



LAUNCH A STARTUP OR JOIN A STARTUP TEAM

STARTUP CITY SCHOLARS

Spend the Spring 2021 semester as a Startup City Scholar and work with a team on a startup idea and participate in the prestigious College New Venture Challenge (CNVC), hosted by the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Chicago. CNVC is one of the top undergraduate accelerator programs in the nation.

STEP 1: SUBMIT THE INTEREST FORM

Interest Forms will be accepted on a rolling basis between now and Nov. 20.

STEP 2: ATTEND THE VIRTUAL KICKOFF: Oct. 1, 2020

If you fill out an interest form before Oct. 1, you will receive an email about how to join the virtual kickoff.

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of Engineering**

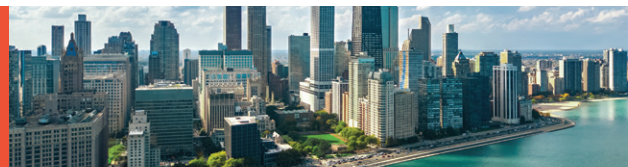
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QUESTIONS?

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Startup City Scholars Plans for Spring 2021

- This will be a unique, demanding learning experience for students who are serious about entrepreneurship and want to know how to launch successful enterprises.
- Participate in the joint College New Venture Challenge (CNVC) class between the University of Chicago and University of Illinois—for course credit!
- Applicants may be eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship to spend the semester working on a student-led venture.
- UIUC-led teams must include a University of Chicago student on your team.
- Accepted teams are eligible to win prizes in the form of [SAFE funds](#) from a pool of up to \$100,000!
- Meet Chicago's tech leaders and investors who can help launch your company.
- Visit go.illinois.edu/StartupCityScholars for information about eligibility and other details. Also visit the [Polsky Center CNVC](#) website for more information.

Take Virtual Classes

- Receive credit for University of Chicago's College New Venture Challenge (CNVC) through the University of Illinois TE398 course—taught virtually from University of Chicago.
- Take courses in person at UIUC (if applicable) and online.
- Access to 200-400 level CS, ECE, and TE courses offered exclusively for the City Scholars program.

Live Where You're Comfortable

- Live on campus in Urbana, at home with family, or in Chicago—your choice.
- Virtual events connect you with City Scholars students in a semester-long cohort.

How are teams organized?

ALREADY HAVE A TEAM? If you already have a team, submit your official proposal by Nov. 20. Note that all teams must include at least one UChicago team member.

WANT TO JOIN A TEAM? If you don't have your own team, you may join a team. The team should list you on their application which is due on Nov. 20. However, you may join a team after the Nov. 20 deadline. Attend the Dec. 1 event to meet teams that have been accepted into the program, and seek an invitation to join one of those teams. The deadline to join a team is Jan. 6, 2021.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 20

Submit the Interest Form

All students, either leading a UIUC team or joining another team, must submit an interest form. Interest Forms are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Students will be notified if they are eligible to participate and eligible to receive the scholarship by Nov. 20th, 2020. Eligibility does not guarantee selection for the program.

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Phase 1 Event: CNVC Virtual Kickoff

More networking events will be held during October.

NOV. 20

Applications due by 10:00am CT *for those leading a UIUC team.*

DEC. 1

Phase 2 Event: CNVC Orientation, Team Pitches, & Networking

JAN. 6

Deadline to join a team *for those NOT leading a UIUC team.*

JAN. 6

Classes/program begins.

MAR. 3

Phase 3 Event: CNVC Finals Event

IMPORTANT DATES