



UChicago Global

2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT



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About UChicago Global

UChicago Global advances the University of Chicago's strategic priorities abroad and creates opportunities for impactful global partnership. Addressing the world's greatest challenges requires deliberate international cooperation that brings together intellectual assets and infrastructure at scale. UChicago Global seeds early-stage research partnerships, manages anchor locations abroad, and drives international institutional engagement in support of a collaborative approach to rigorous inquiry and practice.

How we support the UChicago community



Thought Partners

We share best practices, address operational barriers, and connect scholars to the resources needed to develop and amplify their international initiatives.



Institutional Partnerships

We maintain relationships with institutions and government partners abroad to facilitate mobility, collaborative programs, and other partnership activities.



Global Locations

We meet the needs of faculty, students, and staff; engage with the local community; and build relationships with key regional partners through the Centers in Beijing, the Center in Delhi, and the Yuen Campus in Hong Kong, in coordination with the University's other global locations.



Seed Funding

We seed projects that mobilize UChicago faculty across borders to engage in transformative research partnerships with the global community.



Global Communications

We build a broad international understanding of UChicago as a leading global university, to advance research and teaching, and to create a halo effect for unit level efforts.



Risk and Compliance

We support the University's operations abroad and ensure the University is compliant with institutional, domestic, and international regulations in partnership with Office of Legal Counsel, University Research Administration, Office of International Affairs, and others.



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Leadership Notes



This past year has underscored the University's deep commitment to global engagement as a foundation for educating students and supporting field-defining and collaborative scholarship. UChicago Global advanced key initiatives that strengthened our connections with communities, institutions, and researchers around the world.

We have expanded our global academic alliances through bold, strategic partnerships. Most notable is our landmark collaboration with the Berlin University Alliance (BUA). This effort not only deepens interdisciplinary ties with one of Europe's premier research ecosystems, but also highlights our long-term vision for scholarship that crosses geographic and disciplinary boundaries. In parallel, we have worked to elevate the University's global profile through engagement in scientific diplomacy. At a Europe-UChicago science showcase in Washington, D.C., we engaged with senior European science diplomats and positioned quantum, climate science, public health, and data innovation as central pillars to global collaboration.

These efforts of connection and cooperation applied to our growing involvement in international networks. Through new partnerships and institutional memberships, such as joining the University of the Arctic (UARctic), a network of institutions engaged in research and education in and about the North, we embedded UChicago scholars in influential transnational networks tackling complex challenges like climate change and Arctic sustainability. These initiatives extend the University's reach while deepening our role in shaping globally coordinated responses to the world's most pressing issues.

To support the University's expanding education and research efforts, we made investments in infrastructure, operational capacity and strategic leadership. We have increased our ability to fund and implement projects across Asia and Europe. We have also reinforced support for our faculty to lead international scholarship across disciplines and geographies, from joint laboratories with CNRS in France to academic workshops in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. I am profoundly grateful for these demonstrations of the University's enduring commitment to rigorous inquiry on a global scale.

Looking ahead, I believe the University of Chicago is well-positioned through its global centers, research support mechanisms, and educational innovations to deepen its impact on the international stage. I am thankful to the faculty and partners whose dedication makes this work possible.



Ka Yee Lee

Senior Advisor to the Provost for Global Initiatives



This year marked a period of record-setting activity and expansion for UChicago Global, as we deepened the University's international engagement and built robust frameworks to support it. Through a combination of operational coordination, academic programming, and strategic communications, we have advanced the University's mission abroad with greater scale and precision. We introduced new programs to support international research and faculty collaboration. Our PhD and Postdoc International Research Travel Grants enabled early-career scholars to pursue fieldwork and build global networks. In parallel, our new joint workshop initiative with the Berlin University Alliance supported five interdisciplinary, faculty-led projects that demonstrate the impact of structured, globally coordinated research exchange. We also welcomed over 80 international delegations from more than 30 countries to our campus, an unprecedented level of engagement that reflects the depth and breadth of UChicago's global academic relationships.

Our global centers amplified their mission as hubs for research, learning, education, and engagement. At the Centers in Delhi and Beijing and the Hong Kong Campus, we expanded student programming, deepened faculty collaboration and strengthened operational capacity. These efforts were highlighted by milestone events such as the 10th anniversary celebration of the Center in Delhi, which convened alumni, scholars and partners to reflect on a decade of sustained impact and to support new research and cooperation in fields such as quantum and climate. In Beijing, the center supported initiatives, workshops and programming in diverse areas such as medical ethics, educational collaboration, and the humanities. In Hong Kong, the campus successfully debuted a Data Science Summer Academy for high schoolers. It also expanded its Executive Education and Rustandy Center programming in partnership with Chicago Booth.

To support these expanded activities, we reinforced the infrastructure behind the University's global presence. UChicago Global strengthened the University's operational capacity for international engagement by providing guidance on regulatory compliance and supporting units across campus with the coordination and review of MOUs and other international agreements. In parallel, the Global Partners Network convened globally engaged staff from across the University each quarter to foster cross-unit communication, share best practices, and strengthen collaboration across decentralized structures. At the same time, we enhanced global visibility through communications, including the expansion of the Dispatches from Abroad series, regional media engagement, and a stronger digital presence across our global social media platforms. Together, these efforts reflect a growing global operation built on academic ambition, partnerships, and collaboration that bring UChicago's international research and cooperation to life.

I am grateful to the UChicago Global team, as well as faculty, staff, and students for their partnership in fulfilling our twin missions of supporting international research and advancing educational opportunities. In the year ahead, we will deepen our ties to institutional partners around the world, reach new audiences through innovative programming at our global centers, and continue to support the UChicago community in their international work. We look forward to deploying these new programming and operational capabilities to the furtherance of UChicago's global research and educational ambitions.



Katie Hrinyak

Associate Vice President, Global Initiatives & Strategy

2024-25 Global Faculty Committees

Beijing Faculty Steering Committee

J. Michael Millis | Surgery (*chair*)
Ariel Fox | East Asian Languages & Civilizations
Guangbin Dong | Chemistry
Jean-Pierre Dubé | Booth School of Business
Jonathan Lio | Medicine
Zhe-Xi Luo | Organismal Biology & Anatomy
Zhiying Ma | Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, & Practice
Johanna Ransmeier | History
Shaoda Wang | Harris School of Public Policy
Dali Yang | Political Science
Alice Yao | Anthropology
Yingming Zhao | Cancer Research
Brook Ziporyn | Divinity School

Latin America Faculty Steering Committee

Callum Ross | Organismal Biology & Anatomy (*chair*)
Fernando Alvarez | Economics
Clara Blättler | Geophysical Sciences
Brodwyn Fischer | History
Sonia Hernandez | Surgery
Agnes Lugo-Ortiz | Romance Languages & Literatures
Stephan Palmié | Anthropology
James Robinson | Harris School of Public Policy
Paul Wiegmann | Physics
Alan Zarychta | Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, & Practice

Delhi Faculty Steering Committee

Supratik Guha | Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering (*chair*)
Nishant Agrawal | Surgery
Marianne Bertrand | Booth School of Business
Elizabeth Chatterjee | History
Amitabh Chaudhuri | Computer Science
Sandeep Gurbuxani | Pathology
Amir Jina | Harris School of Public Policy
Peter Littlewood | Physics
Andrew Ollett | South Asian Languages & Civilizations
Ulrike Stark | South Asian Languages & Civilizations

Working Group for Sub-Saharan Africa

Emily Lynn Osborn | History (*chair*)
Chibueze Amanchukwu | Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering
Zeresenay Alemseged | Organismal Biology & Anatomy
Christopher Blattman | Harris School of Public Policy
Samuel Fury Childs Daly | History
Adom Getachew | Political Science
Sandra Laveaux | Obstetrics & Gynecology
Hakizumwami Birali Runesha | Research Computing Center

Hong Kong Faculty Advisory Board

Kenneth Pomeranz | History (*chair*)
Chin-Tu Chen | Radiology
Chelsea Foxwell | Art History & East Asian Languages & Civilizations
Haryadi Gunawi | Computer Science
Kimberly Kay Hoang | Sociology
Boaz Keysar | Psychology
Yung-ti Li | East Asian Languages & Civilizations
Alan Yu | Linguistics

Thought Partners

We share best practices, address operational barriers, and connect you to resources to develop your international initiatives.



