The UIC Graduate College advances scholarly excellence, recruits intellectually and socially diverse students, and enhances the graduate student experience.

With 12,000 faculty and staff, 29,000 students in 15 colleges and the state’s major public medical center, UIC is Chicago’s largest and only public research university. UIC adds $4 billion to the state economy and it ranks #18 in the top 100 universities in the world younger than 50.

Interdepartmental Graduate Concentrations
Interdepartmental graduate concentrations constitute another means of distinguishing oneself and diversifying one’s educational training.

Cardiovascular Science
Central and Eastern European Studies
Gender and Women’s Studies
Latin American and Latino Studies
Neuroscience

A complete list of certificates, concentrations, degrees, and joint degrees can be found at http://grad.uic.edu/academics-programs.
**Students**
UIC is home to nearly 8,000 graduate and 3,000 professional students. Last year, the Graduate College awarded 300 doctoral degrees and nearly 1,600 master’s degrees.

**Funding Your Education**
Assistantships with a stipend and tuition waiver are available through individual programs of study. The Graduate College provides information and assistance to students seeking funding, including:
- Offering merit- and need-based fellowships and travel awards to students in all disciplines
- Providing awards to support innovative graduate student research
- Identifying fellowships, scholarships, and internships
- Assisting with applications, including review of proposals and eligibility

**Research**
UIC is classified as a “very high research activity” university and it boasts external funding of more than $314 million. Housing more than 30 research centers and institutes, UIC offers students the opportunity to work alongside nationally and internationally recognized faculty engaged in leading-edge research.

**Diversity Resources and Support**
- UIC is one of only two four-year universities in the Midwest classified as an Hispanic Serving Institution
- UIC’s Summer Research Opportunities Program introduces underrepresented sophomores and juniors to academic research by allowing students to work one-on-one with a UIC faculty mentor.
- The UIC Urban Health Program recruits, retains and graduates underrepresented students—specifically African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans—in health professions. The program offers an orientation, application and enrollment assistance, academic counseling, career planning, and mentoring.
- UIC offers fellowships to under-represented graduate students.
- The college organizes an annual African American and Latino Research Forum to involve students and faculty in advancing educational policy initiatives and forging cooperative links.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, UIC graduate students won more than $2.2 million in external fellowships, training grants, and individual awards.

**Applying to UIC**
UIC’s graduate application process varies for each program. Visit the Graduate College Web site for specific details about applying.

**Academic Resources**
- Campus-wide orientation introduces graduate students to the UIC community, including on-campus resources, policies and procedures.
- UIC’s most outstanding dissertations are recognized through the college’s annual thesis award.
- The college organizes an annual interdisciplinary exhibit to showcase graduate research at UIC and foster dialogue between students and faculty from multiple departments.
- The Graduate College offers a variety of programs and workshops to help students with their professional, academic and personal development.