



# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL PILLAR OF THE IOP, ONE THAT ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO GO INTO PUBLIC SERVICE BY PROVIDING THEM WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, PAID INTERNSHIPS, SKILLS TRAINING, ADVISING, AND THE ROBUST PROFESSIONAL NETWORK NECESSARY TO SUCCEED.**

Every summer, the IOP offers more than 250 internships around the world, from Washington, D.C. to Beijing. The IOP funds domestic internships at \$4,000 each, while students with international internships receive a \$5,000 stipend. In recent years, students have interned at the White House, the U.S. Department of State, the City of Chicago Mayor's Office, the American Enterprise Institute, and ABC News, among many other organizations. The IOP also allows both undergraduate and graduate students to apply for a \$2,000 stipend to support a substantive summer internship they have secured on their own.

For students interning in Washington D.C., the IOP augments students' work experiences through the Charles H. Percy Program, which features speakers, and site visits that highlight the wide range of careers available to them in public service and politics.

During the academic year, the IOP leads the Urban Policy and Research Program (UPReP) for undergraduate and graduate students. In partnership with the UChicago Urban Labs, UPreP offers students paid, substantive research and policy internships at local government agencies, enabling these students to apply their rigorous academic training to urban challenges.

Additional Career Development resources help students focus on career exploration and next steps after internships. Workshops with politicians and policymakers, career advising hours, alumni mentoring opportunities, and access to job postings further enhance the program and help the IOP support students in finding careers that match their skills and goals.

*Support for the IOP Internship Program comes from alumni, parents, friends, and supporters of the IOP and the University of Chicago.*

"Working in D.C. didn't seem like a realistic consideration in my mind until I got involved at the IOP.... Now I'm extremely fortunate to be starting an opportunity there in the summer. I'm incredibly thankful to the IOP for providing these opportunities and truly opening new doors to me."

- PAOLA DEL TORO, AB'20