View of the University of Chicago's Hyde Park campus.

Strategic Initiatives

UChicago Global lays the groundwork for the University of Chicago community's strategic engagement with international partners to advance the University's mission. In FY25, we supported diverse institutional projects in coordination with university leadership and stakeholders across campus.

Selected Highlights



UChicago Global hosted a Washington DC event with EU Science Counselors highlighting international research collaboration.

Expanding Our Network with European Partners

EU Science Showcase in DC

In May 2025, UChicago Global hosted European Union Science Counselors to discuss international research collaboration. Ka Yee C. Lee, David Schillinglaw Professor of Chemistry and Senior Advisor, highlighted UChicago's latest research advances in quantum, climate science, public health and data science, strengthening the university's visibility among key European stakeholders. The reception took place at the University of Chicago Federal Relations Office in Washington, DC, and strengthened UChicago's visibility among key European stakeholders.



EURAXESS webinar

As part of UChicago Global's effort to strengthen engagement across Europe and support faculty pursuing international collaborations, we co-developed and delivered a webinar introducing the EURAXESS network for scientific collaboration between Europe and global partners to the University community.

The session helped faculty better understand EU funding mechanisms and opportunities for scientific partnerships with European institutions. This initiative reflects UChicago Global's commitment to expanding faculty access to external funding and fostering global research connections.

UArctic Membership

The University of Chicago has been accepted as a member of University of the Arctic (UArctic), a global network of universities, research institutes, and organizations dedicated to advancing education and research focused on the Arctic region. Headquartered in Finland, UArctic prioritizes global cooperation in research and education and works with the Arctic Council as well as the United Nations. Leading UChicago's engagement with UArctic are faculty members David Keith, Professor and Founding Faculty Director, Climate Systems Engineering Initiative, and Neil Shubin, Robert R. Bensley Distinguished Service Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy. Membership in UArctic creates new exciting opportunities for our faculty, students, and collaborators to advance Arctic-focused scholarship while contributing to UArctic's mission. UChicago's membership in UArctic complements the University's growing portfolio of climate-focused initiatives—such as the Climate Systems Engineering Initiative—by embedding faculty and students in transnational networks advancing research, education, and policy for Arctic and global sustainability.



Supporting New UChicago Initiatives in India



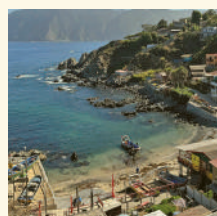
Addressing climate change and environmental sustainability is a complex, global challenge that requires collaboration across borders and disciplines. Through UChicago Global's partnerships and the work of the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth (ICSG), the University is connecting scholars, policymakers, and communities worldwide to generate solutions and drive collective action toward a more sustainable future. The India launch of the ICSG took place in December, as a key piece of the Center in Delhi's 10-year anniversary culmination event. In India, the Institute is a platform for UChicago scholars to work with local partners to conduct research—with an initial focus on climate and sustainable growth economics and policy, energy technologies such as advanced battery development, and climate systems engineering. This work builds on the University of Chicago Center in Delhi's robust history of fostering intellectual collaboration, research, and dialogue since its inception in 2014.



Students mark their completion of the Data Science Summer Academy at UChicago's Hong Kong campus.

Education Innovation in Hong Kong

A new partnership between the campus in Hong Kong and the UChicago Data Science Institute resulted in the inaugural Data Science Summer Academy (DSSA), bringing UChicago's academic rigor to local Hong Kong high schoolers. DSSA introduced students to foundational topics in data science, data analysis, and data exploration tools. In addition to faculty lectures, the program also included guest speakers, excursions, and a celebratory closing ceremony. With the success of the inaugural summer academy, the campus plans to expand DSSA and to launch additional programming in the future. This work highlights the University of Chicago Campus in Hong Kong as an intellectual destination in Asia representing UChicago's values of free and open discourse, rigorous debate and the exchange of ideas across disciplines.



From Woods Hole to Chile, UChicago model goes global

A historic site becomes a hub for scientific training and collaboration through a program inspired by the Marine Biological Laboratory

June 11, 2025

Global Communications and Outreach

In coordination with University Communications, Global Communications highlighted the international ambitions, global reach, and cutting-edge research of the University's faculty and students. Through the "Dispatches from Abroad" series, the UChicago community met scholars who conduct research around the world and propel forward the University's international collaborations. Our media outreach efforts continued to deliver strong results. Over the past year, UChicago scholars were featured in over 200 interviews and articles in China and India alone.

Campus Support

At a large, complex research institution, coordination of global activities strengthens institutional impact. UChicago Global advances the University's mission by providing resources for international engagement, convening key stakeholders, fielding new opportunities, and giving University leadership a holistic view of global activities.



UChicago's Center in Delhi hosted international researchers for the CEGU workshop *Energy History and Environmental Sustainability*.

CEGU Workshop Series

In partnership with the Committee on Environment, Geography and Urbanization (CEGU), UChicago Global supported faculty conferences at the University's locations in Hong Kong, Delhi, and Paris that addressed critical issues in the field of environment and sustainability. Four workshops were held in fiscal year 2025, with an additional three workshops planned for the coming year.

Workshops held in FY25:

- Energy History and Environmental Crisis
- What is Waste? Histories, Ecologies, Geographies, and Politics
- Ecological Matters: Experimental and Legal Interventions into Climate Change in East Asia
- Geopoetics of Twinned Urban Rivers: Chicago to Calumet, Seine to Marne—and Beyond

As a cross-divisional hub for environmental scholarship, CEGU connects UChicago researchers to urgent global questions at the intersection of ecology, urbanization, and social justice, deepening the University's impact on sustainability challenges worldwide.

Global Operations Support

UChicago Global provides vital behind-the-scenes support that enables the University's global centers and faculty to operate seamlessly across borders. From Hong Kong to Beijing to Delhi, the team manages complex administrative functions—including local hiring and payroll, contract review, compliance with university and local regulations, and financial reporting—while ensuring smooth coordination with campus partners. This work streamlines processes for travel safety, international payments, purchasing, and program delivery,

supporting units across the University in advancing research, teaching, and engagement worldwide. By handling these operational complexities, the team allows faculty and staff to focus on their core academic and programmatic goals, confident that the infrastructure is in place for success.

Expansion of PhD Student and Postdoctoral Scholar International Research Travel Grants

In FY25, UChicago Global formalized and launched a new cross-regional mechanism: the PhD Student and Postdoctoral Scholar International Research Travel Grants. The program supports stipends for PhDs and Postdocs carrying out research in Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Sub-Saharan Africa. A total of 24 scholars received funding in this inaugural cycle and will be carrying out their research over the next ACADEMIC year.



Institutional Partnerships

We support partnerships with institutions and governments abroad to facilitate mobility, joint programs, fellowships, and other programs & activities.

