Orientation Team 2024

What is an Orientation Team Member?

The Orientation Team is a group of current students that assist in the facilitation and implementation of the College’s first year programs including the UChicago Mentoring Program, Pre-Orientation and Orientation Week. These students play an integral role in the welcoming and transition of the First-Year student population by serving as a role model, ambassador, and support system throughout Pre-Orientation, Orientation, and beyond.

What are the different roles I can apply for?

Though O-Team members will all work together toward the same goal of welcoming our newest students to campus, various segments of the O-Team will do this in differing ways. Below are the different roles that you can apply to be a part of, along with a short overview of the program’s mission.

Students are eligible to apply for any and all O-Team positions. If hired, students will only be selected to serve in one position. Further information on the can be found at oteam.chicago.edu.

- **UChicago Mentoring Program (UCMP)**
  - Peer Mentors (40 positions available) & Transfer Peer Mentors (5 positions available)
    - The UChicago Mentoring Program provides incoming students with an upper-class mentor to aid in their transition to the College.
    - Assist with Orientation Week, including small group facilitators, event preparation and execution.
    - **Stipend:** $1,000
    - **Position Length:** training begins spring quarter, serve as Peer Mentor over summer months, must be available to work Orientation Week in September.

- **Pre-Orientation Programming**
  - Chicago Urban Explorers (CUE) Guides – 15-18 positions available
    - Allow students to explore Hyde Park and the city of Chicago before school begins; acclimate the students to unique aspects of life in the city; facilitate bonding between first-year students.
    - **Position Length:** must be available for training, program, and events during the month of September.
    - **Stipend:** $500

  - International Pre-Orientation (IPO) Navigator – 15-18 positions available
    - Assist international students in their transition into a new school and home; acclimate participants to public transport; aid in setting up cell phones and bank accounts; facilitate bonding between first-year students.
    - **Position Length:** must be available for training, program, and events during the month of September.
    - **Stipend:** $500
Phoenix Outdoor Program (POP) Rangers – 25 positions available

- For five days, first-year students and their upper-class leaders will explore the outdoors and create lasting bonds in the process.
- **Position Length:** must be available for training trip during spring quarter and fall training and trips during the month of September.
- **Stipend:** $800

What’s in it for me?

- Stipend paid out at the conclusion of the program
- Permitted to move in early if living in University Housing
- Meals provided during training and programs.
- Participate in fun activities and outings
- Merch from the College and a thank you gift

What are the desired skills and qualifications?

- Takes pride in the University of Chicago and being a UChicago student
- Provides excellent customer service
- Takes initiative and can take direction
- Can adapt to new challenges and solve problems creatively
- Able to work effectively and collaboratively as a team
- Works well and acts responsibly under pressure

Application Timeline

- Students must submit an online application that includes bio information, two short answer questions, current resume, and completed recommendation form.
- O-Team application is open from 1/15/2024 – 2/3/2024
- If selected to interview, interviews take place 2/12/2024 – 2/23/2024

For more information, and to access the online application please visit oteam.uchicago.edu. Should you have further inquiries please email college-programming@uchicago.edu.