

# GRAD Guide Weekly

## UCHICAGO GRAD

Helping you navigate your graduate and postdoctoral career

### A WORD FROM THE GARGOYLE



#### Welcome from GRAD Council!

We're so excited to be back on campus with all of you! It has been incredible to see students walking across the quad, attending in-person classes, and continuing research responsibilities in a more dynamic environment. We know that many of you are eager to participate in events, be a part of our community, and make the most of the time that you have here. This quarter, GC is trying to offer as many opportunities as possible to connect with your classmates and community.

You can find out more about events related Health & Wellness, Diversity & Inclusion, Social Programming, and Community Initiatives on our [GC website](#).

This week, we want to highlight our big social event for the Fall Quarter! After a year of virtual programming, we are excited to announce the return of the Gargoyle Gala! Join us for an evening of food, drinks, and dancing in the iconic Mid-America Club, located on the 80th floor of the Aon Center, and overlooking Millennium Park! Tickets are available here: [gargoyle-gala-2021.eventbrite.com](#)

[\[more detail here\]](#)



This session will be led by Aixa Alfonso, Associate Professor at the University of Illinois-Chicago and Ford Foundation Liaison in Illinois. The session will provide information on the [Ford Foundation Fellowships](#) (predoctoral, dissertation, and postdoctoral) to enhance diversity in higher education and the application process. Register [here](#).

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### **Mentoring 101**

*Wednesday, November 3rd, 10 am CST, UChicagoGRAD Headquarters and Zoom (hybrid)*

UChicagoGRAD and The Office of the Provost are pleased to offer this collaborative session to help graduate students and postdocs better understand mentoring and how to be a effective mentee. We will review different kinds of mentoring, best practices, and tips for maximizing mentoring relationships. Please [click here](#) to register.



### **Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Fellowship Information Session**

*Wednesday, November 3, 1:00-2:00pm*

This information session will provide additional details for students interested in applying for the Diversifying Faculty in Illinois fellowship - an award that supports Masters and PhD students hoping to work in higher education in Illinois during

their careers. Register [here](#).

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### **GRADTalk: Public Speaking 101**

*Thursday, November 4, 3:30-4:30pm, UChicagoGRAD HQ*

Whether you're speaking to an audience of one or one hundred, public speaking can be a difficult and nerve-wracking experience. This workshop will help you to change that. You will learn some effective strategies for honing your public speaking skills, engaging and motivating your audience, and managing anxieties about public speaking. By the end of the workshop you will have some concrete tips for becoming a more confident and engaging public speaker. [RSVP here](#).

**GRAD Talk**



- **Data Scientist Intern - Water, GHD** | Apply via [GRAD Gargoyle](#)
- **Student Affairs Administrator, UChicago Physical Sciences Division** | Apply via [GRAD Gargoyle](#)
- **Analytics Intern, Strava** | Apply via [GRAD Gargoyle](#)
- **Graduate Council Parliamentarian, UChicagoGRAD** | Apply via [GRAD Gargoyle](#)
- **Research Assistant, UChicago Booth School of Business** | Apply via [GRAD Gargoyle](#)

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## Additional Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- **Using LinkedIn to Grow your Network and Search for Jobs**  
Friday, October 29, 2021, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, UChicagoGRAD HQ | RSVP [here](#).
- **myCHOICE-BSD Alumni Career Forum**  
Saturday, October 30, 2021, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Gordon Center (GCIS) 301/303 | RSVP [here](#).
- **International Student & Postdoc Career Series: U.S. Job Documents**  
Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 1:00 PM - 2:00 P, UChicagoGRAD HQ | RSVP [here](#).
- **Midea Group Info Session**  
Tuesday, November 2, 9:00-10:30pm, Online | RSVP [here](#).
- **GRADTalk: Storytelling Strategies for Behavioral Interviews**  
Wednesday, November 3, 2:30-3:30pm, UChicagoGRAD HQ | RSVP [here](#).
- **Exploring Fellowship Opportunities for Master's Students**  
Wednesday, November 3, 9:15-10:05am, Zoom | RSVP [here](#).