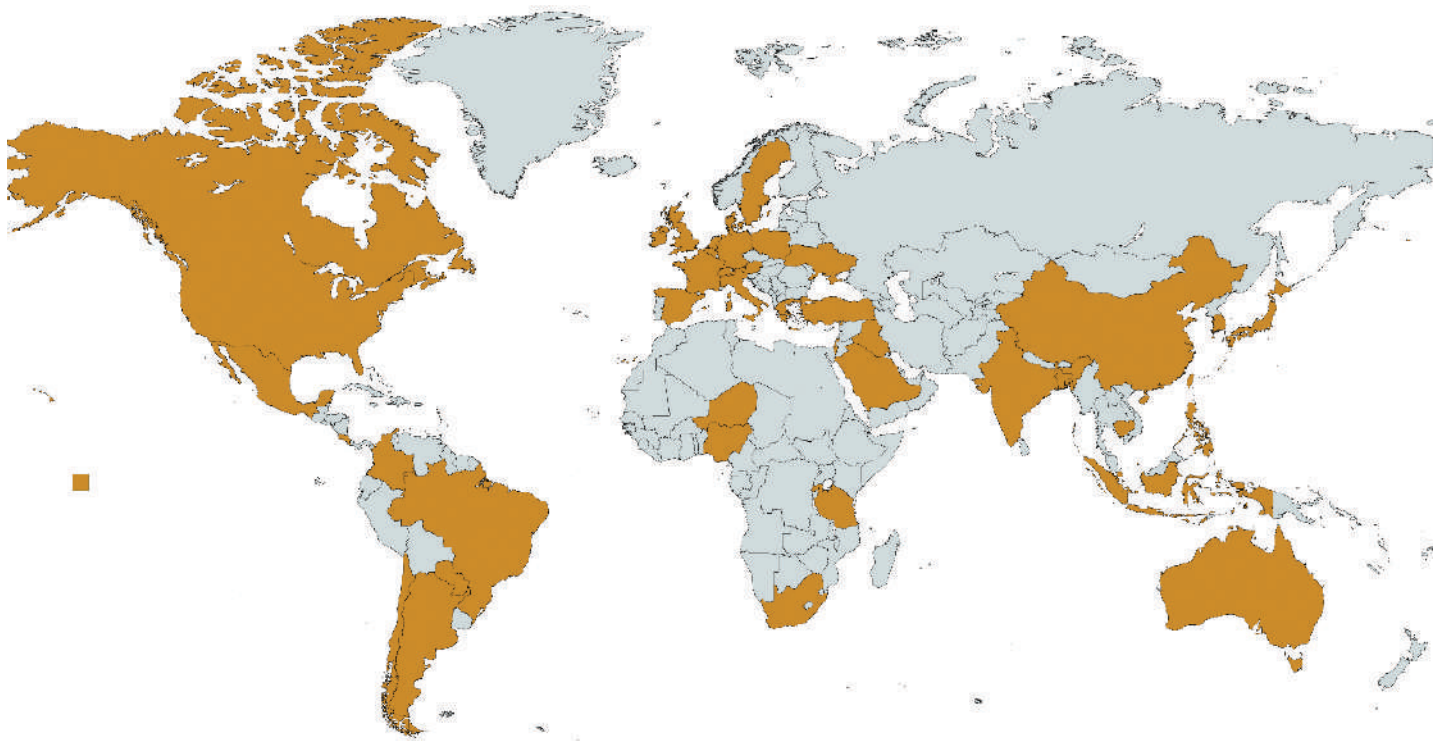


UChicago Global team welcomes a delegation from Ghent University.

IN 2024-25

54 new international agreements managed

50 partner institutions



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Selected Highlights

Fostering Research Collaboration in Germany

Following the successful launch of the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) initiative, five faculty-led projects were awarded funding in FY25 to support collaborative workshops across disciplines. These projects span a range of topics—including German philosophy, psychedelic-assisted therapy, and planetary urbanization—and demonstrate the initiative's early momentum in fostering scholarly exchange, student engagement, and the co-development of research solutions. One workshop, *Reckoning with Ecocide*, convened scholars from UChicago and Berlin to examine global environmental crises through the lens of law, ethics, and comparative history. The initiative builds on UChicago's broader efforts to deepen institutional partnerships and support faculty working across global contexts.

Promoting Cross-Cultural Exchange

In January 2025, UChicago Global, in collaboration with UChicago Study Abroad, hosted a town hall information session to introduce UChicago students to the Peking University Deep Dive Program, a scholarship-based summer initiative designed to promote cultural exchange and leadership development. Administrators from Peking University joined the event to share details and answer questions, and more than 45 UChicago students attended. The event—held just ahead of Lunar New Year—helped generate strong interest in the opportunity.

The previous summer, UChicago Global facilitated the participation of 10 UChicago students in the 2024 Deep Dive Program in Beijing, where they engaged directly with local communities and cultural contexts, gaining a deeper understanding of China's history, society, and global role.

Supporting International Delegations

UChicago Global organizes and supports programming for international visitors to the Hyde Park campus, helping to catalyze partnership opportunities for the University. In FY25, UChicago Global managed 80 institutional delegations—74 incoming and 6 outgoing—representing engagement with over 30 countries. The year also saw an increase in visits from countries in other regions, including Argentina, Armenia, and Brazil. Building on strong delegation activity in FY24, FY25 marked an even higher level of engagement, with more visits completed and greater diversity in participating countries—a reflection of growing international interest in collaboration with the University of Chicago.

Université Paris Cité Delegation

On April 28, 2025, UChicago Global hosted a delegation from Université Paris Cité for the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding. The agreement, signed by Katherine Baicker, Provost of the University of Chicago, and Antoine Kouchner, Vice President for International Relations at UPCité, builds upon an existing partnership anchored by the establishment of the International Institute of Research in Paris (IIRP). It aims to expand student and faculty mobility, co-organize seminars and conferences, and drive collaborative research. The partnership demonstrates how UChicago Global's facilitation of official visits leads directly to strengthened institutional ties and greater international impact.

Pohang University of Science & Technology (POSTECH)

UChicago Global welcomed a delegation from Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), led by Provost Gyoo Yeol Jung. During the visit, POSTECH's leadership met with University of Chicago Chemistry Professors Yamuna Krishnan and Bozhi Tian, and Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering Assistant Professor Sihong Wang, to discuss their research and



Paris Cité Delegation



Pohang University Delegation



UCL Delegation

explore opportunities for faculty mobility, collaborative research, and potential workshops at POSTECH. Building on the synergies found during this visit, faculty are now exploring opportunities to organize a workshop in Chicago to spur opportunities for joint research.

University College London Delegation

As part of a broader visit to North America that included stops in Canada and the U.S., delegates from University College London (UCL) visited the University of Chicago for introductory and exploratory meetings focused on freedom of expression, health sciences, strategy, and internationalization.

UChicago Global Events

Throughout FY25, UChicago Global organized and supported events that connected the University with international leaders, global audiences, and diverse cultures. These events – hosted both in Chicago and at the University’s global centers – advanced dialogue on pressing global issues and showcased UChicago’s commitment to international collaboration.

Selected Highlights

Chicago Consular Corps Event and Research Awards

In November, UChicago hosted its annual event with the Chicago Consular Corps (CCC), bringing together 58 participants representing 23 countries. The event highlighted the Harris School of Public Policy’s groundbreaking work in designing evidence-based solutions for society’s most pressing challenges, underscoring the University’s commitment to impactful global scholarship. During the event, Ambassador Reyna Torres-Mendivil, Dean of the CCC and Consul General of Mexico in Chicago, announced the CCC’s support of the annual Chicago Consular Corps Global Research Awards, contributing \$5,000 to help fund research projects of 5 Masters students with the Committee on International Relations.



President Alivisatos addresses members of the Chicago Consular Corps.



Michael Greenstone facilitates a conversation on the future of energy in India at the 10th anniversary of the Center in Delhi.

10th Anniversary Culmination Event – Center in Delhi

On December 13, 2024, the University of Chicago celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Center in Delhi, marking a decade of collaboration and engagement in India. The event highlighted UChicago’s partnerships in areas ranging from the liberal arts to medicine and AI. It also served as the launch of the India portion of UChicago’s new Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth. Attendees included academic partners, government officials, funding agencies, and alumni. The celebration concluded a year of intellectual engagement on the theme of Idea to Impact—underscoring its decade in India and discussing goals and opportunities for the next ten years.

