

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 2024 semester.

Startup City Scholars SPRING 2024

Jump start your Spring 2024 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.

Learn more about last year's
University of Illinois Startup
City Scholars teams!

go.illinois.edu/uiuc-teams



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Startup City Scholars



Startup City Scholars for Spring 2024

- This is an experiential program for students who want to learn how to build successful business ventures.
- A **\$5,000** scholarship is available to eligible students to support travel to Chicago.
- UIUC-led teams must include a UChicago student on their team.
- Accepted teams are eligible to win prizes in the form of **SAFE funds** (see go.illinois.edu/safefunds) from a pool of up to **\$150,000!**
- 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 at go.illinois.edu/polsky for more information.



Take Courses

- Earn academic credit by enrolling in UIUC's 9-week course, **TE 441 Engineering City Scholars: New Venture Creation** (2 credits), which is held in person on Thursday afternoons at the University of Chicago.
 - *Starting in the first week of January, **TE 441** aligns with the academic calendar of the University of Chicago. This precedes the start of the UIUC semester by several weeks.*
- Explore Chicago's tech ecosystem and take **TE 440 Engineering City Scholars** (3 credits) in person in Chicago on Thursday mornings at 200 South Wacker Drive for the entire Spring Semester.
 - **TE 440** will continue until the end of the spring semester after CNVC concludes.



Commute from Campus to Chicago

- Travel each week on Thursdays for the TE 441/CNVC class via car, bus, or train.
- Optional networking and professional development events on Thursdays connect you with the tech landscape of Chicago and the Spring Engineering City Scholars cohort.

Important Dates

Stay engaged with events throughout Fall 2023 to find teams or teammates, and fine-tune your application.

Sept 27

Networking, Kickoff, and Info Session

4:45-5:30pm | Pre-Kickoff Networking

5:30-7:00pm | Kickoff & Info Session

IN CHICAGO. Learn about the program, pitch your ideas and compete for prizes. Bus will be provided for students coming from Urbana. *Networking event hosted by UIUC.* go.illinois.edu/sept27

Sept 27

Application Opens

go.illinois.edu/scs-cnvc-apply

Sept 27-Nov 7

Startup City Scholars/ CNVC Events

Attend CNVC events to meet potential teammates and develop project ideas.

Students looking to join teams can do so by attending these events.

Find Teammates Form:

go.illinois.edu/cnvc-find-teammates

Recruit Teammates Form:

go.illinois.edu/cnvc-recruit-teammates

Oct 10

SocialFuse

5-7pm on Zoom

Hosted by UIUC's Technology Entrepreneur Center. Pitch your idea and hear pitches from others to find teammates or find a team to join for Startup City Scholars. Both UIUC and UChicago students are invited to attend. go.illinois.edu/socialfuse

Oct 16

Application FAQ and Team Building Event

5-6pm

IN CHICAGO. Bus will be provided for students coming from Urbana. To prepare, watch this feasibility study video: go.illinois.edu/cnvc-video

Nov 7

Application Deadline

go.illinois.edu/scs-cnvc-apply

Nov 29

Team Building and Orientation

5:30-7:00pm

IN CHICAGO. Admitted ventures can continue to add team members through the first week of the CNVC course. To qualify for the TE441 course, all University of Illinois led teams must have at least one University of Chicago undergraduate student as part of their team. Bus will be provided for students coming from Urbana. go.illinois.edu/scs-dates

Feb 29

CNVC Finals Event

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