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## CAMPUS-WIDE EVENTS



### This Week From UChicago Grad Council

This week's highlights from Graduate Council:

- Gargoyle Gala 2021
- Activity Circles and Grad Families
- DivaCup interest form
- Funding opportunities are available to graduate students and organizations

### GC Upcoming Events:

#### Gargoyle Gala 2021

We are excited to announce that Gargoyle Gala, our annual fall formal event, will return to the beautiful Mid-America Club on November 12. Tickets are now available for [purchase here](#) – be

sure to take advantage of early bird pricing through October!

### **Community Initiatives: Activity Circles**

Activity Circles are small interschool groups passionate about a particular hobby or activity; we give you \$\$ each quarter to spend on member activities and help connect you to local organizations and resources. If you are interested in either joining or leading one of the circles, fill out [this form](#)!

### **Community Initiatives: Grad Families**

Grad Families are just what they sound like! Grad Families are for you if you want to connect with students from other schools and build a tight connection over the year (but don't have a specific hobby you want to collaborate on.) Each family is a group of 5-7 people, and you have a small pool of funding to spend on family bonding. Whether or not you participated last year if you are interested in leading or being a family member, fill out [this form](#)!

### **Health and Wellness: DivaCups Interest Form**

Last year, the Health & Wellness Committee gave away 360 free DivaCups\*, and we are excited to continue our FREE DivaCup giveaway again this year! If you are interested in receiving a DivaCup, [please fill out this form](#).

### **Get to know our funds:**

UChicago Graduate Council [provides funding](#) to individuals and groups for COVID-compliant student-run programming and academic and professional development programming outside of the University.

Our [Academic & Professional Fund](#) supports professionals and researchers' career development through workshops, invited talks, interview and application preparation support, productivity improvement initiatives, and academic conferences. We love collaborating with students for continued A&P development in our community—come to us with ideas to turn them into initiatives!

Deadlines: November 5th and 19th

Our [Community, Social, & Wellness Fund](#) provides funding for graduate student groups and organizations to host programming and activities that promote community-building or physical and mental wellness. Events include invited speakers, workshops, virtual game nights, and other social initiatives. Deadlines: November 5th and 19th

Our [Research & Personal Development Fund](#) supports graduate students traveling for conferences or scientific events while reimbursing for personal development projects. We constantly develop and modify policies to better support our community, so please feel free to be creative in your application. We look forward to helping your career!

**Note:** *Vaccinated individuals need not get approval for travel regarding the travel part of the RPD fund.* Deadlines: Ongoing (Apply anytime)



In recent years, the field of natural language processing (NLP) in artificial intelligence has made what appears to be incredible progress, with models even surpassing human performance on certain evaluations. How should we interpret these advances? Have these models achieved so-called language “understanding”? [Registration](#) is strongly encouraged:

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### **Coffee @ Polsky**

*Friday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Polsky Center at Chicago Booth (5807 S Woodlawn Ave., Suite 207)*



Want to learn more about the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation? Excited to plug into the UChicago entrepreneurial ecosystem? Have an idea for a startup or want to use your science expertise to advance faculty discoveries? Stop by the Polsky office at the Booth School of Business (5807 S Woodlawn Ave., Suite 207) to meet with a member of our team. Free coffee will be provided.

No registration required.

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### **AACM - Great Black Music Ensemble - 55th Anniversary**

*Saturday, October 30th | 7pm*

*Reva & David Logan Center for the Arts*



The American Composers Forum (ACF) is proud to announce the culminating event of its two-year partnership with the Chicago-based, internationally-renowned Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM) and its Great Black Music Ensemble: a concert celebrating the 55th anniversary of AACM, taking place at AACM's long-time partner, the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts.

Free | [Registration Required](#)

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