CNRS-UChicago International Research Center for Fundamental Scientific Discovery

Launched in June 2023, the CNRS-UChicago International Research Center for Fundamental Scientific Discovery (IRC Discovery) serves as a multi-disciplinary hub for partnerships between the University of Chicago and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). By leveraging both institutions' robust international networks, large-scale investments in research, and commitments to academic excellence, IRC Discovery is able to support research collaborations that address the world's greatest and most pressing questions

Steering Committee

Ka Yee C. Lee, Co-Chair | Interim Dean, Physical Sciences Division
Alain Schuhl, Co-Chair | Deputy CEO for Science, CNRS
Alain Mermet | Director of CNRS European and International Affairs
Vincenzo Vitelli | IRC Discovery Faculty Director, UChicago
Patrice Verdier | IRC Discovery Scientific Director, CNRS
Matthew Tirrell | Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering

UChicago Faculty Advisory Committee

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Cheng Chin | Physics
Nick Feamster | Computer Science
Bonnie Fleming | Deputy Director, CNRS-UChicago International Research Laboratory in Particle Physics and Cosmology (ex officio)
Philippe Guyot-Sionnest | Chemistry/Physics
Jasmine Nirody | Organismal Biology and Anatomy
Larry Norman | Executive Faculty Director, France Chicago Center (ex officio)
Jennifer Pitts | Political Science
Haun Saussy | Deputy Director, HumanitiesPlus International Research Laboratory (ex officio)
Matt Tirrell | IRC Discovery Steering Committee Member (ex officio)

2024-25 Award Recipients

Sustainable Technologies That Enable Editing Processes | Mark Levin (UChicago, Chemistry) and David Leboeuf (CNRS)
Novel tools for quantum simulation with quantum atomic gases: control of time-dependent two- and three- body interactions | Cheng Chin (UChicago, Physics) and Thomas Bourdel (CNRS)
Function and transcriptional regulation of the conserved secreted synaptic organizer Agrin | Paschalis Kratsios (UChicago, Neurobiology) and Jean-Louis Bessereau (CNRS)
Beyond formal registers. Reduced and elliptical structures in written language and colloquial varieties | Jason Merchant (UChicago, Linguistics) and Carlo Cecchetto (CNRS)
Fundamental research on ultrahigh performance superconducting radiofrequency resonant cavities | Orlando Quaranta (Argonne National Laboratory) and Achille Stocchi (CNRS)
How non-reciprocal interactions produce chaotic flows and novel physical properties in crowded active materials | Vincenzo Vitelli (UChicago, Physics) and Ludovic Berthier (CNRS)

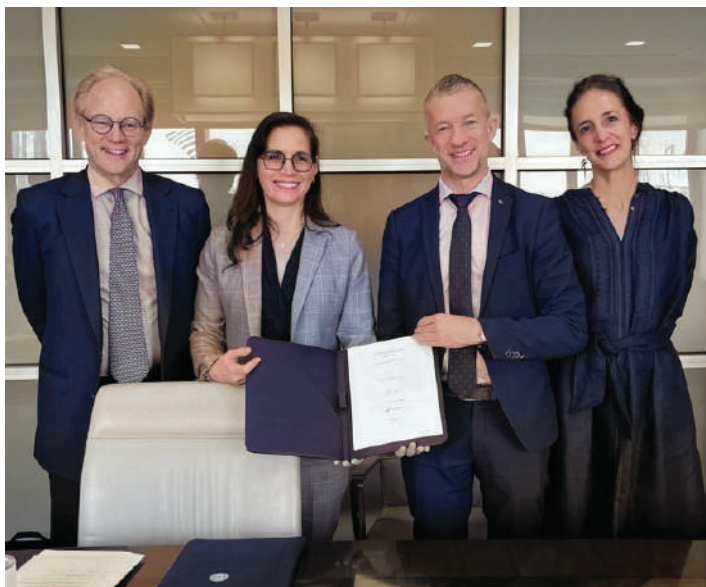
2024-25 Summary

2024-2025 saw the continued growth of IRC Discovery, with a record number of collaborations between researchers at UChicago and the CNRS. Four UChicago projects with CNRS co-PIs were awarded CNRS-funded International Emerging Actions, comprising half of the total number of projects awarded in the United States (€10-14K/project). In addition to the six projects the IRC was able to support through the UChicago-CNRS PhD Joint Program, IRC Discovery contributed \$50K in support of 5 FACCTS (France and Chicago Collaborating in the Sciences) and 1 IIRP (International Institute of Research in Paris) projects with CNRS co-PIs and \$2.5K in support of one Marguerite Fellowship administered by the France Chicago Center.

IRC Discovery's support of PhD students continued through the facilitation of 5 spots for UChicago students in the fully funded CNRS co-sponsored French-American Doctoral Exchange Program (4 students for the Quantum Information Sciences program in November 2024 and 1 student for the Green Chemistry program in May 2025).

2024-2025 also saw several visits from CNRS leadership and CNRS-affiliated researchers. The leadership of CNRS Physics visited in September 2024, followed by the leadership of CNRS European and International Affairs in October and the leadership of CNRS Humanities and Social Sciences in May. In addition, IRC Discovery also facilitated the visits of 3 CNRS chemists awarded through the Emergence@International program. The visitors were hosted by faculty in the Department of Chemistry and the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering.

In October 2024, IRC Discovery facilitated the formal signing of the CNRS-UChicago HumanitiesPlus International Research Laboratory Agreement, with Provost Katherine Baicker signing on behalf of UChicago and Dr. Alain Mermet, Director of CNRS European and International Affairs, signing for the CNRS.



CNRS Signing



Leadership from the CNRS and UChicago convene at the Boyer Center in Paris.

UChicago-CNRS Research Collaboration Program

The IRC's inaugural year was capped by the annual meeting of the IRC Discovery Steering Committee, joined this year by President Paul Alivisatos and CNRS CEO and Chairman Antoine Petit and presided over by Steering Committee Co-Chairs Ka Yee Lee (UChicago) and Alain Schuhl (CNRS). The meeting took place as part of the opening of the University of Chicago's John W. Boyer Center in Paris. President Alivisatos and CEO and Chairman Petit discussed strategic priorities of both institutions and how the UChicago-CNRS partnership can help advance them.

This program supports the transatlantic exchange of PhD students whose efforts underpin the collaboration of one UChicago faculty member and one researcher affiliated with CNRS. Since its launch in 2019, this program has supported 33 projects and more than 25 UChicago graduate students who have been able to undertake research critical to their PhDs. UChicago Global's investment in the program has unlocked €495K in matching support from the CNRS. The six projects selected for funding this year span a wide range of topics, including particle accelerators, the development of the nervous system, linguistics, the evolution of complex quantum systems, synthetic chemistry, and the physics of life.

Research Spotlight



Tian Zhong
(UChicago)

The work of 2023 PhD Joint Program recipients Tian Zhong (UChicago), Diana Serrano (PSL/CNRS), Alexandre Tallaire (PSL/CNRS), and their PhD students has led to a breakthrough in quantum materials.

In a featured article published in *Applied Physics Review*, they investigated the synthesis of high-quality thin films of erbium-doped yttrium oxide, a material with significant potential for quantum communication and networking.

"This exciting collaboration began with a bold vision from the PIs of both research groups, to develop rare-earth doped oxide thin films as the next generation solid-state quantum material platform for quantum networking and transduction," said Zhong. "Through pioneering endeavors by both groups, this unique research direction has gained significant traction over the past years and has become a hot topic pursued by multiple groups worldwide."

The funding from IRC Discovery supported the mobility of co-authors Anna Blin (Institut de Recherche de Chimie Paris) and Alexander Kolar (UChicago), who visited the labs of each other's respective PIs.

Global Locations

We meet the needs of faculty, students, and staff; engage local communities; and build relationships with key regional partners through the Centers in Beijing and Delhi and the Campus in Hong Kong, and in coordination with the University's other global locations in Paris, London, Luxor, and Dhaka.



Center in Beijing



Center in Delhi



The Hong Kong Jockey Club University of Chicago Academic Complex | The University of Chicago Francis and Rose Yuen Campus in Hong Kong

Center in Beijing

The University of Chicago Center in Beijing provides a physical presence to enhance and strengthen the University's traditionally strong ties to Chinese thought and culture, building upon more than a century of collaboration between scholars from Chicago and China.



IN 2024-25

46

Events, conferences
and workshops

2315

Participants

1.1M+

Social media exposures
via WeChat and Weibo

Leadership in 2024-25



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From the Executive Director

A Year of Purpose and Resilience

In the past year, we are proud to have reinforced and expanded our role as a bridge between cultures. Through thoughtful stewardship and a spirit of collaboration, we hosted 46 conferences, workshops, and events, welcomed thousands of visitors, and facilitated impactful academic, cultural, and professional exchanges. Notably, our work in fields spanning medicine and public health to the arts, business, and the social sciences has underscored the enduring value of intellectual dialogue and global engagement.

