference, consist of 300 student athletes competing in 18 varsity sports. The men's basketball team competed in the NCAA tournament in 2004, 2002 and 1998, and appeared in the NIT tournament in 2003. UIC's women's tennis team won the conference championship eight years in a row, and the women's softball team won the conference championship in six of the past seven years.

### UIC IS A MAJOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH CENTER

- UIC ranks among the top 50 out of more than 650 national universities in federal research funding for the second year in a row.
- UIC is a member of three Regional Centers of Excellence designated in September 2003 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the federal government's response to 9/11. The RCEs research new diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines for potential bioterrorist agents and emerging infectious diseases.
- UIC is home to the world's most powerful magnet for imaging the human body. The 9.4-Tesla magnet — which has a magnetic field approximately 100,000 times stronger than Earth's — is used in a human scanning machine to study individual molecules as they support life.
- Two faculty members in the College of Architecture and the Arts have won MacArthur Fellowships, also known as "genius grants."
- UIC's Electronic Visualization Laboratory has created a virtual reality tool called PARIS® — the Personal Augmented Reality Immersive System — that allows collaborating researchers anywhere to jointly move and feel a virtual object in real time.
- The School of Public Health's CeaseFire initiative, working with city officials, police and community groups, has reduced gun-related deaths an average of 44 percent in the high-risk neighborhoods where the program has been implemented.

### UIC IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF SKILLED PROFESSIONALS SERVING THE CITY AND STATE

- An estimated one in 10 Chicagoans with a college degree is a UIC alumnus.
- Approximately one in six Illinois doctors is a graduate of the UIC College of Medicine, the nation's largest medical school.
- One in three Illinois pharmacists is a graduate of our College of Pharmacy.
- More than one third of the state's dentists are graduates of UIC's College of Dentistry.
- UIC's College of Education is the primary supplier of new teachers for the Chicago Public School System.

