

LAUNCH A STARTUP OR JOIN A STARTUP TEAM & RECEIVE A \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP

A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to all eligible students chosen to participate in Startup City Scholars for the Spring 2022 semester.

STARTUP CITY SCHOLARS SPRING 2022

Spend the Spring 2022 semester in Chicago as a Startup City Scholar! 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 & Innovation at the University of Chicago. CNVC is one of the top undergraduate accelerator programs in the nation.

STARTUP CITY SCHOLARS SEED PITCHES EVENT

August 31
5:00-6:30pm



Startup City Scholars
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STARTUP CITY SCHOLARS Seed Pitches Event

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021 | 5:00-6:30 via Zoom
REGISTER | go.illinois.edu/aug31

Why should you attend this fun, informal event

- Learn about the Startup City Scholars Program & hear from previous participants
- Each team must include at least one University of Chicago student, so this event will give you a chance to meet other students and find teammates, whether from UChicago or UIUC
- If you want to pitch, you can compete for cash prizes (from a pool of **\$5,000**) at this event
- If you just want to attend, you'll be entered for a chance to win one of several **gift cards** we're giving away!
- **NOTE:** You don't have to have your own startup idea—you can join an existing team and share your skills



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Startup City Scholars for Spring 2022

- This will be a unique, demanding learning experience for students who are serious about entrepreneurship and want to know how to launch successful enterprises.
- All eligible students accepted into the program will receive a **\$5,000** scholarship.
- UIUC-led teams must include a UChicago student on their 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 requirements for teams. Also visit the [Polsky Center CNVC](#) website for more information.

Take Courses

- Receive credit for UChicago's College New Venture Challenge through the UIUC TE398 course, taught in person at UChicago.
- Take UIUC courses in person at Discovery Partners Institute and online.
- Take 200-400 level CS, ECE, and TE courses offered exclusively for the City Scholars program.

Live in Chicago

- Live in Chicago with other students, or on your own. Startup City Scholars offers recommended housing options.
- Networking and professional development events connect you with City Scholars students in a semester-long cohort.

Stay engaged with events throughout Fall 2021 to find teams or teammates, and fine-tune your Startup City Scholars application.

AUG. 31	College New Venture Challenge (CNVC) Seed Pitches Event
SEPT. 15	SocialFuse with Technology Entrepreneur Center at UIUC
SEPT. 30	CNVC Kickoff Event In-person in Chicago
OCT. 5	UChicago Virtual Quick Pitch Event
OCT. 12	Find a Founder Event
OCT. 21	UChicago Virtual Quick Pitch Event
OCT. 26	SocialFuse with Technology Entrepreneur Center at UIUC
NOV. 9	APPLICATION DEADLINE

QUESTIONS?

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