This year also marks a leadership transition at the Center. After serving with distinction for two consecutive three-year terms, Dr. Michael Millis is stepping down as Faculty Director. On behalf of the Center, I extend our deep gratitude for his outstanding leadership, unwavering support, and dedication to fostering meaningful collaborations between the University of Chicago and China. Looking ahead, we are pleased to welcome Professor Dali Yang as our new Faculty Director. We look forward to working closely with him to build on the strong foundation that Dr. Millis has helped establish.

Highlights of the Year

In FY25, we were proud to support a rich portfolio of initiatives, including the 10th Joint Conference of the University of Chicago and PUMCH Liver Surgery, the 4th UChicago Medicine China Forum, and innovative workshops such as “Body and Empiricism” and “Amateur Culture, Platform Economy, Precarious Life”. We facilitated meaningful conversations on topics as diverse as clinical ethics, Ming-Qing performance theories, the green energy transition, and the future of Sino-U.S. educational collaboration.

Our robust digital presence continued to connect the University with broad audiences in China, while our engagement with government, business, and academic communities helped sustain and deepen strategic relationships vital to our mission.

Looking Ahead

As we look to FY26 and beyond, the Center remains committed to providing a platform for intellectual exchange, partnership, and mutual understanding in this critical bilateral relationship. The path forward will undoubtedly be shaped by shifting geopolitical dynamics and policy landscapes, but we believe that our work — fostering dialogue, advancing knowledge, and building bridges — has never been more important.

We are grateful for the unwavering support of our colleagues in Chicago, our partners in China, and the entire University of Chicago global community. Together, we will continue to seek new ways to connect, collaborate, and contribute to a more informed and engaged world.

Selected Highlights

Faculty & Staff Engagement

The Beijing Center supported visits and talks by numerous UChicago faculty this year. Highlights included public lectures by Professors Patrick Jagoda (Cinema & Media Studies) and Wu Hung (Art History) in spring 2025, each drawing robust local audiences of scholars, students, and alumni. The Center also facilitated a collaborative workshop on social science methodologies in partnership with Peking University, strengthening faculty ties and showcasing UChicago’s scholarly approaches. In total, the Center in Beijing welcomed more than a dozen UChicago faculty and staff over the year for research seminars, conferences, and exploratory visits.

Student Programs

With travel to China resuming, the Center in Beijing reactivated student-facing programming. In Autumn 2024, the College’s East Asian Civilizations study abroad program returned to Beijing for the first time since 2019, with students taking courses taught by UChicago faculty and using the Center as an academic base. The Center hosted an undergraduate admissions information session that brought 250+ prospective students and parents from the region to learn about UChicago. During the summer, the Center hosted five Pritzker School of Medicine students participating in a clinical ethics training, giving them firsthand exposure to healthcare in China. Together, these programs signal a strong revival of student engagement at the Center.

Alumni Outreach

The Beijing Center worked closely with the UChicago Alumni Club of Beijing to revitalize local alumni activities. Together they organized networking receptions, panel discussions, and a holiday gathering, re-engaging alumni following the pandemic hiatus. The Center also significantly expanded its presence on Chinese social media, especially WeChat and Weibo, leading to a marked increase in followers and outreach throughout mainland China. This digital strategy has complemented in-person events to keep UChicago’s 700+ Beijing-area alumni connected to the University.



Dr. Zening Ge hosting an event to discuss and celebrate the inspiration of the Yangdeng Art Cooperative on contemporary art.

Center in Delhi

Like its sister city of Chicago, Delhi is a national and global crossroads. Delhi's concentration of academic, scientific, government, and cultural institutions, as well as its thriving business and professional communities, makes it an ideal location for the University's growing engagement with scholars and institutions around the globe.



IN 2024-25

44 Events, conferences,
and workshops

1932 Participants

6230 LinkedIn
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From the Executive Director

The University of Chicago Center in Delhi Annual Report for 2024-2025 provides a comprehensive overview of our achievements, initiatives, and impact throughout the year through our faculty grants, high-level programming in the form of conferences, seminars, workshops, book launches, alumni and student-focused programs cutting across various disciplines, enriching dialogues and discussions, engagement with stakeholders across the University and in India, and media engagement.

This has been an exciting year from the University of Chicago Center in Delhi, as faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of UChicago took pride in the shared pride in the University's rich legacy and reaffirmed their commitment to continue advancing stellar academic work.

The Center has played a major role in contributing towards the University's global mandate on supporting faculty research and academic engagement in South Asia. We were honored to support 11 faculty members who received the Provost Faculty Grant Awards for conducting programs on a range of issues including data science, quantum computing, medicine and public health, economics and public policy, language and the humanities, as well as history, law, and sociology. The conferences, including "South Asia Cycles" and "Decolonizing Feminism: Perspectives from India and the Global South," brought together scholars from across South Asia, the United States, Europe, and Lebanon.

We had the privilege of working with faculty members and distinguished alumni who have guided us in designing programs such as the Chicago School of Thought: A Virtual Workshop Series on Research Methodologies in the Social Sciences and Humanities, and Lab to Life: UChicago Women Advancing STEM Research. With a series of thoughtfully crafted virtual programs, the Center has been able to bridge the geographic distance between scholars in India and United States, while facilitating rich academic discourse.

Working alongside our Faculty Director, Prof. Supratik Guha, the Center has been able to initiate dialogues with leading Science and Technology Institutions in India and are preparing to forge new collaborations between institutions in India and United States.

All this good work was possible because of a great team. Thanks to strong support from our operations, compliance, finance, and program teams, we were able to expand our virtual programming and bounced back with several in-person conferences, workshops, and book launches.

We are hopeful that the next phase of UChicago's presence in India will be marked with enhanced engagement between the University and its regional partners and co-creation of academically rich and impactful ideas.

Selected Highlights

Stakeholder Engagement

The Center in Delhi significantly ramped up engagement with faculty, students, and alumni during its 10th anniversary year. It hosted multi-day academic conferences featuring UChicago and Indian scholars on topics ranging from climate change and society to digital innovation in education. For example, an Anti-Colonial Print Cultures workshop in Kolkata, led by Professor Josephine McDonagh, brought together an international group of humanities scholars to examine Cold War-era literature and decolonization movements. The Center also supported student programs, such as a new College study abroad Civilizations program in India launched in Winter 2025 with 25 undergraduates and provided logistical support for several UChicago PhD students conducting fieldwork across South Asia. Alumni engagement was highlighted by a gala alumni reception in Delhi in December, timed with the culmination event, which attracted UChicago alumni and friends from around India. Collectively, these activities reinforced the Center's role as a nexus for the UChicago community in India.

Strategic Partnerships in India

FY25 marked the realization of key strategic partnerships for the Delhi Center. The IIT Bombay-UChicago collaboration in quantum and technology fields, forged in 2023, was activated with joint workshops, student internships, and faculty visits. Additionally, the Center hosted delegations from the Indian

Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore and the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, exploring new cooperation in areas like computer science and astrophysics. In the public sector, the Center partnered with NITI Aayog (an Indian government think tank) to co-organize a policy roundtable on urban air quality, aligning UChicago researchers with Indian policymakers. Collectively, these efforts advanced key research objectives and elevated the University's profile as a trusted collaborator in India's innovation ecosystem.

