

Summer Programs 2021

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Paid Internships/Job Opportunities

[Yellowstone National Park](#)

The YCC experience allows teen enrollees and staff the opportunity to learn, work, and recreate in Yellowstone National Park. No previous wilderness experience is required, but a willingness and ability to work in a physically active outdoor program, get along well with others, and maintain a positive attitude are essential for success. Information and application is available [HERE](#). The deadline for applications is **March 1, 2021**. For 2021, program staff are currently developing the parameters for offering YCC. Check the website frequently.

[Brookfield Zoo](#)

The Chicago Zoological Society employs almost 450 full-time employees and, for the busy summer season, hires 1,000-1,200 seasonal workers. A talented staff and wide variety of skills, backgrounds, and talents are required to operate the zoo every day of the year. Apply [HERE](#).

[AmeriCorps NCCC](#)

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women age 26. AmeriCorps NCCC members serve for a 10 month commitment in teams of 8-10 and are assigned to projects throughout the region. This program is open to graduating Seniors who are at least 18 years old. The application can be found [HERE](#). Deadlines vary by program.

[Park District of Oak Park](#)

The Park District of Oak Park offers a variety of part-time and seasonal positions. Once you submit your online job application, it will be available for review by the supervisors who are hiring for their open positions. Apply [HERE](#).

[Berwyn Park District](#)

Berwyn is looking for lifeguards and camp counselors for summer positions. Apply [HERE](#). Applications may be turned in to either Freedom Park, at 3701 S. Scoville, or Proksa Park, at 3001 S. Wisconsin.

Free Summer Programs

[The University of Chicago Woodson Summer Scholars](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

Top students engaged in African American communities can participate in a University of Chicago Summer Session course free of charge. The program is open to freshmen, sophomores, and Juniors and applications are due by **February 24, 2021**. Late deadline **March 31st**.

Free Summer Programs

[University of Chicago Neubauer Family Adelante Summer Scholars](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

Top students engaged in Hispanic and Latino communities can participate in a University of Chicago Summer Session course free of charge. The program is open to freshmen, sophomores, and Juniors and applications are due by February 24, 2021. Late deadline March 31st.

[Youth Leadership Institute University of Chicago](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

The Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) is offering a FREE four day, overnight college empowerment conference for Latino high school juniors. Student qualifications: students must be a current junior (class of 2022, 3.0/4.0 GPA, and identify as being of Hispanic heritage. For more information and the application, click [HERE](#).

Application deadline is **April 9, 2021**.

[UIC Future Leaders in Business Program](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

The UIC Future Leaders in Business Program is a free summer program in partnership with UIC Business which is designed for rising high school seniors. The goal of this 5-week program is to offer comprehensive programming in leadership development and career exploration while receiving academic instruction in the core business areas of accounting, finance, marketing, and management.

Apply [HERE](#). The priority deadline is **February 28, 2021**.

[UIC STEM Academy Pre-College Summer Program](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

The UIC – CHANCE STEM Academy Program is a five-week academically intensive program designed to prepare students seeking access to careers in STEM. The priority deadline is February 28, 2021.

[Wheaton College B.R.I.D.G.E. Program](#)

IN-PERSON

Building Roads to Intellectual Diversity and Great Education (B.R.I.D.G.E.) is an intensive, four-week residential academic enrichment and leadership program that brings together first-generation college-bound, low-income or African-American or Latino students from the Chicagoland area who are interested in preparing for admission to college. This two-year summer program prepares Christian high school students for college. Apply [HERE](#). The program is open to Sophomores and the deadline for all application materials is **March 1, 2021**.

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[UIC Digital Scholars](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

The Digital Scholars Computer Science 5-Week Virtual Summer Program affords high school sophomores, juniors, seniors access to computer aided design projects and affords students "hands-on" training to "real-world settings." Our intensive curriculum provides an opportunity for students to learn computer-science instruction from UIC Professors and Professionals who will help students solve problems and encourage scientific innovation. The priority deadline is **February 28, 2021**.

[Girls Who Code](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

The Summer Immersion Program is a free introductory computer science program for girls going into their junior or senior year of high school. During the 2-week virtual program. Participants learn about computer science, gain exposure to tech jobs, and join a national sisterhood of girls who are using computer science to become change-makers. Apply [HERE](#).

Deadline is March 13, 2021.

[University of Illinois at Urbana USDA Summer Camp](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

Learn about career possibilities in the plant, animal and veterinary sciences, and learn how the USDA protects the American food supply. This program engages students in a special three -week experience focused on biosecurity. All application forms and program information/requirements can be found [HERE](#). This program is open to current Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors and the deadline for all application materials is **March 25, 2021**.

[UIC Women in Engineering Camps](#)

VIRTUAL ONLY

The Women in Engineering Summer Program (WIESP), sponsored by Knowles Corporation, is a free, 4-week, program that offers high school students an opportunity to learn more about engineering through hands-on projects and field trips. Participants will also have an opportunity to work with professors, meet COE students, make new friends, and earn a stipend upon successful completion of the program! Female students who have an affinity for math and/or science to apply! You must be in 11th or 12th grade by Fall 2021, have a 3.2 or higher GPA, and grades of As and Bs in math and science classes. Apply [HERE](#). **The deadline is March 31, 2021.**

[IACAC Camp College](#)

July TBD

Camp College provides rising seniors the unique opportunity to learn about the college search, application, and selection process. Participants will learn about navigating a college fair, essay writing, identifying college fit/match, financial aid, and much more.

DETAILS YET TO BE RELEASED. Check website.

Fall 2021 Opportunity

UIC Medicina Academy Apprentice Program-Chicago, IL

The Medicina Academy Apprentice Program (MAAP) is an academic enrichment program aimed to initiate an educational pathway into medical school and other professional and graduate programs by investing in the preparation of Latino high school students aspiring to pursue health science careers. Hispanic or Latino apprentices take part in a curriculum is designed to include undergraduate like courses in medicine, higher education, intra/interpersonal development, and career development. Sessions also consist of hands-on experiences ranging from lab sessions to certifications from the American Red Cross. The application is available [HERE](#).

The deadline is April 23, 2021.

**Covid-19 has impacted many summer programs.
Please check program websites frequently for
changes and updates.**

Search for additional Summer Programs: [IACAC](#)

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Tuition/Fee-based university Summer Programs (most have financial aid/scholarship opportunities)

Illinois Programs

[Northwestern University Theatre Arts and Musical Theatre](#) (in-person)

[Northwestern University Civic Leadership](#) (virtual only)

[University of Illinois G.A.M.E.S Girls' Adventures in Mathematics, Engineering, and Science](#) (virtual only)

Out of State Programs

[Indiana University Luddy Pre-College Summer Program 2021](#) (in-person)

[Harvard University Summer Programs](#) (virtual only)

[Cornell University CATALYST Academy](#) – New York (format yet to be decided)

[Marist Pre-College Summer Institutes, New York](#) (virtual only)

[Miami University Summer Scholars, Ohio](#) (in-person)

[Boston College Summer Programs](#) (on-line only)

[Cleveland Institute of Art- Ohio](#) (in-person)

[Duke University Summer Academy](#), North Carolina

Gettysburg College [Summer Opportunities](#), Pennsylvania (planned in-person)

[NYU Summer Programs- New York](#) (in-person and virtual options)

[United States Naval Academy Summer STEM-Maryland](#) (in-person)

[Stanford University- California](#) (virtual only)

[USC Summer Programs](#) (on-line only)

[Summer Discovery](#) Programs at various universities (in-person and virtual options)