

# 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](https://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](https://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](https://go.illinois.edu/StartupCityScholars) for information about eligibility and requirements for teams. Also visit the **Polsky Center CNVC** website at [go.illinois.edu/polsky](https://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.

**Mon | Dec 4 | 3:00pm CST**

## Startup City Scholars Virtual Kickoff Meeting

Join us to learn about participating in Startup City Scholars! We'll have a student speak who has participated in the program. *Grainger Engineering students who want to join a UChicago startup team are especially encouraged to attend.*

**Join the Zoom Meeting:** [go.illinois.edu/dec4](https://go.illinois.edu/dec4)

**Meeting ID:** 872 7660 5844

**Meeting Password:** 302372

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