Quantum Materials Workshop

In celebration of 2025 as the International Year of Quantum, the University of Chicago Center in Delhi hosted a two-day conference on Quantum Materials, led by Professor Peter Littlewood (Department of Physics, University of Chicago) and Professor Arindam Ghosh (Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore). The event convened leading researchers from UChicago and premier Indian institutions to explore new frontiers in quantum materials science and build long-term collaborative research pathways. Participants discussed the remarkable opportunities arising from the ability to control quantum coherence in materials — a development that has transformed our understanding of condensed matter physics and holds immense potential for quantum technologies. Sessions covered emergent physics enabling robust coherence in real-world materials, and how advances in nano-devices, experimental methods, and theoretical frameworks can support scalable quantum information systems. The workshop served as a significant step toward fostering Indo-U.S. partnerships in foundational and applied quantum science.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club University of Chicago Academic Complex | The University of Chicago Francis and Rose Yuen Campus in Hong Kong

As Asia's World City, Hong Kong represents the convergence of east and west and has long served as a gateway to mainland China while preserving strong ties across East Asia and beyond. The Hong Kong Jockey Club University of Chicago Academic Complex | The University of Chicago Francis and Rose Yuen Campus in Hong Kong is the hub for the University of Chicago's activities in East Asia. It is also home to the top-ranked Executive MBA-Asia program offered by the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.



IN 2024-25

59 Events, conferences
and workshops

6557 Participants

20813 E-news
subscribers

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From the Executive Director

As we reflect on another dynamic year, we take pride in sharing the many ways the University of Chicago has strengthened its engagement across Asia. This year, our work focused on fostering meaningful academic exchanges, supporting innovative research, and strengthening ties with our global community of scholars and partners.

We are also pleased to share significant growth in our academic offerings, from the continued success of the Chicago Booth EMBA program to the expansion of Executive Education and the Rustandy Center programming on our Hong Kong campus. The launch of Nexus Asia represents an exciting step forward in our efforts to collaborate with the University of Chicago PhD alumni and their institutions throughout the Asia Pacific region. By facilitating research partnerships, workshops, and public lectures, this initiative underscores our dedication to advancing knowledge and building lasting connections across borders. The successful debut of our Data Science Summer Academy for high school students further reflects our commitment to sharing knowledge with diverse audiences.

Our Tram Tales heritage rotating exhibition was honored with “Best Exhibition” from Marketing Events Awards and “Best PR Campaign” from PR Awards, standing as a testament to the creativity and impact of our heritage revitalization efforts.

This year also saw us supporting a wide range of University initiatives, from career development to alumni engagement, while hosting thought-provoking discussions on topics ranging from AI to global history. With season two of The Course podcast, we now have released a remarkable 145 episodes.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on exploring new opportunities for collaboration and innovation. We are grateful for the dedication of our faculty, staff, and partners, whose efforts continue to elevate the University's presence in Asia and beyond.

Selected Highlights

Faculty and Academic Programs

The campus in Hong Kong hosted online and hybrid talks in 2024-2025 for audiences across Hong Kong, mainland China, and broader Asia. Featured speakers included Professors Robert Pape (Political Science), Judith Zeitlin (East Asian Languages and Civilizations), James Evans (Sociology), Ben Zhao (Computer Science), and Chang-Tai Hsieh (Booth School of Business). The events drew more than 6,500 in-person and online attendees.

Student Engagement

The Data Science Summer Academy (DSSA), a partnership between the campus in Hong Kong and the University of Chicago's Data Science Institute, brought the University's academic rigor to Hong Kong high school students. The program introduced students to foundational topics in data science, data analysis, and data exploratory tools. Apart from faculty-led lectures, the program also included guest speakers, excursions, and a celebratory closing ceremony. With the success of the inaugural summer academy, the campus has plans to expand the programs that it will offer for the following summer.

In addition, the Study Abroad program resumed its offerings in Hong Kong beginning with the Winter Quarter Global Studies program. Led by Professor Kristen Schilt, Dr. Cate Fugazzola and Dr. Callie Maidhof, the program brought 16 College students to explore Hong Kong while completing their Global Studies Core Curriculum. During the Winter Quarter program, students attended University of Chicago faculty-led classes, Cantonese and Mandarin language

classes taught by instructors from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, while boarding at accommodations provided by the University of Hong Kong. Students also went on various excursions and activities to explore parts of the city that related to their course content.

Alumni and Community

In October 2024, the campus launched its annual rotating exhibition at The Heritage Courtyard and Interpretation Centre, featuring the exhibition “Refugee and Renaissance Man: Solomon Bard (1916–2014) in Hong Kong.” The exhibition commemorated Solomon Bard's life journey from a refugee to doctor and cultural leader in Hong Kong and celebrated his contributions to music and Hong Kong's cultural heritage. Curated with rare artifacts and personal belongings generously contributed by Dr. Bard's family, the exhibition provided an intimate glimpse into his remarkable life and legacy. The program featured a keynote address from Faculty Director Kenneth Pomeranz, who illuminated Bard's multifaceted contributions, and a special live concert presented in partnership with the University of Hong Kong. The concert featured musicians who had previously collaborated with Dr. Bard, along with a special musical composition created in tribute to his extraordinary life.

Separately, the campus in Hong Kong, in collaboration with Alumni Relations & Development and the UChicago Alumni Club of Hong Kong, welcomed 110 members of the University of Chicago alumni community from various parts of Asia on June 20 for a memorable celebration with campus tours, an NGO showcase, a keynote speech by Professor KC Chan at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, a fireside chat on women in entrepreneurship, a live pipa performance, and interactive campus puzzles.



Seed Funding

UChicago Global offers several seed funding mechanisms to catalyze international research and academic collaborations.

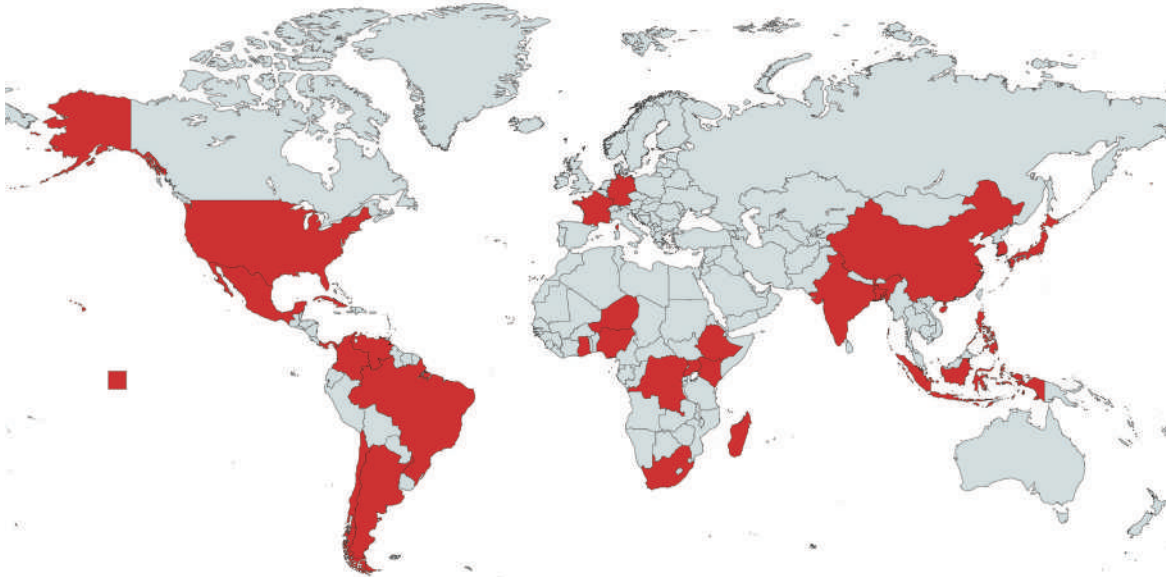
These funds enable faculty and researchers to initiate projects, organize workshops, and build partnerships that align with the University's global priorities



Children participate in a PGFA project in rural India, using storytelling and art to explore technology alternatives.

Funding Mechanisms

UChicago Global seeds projects that mobilize UChicago faculty across borders to engage in transformative research partnerships with the global community. Flexible funding supports collaborative research, public and academic events, training initiatives, research residencies, and experiential learning in key regions around the world



Countries Engaged in Seed Funding 2024-25

Provost's Global Faculty Awards

The Provost's Global Faculty Awards (PGFA) provide annual grants to support international faculty activities with a strong collaborative element in mainland China, Hong Kong and East Asia, India and South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Sub-Saharan Africa. The grant mechanism is open to all UChicago faculty and other academic appointees. Projects showcase UChicago scholarship that incorporates meaningful participation and expertise from both the University and a partner in the target region. Since 2010, \$13.4M has been awarded in seed funding to 609 faculty-led projects.

BUA Grants

UChicago's partnership with the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) supports joint workshop opportunities to foster interdisciplinary collaboration on global challenges. Launched in April 2025, the funding mechanism enables faculty from UChicago and BUA institutions to co-develop innovative workshops, strengthen scholarly exchange, and advance shared research priorities. Through this initiative, \$100,000 has been awarded to five faculty-led projects with support from UChicago's academic divisions and UChicago Global.

Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS) Research Collaboration Program

This year, in partnership with UChicago's Data Science Institute (DSI), UChicago Global supported an additional round of funding through a partnership with the Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS). \$390,000 in funding across two years was awarded to principal investigator Rana Hanocka (Assistant Professor of Computer Science) for "HealthFormer: A multi-modal foundation model for human health", and provided an additional \$10,000 in travel funding to Stephanie Palmer (Associate Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy, Neuroscience Institute, Committee on Computational Neuroscience, Committee on Neurobiology) to support exchanges between WIS and the Palmer Lab at UChicago.

Through the duration of the mechanism, \$912,000 has been awarded to 7 faculty-led projects in total with support from academic divisions and the Marshall and Arlene Bennett Family Foundation.

PhD Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Research Travel Grants

The PhD Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Research Travel Grants offer support for advanced PhD students and postdoctoral scholars to cover costs associated with regional field and archival research and take advantage of space and resources at UChicago's regional centers. In FY25, the program was expanded to offer grants and a total \$72,000 was given to 24 awardees for work in Latin America and the Caribbean, Mainland China, Hong Kong, East and Southeast Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2024-25

Each year, the funded projects produce hundreds of academic publications, engage thousands of individuals across the globe, and earn millions of dollars in returns on the University’s investment. The metrics below are preliminary based on reporting gathered up to August 1st and are expected to continue growing over the coming year.

Provost’s Global Faculty Awards

From FY25

For FY26

\$959K

invested in 52 Faculty-led Projects

\$1.1M

awarded for projects

With 42%

of Reports Received:

51

faculty-led projects selected

• \$892K

in External Funding Secured

36

first-time applicants (of 104 total applicants)

• \$3.9M

in External Funding Pending

• \$483K

in Matching Funds from Collaborators

• 4,800

External Collaborators Engaged

• 26

Additional UChicago Faculty Engaged

• 83

UChicago Students Engaged

• 10

Academic Publications

BUA Grants

\$100,000

invested in 5 Faculty-led initiatives

• 11

UChicago Faculty engaged

• 20

external collaborators engaged

Weizmann Institute of Science Research Collaboration Program

From FY24

\$912,000

to support 7 faculty led projects

11

UChicago faculty engaged

PhD Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Research Travel Grants

24

total awardees

Selected Highlights

Nancy Kawalek | Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering – PGFA for India and South Asia



The Vidyut Project is a creative collaboration between University of Chicago's STAGE Center and IIT Bombay's CTARA lab that uses storytelling and games to promote energy-efficient irrigation in rural India. The team developed two engaging board games—Capacitor Raja and Sinchan Sharyat—to help farmers understand and adopt low-cost tools like capacitors for better electricity and water use. The Vidyut Project Team, comprising Sunanda Prabhu-Gaunkar (Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering at the University of Chicago) and Himali Mhatre and Vivek Shinde (CTARA, IIT Bombay), conducted early outreach in Maharashtra's Beed district, where farmers, women, and children alike showed strong enthusiasm and welcomed the initiative.

Paul Sereno | Organismal Biology and Anatomy – PGFA for Sub-Saharan Africa

Paul's PGFA grant established a team of scientists and researchers from Niger and Chicago working in partnership to prepare, preserve and advance research on Niger's archaeological collection. The grant enabled Nigerian research collaborators to visit the Fossil Lab, learn how archaeology



collections are managed, showcased, and preserved, and work alongside the team to review collections and make joint decisions on preparation, dating, and research goals.

The grant resulted in two outcomes: (1) a signed accord on research and repatriation of material between University of Niamey and University of Chicago and (2) an agreement for the repatriation of the Adrar Bous archaeology collection to Niger. Both represent important milestones in research collaboration and cultural heritage preservation between University of Chicago and Africa.

Raghu Mirmira | Medicine – PGFA for Latin America and the Caribbean



Through Raghu's grant, a productive international collaboration was established between the University of Chicago and Austral University in Argentina, highlighted by a three-month research visit from an Austral University graduate student to the University. Together, the team discovered that exposing rodent insulin-producing cells to a low dose of the inflammatory molecule IL-1 β increased their resilience to a subsequent high-dose challenge, allowing them to maintain insulin production in response to glucose. This protective effect appears linked to changes in protein production from specific mRNAs, as revealed by Ribo-Seq analysis, with similar studies underway in human cells. A manuscript detailing these findings is under revision at a leading scientific journal, and results will be presented at Austral University in March 2026. This collaboration has created a strong foundation for continued scientific exchange and future joint research and has led to a multi-million-dollar federal funding application.



2024-25 Active Projects

Provost's Global Faculty Awards

Mainland China

Academic Events

10th Annual Conference on Advanced Therapies for Solid Tumors and Academic Development;

J. Michael Millis | Surgery

International Medical Educators Program Conference and Infectious Diseases Specialty Training and Professional Development Conference;

Jonathan Lio | Medicine

Cultures of Labor and the Labor of Culture in Contemporary China: Migrancy, Patronage, Platforms;

Paola Iovene | East Asian Languages and Civilizations

Neuroimmunity and Cognition in CNS Diseases;

Anthony Reder | Neurology

Performance Theory in China (1550-1900);

Judith Zeitlin | East Asian Languages and Civilizations

International Experience in Global Health: Beijing;

J. Michael Millis | Surgery

The Ideal of the Sage in Chinese and Jewish Thought and Culture;

Josef J Stern | Philosophy

Research Projects

From Yangdeng to Beijing: A Countercultural Episode to Arrive at the Nation's Capital;

Tongji Philip Qian | Visual Arts

Implementing Pilot ECHO Training in China;

Daniel Johnson | Pediatrics

Metacognitive Interventions for Ethnic Youth Affected by Extreme Poverty in Southwest China;

"Eugene" Yu Ji | Cognitive Science

Training Initiatives

Residency Exchange;

Renslow Sherer | Medicine

India & South Asia

Academic Events

Anti-Colonial/De-Colonial Text and Print in the Cold War Era: Lives and Afterlives;

Josephine McDonagh | English

Quantum Materials and Devices;

Peter Littlewood | Physics

Strengthening Injury Research and Capacity to Implement Safety Interventions;

Kanwaljeet Singh Bawa Bhalla | Public Health Sciences

Supporting Indian Participation in an International Pediatric Cancer Data Sharing Initiative;

Samuel Volchenbom | Pediatrics

Training Clinical Research Staff in India;

Rajat Thawani | Hematology and Oncology

The Vidyut Project: Storytelling Through Artistic Endeavors to Encourage Adoption of Technology Alternatives in Rural Areas;

Nancy Kawalek | Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering

Research Projects

Abul Mansur Ahmad: A Study in Bangladeshi Nationalism;

Dipesh Chakrabarty | History

Empowering the Poor in India through Protection against Wage Loss Due to Illness;

Anup Malani | Law School

The Conch and Its Communities: Climate Change and a Hindu Sacred Object;

Dipesh Chakrabarty | History

Does Subsidized Insurance Crowd-out Climate Resilience?;

Fiona Burlig | Harris School of Public Policy

Training Initiatives

Training Clinical Research Staff in India;

Rajat Thawani | Hematology and Oncology

Hong Kong & East Asia

Academic Events

American Oligarchy: Family Members of U.S. Political Elites Procuring Business Deals Abroad;

Kimberly Kay Hoang | Sociology

Building Chicago-Indonesia Open Systems Research and Other Educational Engagements;

Haryadi Gunawi | Computer Science

Cultures of Youth Mental Health in East Asia, North America, and the UK;

Eugene Raikhel | Comparative Human Development

Radiotheranostics - Toward Practicing Personalized Medicine;

Chien-Min Kao | Radiology

Silk Road Imaginaries;

Richard Payne | Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

Public Events

Ghost Village Opera Workshop II;

Judith Zeitlin | East Asian Languages and Civilizations

Research Projects

A Chicago-Hong Kong Collaboration to Map the Cosmos;

Hsiao-Wen Chen | Astronomy and Astrophysics

A Snapshot of the Genetic Diversity at a Late Shang Dynasty Sacrificial Context in Anyang;

Maanasa Raghavan | Human Genetics Graduate Program

Crowdsourcing Language Change in Hong Kong with Smartphone Applications;

Alan Yu | Linguistics

Monitoring Health in Asian Populations Using Metabolomic Analysis of the Gut Microbiota;

Eugene Chang | Medicine

Latin America & the Caribbean

Academic Events

A New History of Communal Village Lands in Pre-Revolutionary Mexico;

Emilio Kouri | History

Chat2Learn Peru;

Ariel Kalil | Harris School of Public Policy

Sacred Spaces: Thresholds and Frontiers;

Claudia Brittenham | Art History

Understanding Urban Informality in Chile;

Adam Chilton | Law

Research Projects

Endogenous spatial regimes and their application to Brazilian housing markets;

Luc Anselin | Sociology

Enhancing Beta-Cell Resilience: A Collaborative Inquiry;

Raghavendra Mirmira | Endocrinology

Impact of Maternal Environmental Exposures on Offspring Neurodevelopmental Trajectories throughout the First Years of Life;

Sonia Hernandez | Surgery

Supporting Responsive Health Service Delivery under Decentralization;

Alan Zarychta | Crown School of Social Work

Systematic Measurement of Criminal Territorial Control in Rio de Janeiro's Favelas through Replicated Ethnographic Observation: A Pilot Study;

Benjamin Lessing | Political Science

Training Initiatives

Building a Crime and Education Lab in Medellin to Pilot and Scale Innovations;

Christopher Blattman | Harris School of Public Policy

Trauma Evaluation and Management Plus Injury and Violence Prevention: A US-Cuba Collaboration;

Tanya Zakrisson | Surgery

Sub-Saharan Africa

Academic Events

Medical Ethics in Chicago and Rwanda (Continued);

Haun Saussy | East Asian Languages and Civilizations

Research Projects

An Emerging Partnership Between the University of Chicago, Congolese Researchers, and a Grassroots Development Movement;

Raul Sanchez de la Sierra | Harris School of Public Policy

Sedentary Cultures in the Green Sahara: Spring-Supported Hunting, Fishing and Gathering;

Paul Sereno | Organismal Biology

The Role of Market Structure on Firm's Response to Antimicrobial Resistance Risk: Evidence from Kenyan Pharmacies;

Anne Karing | Economics

A Partnership with Unprecedented Access, Capacity, and Insight: Who Provides Security in Weak States?;

Raul Sanchez de la Sierra | Harris School of Public Policy

Why Doesn't Capital Flow to Poor Countries? Evidence from a Field Experiment on Firm Transparency in Uganda;

Thomas Rauter | Booth School of Business

Training Initiatives

Training of Fibroid Champions for Community Engagement in Ghana;

O. Sandra Madueke-Laveaux | Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

BUA Workshop Grants

The Life of Mind: Classical German Thought and the Challenges of Our Time

- PI: Matthias Haase, Associate Professor of Philosophy
- Partners: Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Polyelectrolytes in Biology

- PI: Matthew Tirrell, D. Gale Johnson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in the UChicago Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering
- Partner: Freie Universität Berlin

Relational Aspects in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy

- PI: Harriet De Wit, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience
- Partners: Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Reckoning with Ecocide: A Comparative Approach to Environmental Worst-Case Scenarios

- PI: Darya Tsymbalyuk, Assistant Professor, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
- Partner: Freie Universität Berlin

Planetary Urbanization and the Hinterland Question

- PI: Neil Brenner, Lucy Flower Professor of Urban Sociology
- Partner: Technische Universität Berlin

Weizmann Institute of Science Collaborative Research Program Quantum Information Sciences

Noise Tolerant Quantum Networks and Protocols;

David Awschalom, Hannes Bernien, Liang Jiang, Tian Zhong | Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering

Artificial Intelligence + Sciences

Deep Learning for Protein Optimization and Design;

Jinbo Xu | Toyota Technical Institute at Chicago

Optimizing Lubrication by Macromolecular Surface Phases via Machine-Learning Approaches; Matthew Tirrell | Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering

HealthFormer: A Multi-Modal Foundation Model for Human Health; Rana Hanocka | Department of Computer Science

Travel Funding

Colloidal Semiconductor Nanoplatelet Based Quantum Light Sources enabled by Colloidal ALD;

Dmitri Talapin | Chemistry

Algorithms for Inferring Temporal and Causal Models for Patient Disease Trajectories and Their Genetic Predispositions;

Cong Ma, Jingshu Wang | Statistics

Palmer Lab and WIS Collaboration;

Stephanie Palmer | Neuroscience

CEGU Grants

Workshops Held in FY25

Energy History and Environmental Crisis

- **UChicago Center in Delhi**
- **Organizer: Prof. Elizabeth Chatterjee, History + CEGU**

What is Waste? Histories, Ecologies, Geographies, and Politics

- **UChicago Paris Center**
- **Organizers: Prof. Pauline Goul (Romance Languages and Literatures + CEGU) and Prof. Sarah Newman (Anthropology + CEGU)**

Ecological Matters: Experimental and Legal Interventions into Climate Change in East Asia

- **UChicago Campus in Hong Kong**
- **Organizers: Prof. Michael Fisch (Anthropology + CEGU) and Mark Templeton (Law School, Abrams Environmental Law Clinic + CEGU)**

Geopoetics of Twinned Urban Rivers: Chicago to Calumet, Seine to Marne—and Beyond

- **UChicago Paris Center**
- **Organized by Prof. Jennifer Scappettone (Romance Languages, Creative Writing + CEGU) and Sabina Shaikh (CEGU)**

Workshops to be Held in FY26

From the Countryside to the City: Environmental Transformations and the Impacts of Urbanization, Land Use Change and Migration on Cambodian Life

- **UChicago Campus in Hong Kong**
- **Organizers: Prof. Alan Kolata (Anthropology + CEGU) and Prof. Sabina Shaikh (CEGU), May 23-24, 2025**
- **Additional convenings and site visits: Siem Reap (Center for Khmer Studies) and Phnom Penh, (Royal University of Phnom Penh)**

Climate Rights and Climate Injustice

- **UChicago Campus in Hong Kong**
- **Organizers: Dr. Alexander Arroyo, Dr. Sol Kim, Dr. Grga Basic, Prof. Julie Klinger**

PhD Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Research Travel Grants Mainland China

- Jiebiao Wang | China
Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice
- Quanyi Dai | China
Sociology
- Stan Xie | China
Economics

India and South Asia

- Daniel Lapinsky | India
South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Kanika Singh Sisodia | India
South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Tomal Hossain | India
Music
- Iqua Lutfi | Pakistan
Comparative Human Development

Hong Kong & East Asia

- Charles Voirin | Singapore
Ecology and Evolution
- Jason Lo | Taiwan
Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering
- Jiayi Zhu | Japan
East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Le Vi Pham | Japan
History
- Linyun Fu | Hong Kong
Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice
- Xiangning Li | Hong Kong
History

Latin America & the Caribbean

- Daniel Ferreira | Brazil
History
- Emma Stanfield | Chile
Ecology and Evolution
- Katharine Reed | Mexico
History

- Reed McConnell | El Salvador
Anthropology
- Reynell Sarmiento | Colombia
Political Science
- Ashley Hamilton | Mexico
Committee on Evolutionary Biology

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Daniel Muras | Africa
Anthropology
- Mattie Wechsler | Africa
Linguistics
- Samuel Chang | Africa
Booth School of Business
- Siobhan Finnerty | Africa
Political Science
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