THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Visiting Student Program ("3+1+1 Program")

Recruitment Guide

Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

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Korea University Department of Public Administration (KUPA)

About the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy is one of the world's leading schools of public policy, recognized for its rigorous academic training, data-driven approach, and commitment to advancing evidence-based solutions to complex public challenges.

Since its founding, Harris has helped redefine public policy as a field grounded in evidence, analytical rigor, and measurable impact. The school is home to more than 60 full-time faculty members, including four Nobel laureates in economics. Harris students benefit from close academic and career advising, as well as access to a wide range of learning, research, and professional development opportunities across the University of Chicago.

3+1+1 Program Overview

The Korea University Department of Public Administration & UChicago Harris 3+1+1 Program is a newly launched academic partnership designed for undergraduate students who are interested in public policy and related fields. Eligible students may study at UChicago Harris as visiting students during their junior or senior year and take graduate-level courses in the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program alongside other degree-seeking students.

During or after the visiting student period of the 3+1+1 Program, students may apply to the MPP program. If admitted, and upon successful completion of their undergraduate degree at their home institution, students may return to Harris to continue their MPP studies. Through this pathway, students may have the opportunity to earn both their undergraduate degree from their home institution and an MPP degree from the University of Chicago within five years, strengthening their academic preparation and professional development.

Students may choose the program length that best aligns with their academic goals. The corresponding course plans are outlined below.

Option 1: Full Academic Year (Autumn, Winter, and Spring Quarters)

Visiting Student Program Autumn (Late September – Mid-December)	*Visiting Student Program Winter (Early January – Mid-March)*	*Visiting Student Program Spring (Late March – Early June)*
Microeconomics I	Microeconomics II	Elective (Harris or approved course across UChicago)
Statistics I	Statistics II	Elective (Harris or approved course across UChicago)
Political Economy I	Political Economy II	Elective (Harris or approved course across UChicago)

Option 2: Two Quarters (Autumn and Winter Quarters)

Visiting Student Program Autumn (Late September – Mid-December)	*Visiting Student Program Winter (Early January – Mid-March)*
One Core Course Sequence I	One Core Course Sequence II
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Eligibility

The program is intended for current second-year and third-year undergraduate students. Applicants should remain in good academic standing at their home institution.

Program Costs and Scholarships

Students will receive a merit-based scholarship from Harris to help offset tuition costs. Scholarship amounts vary by program length:

1. Students who choose the full academic year option, consisting of three quarters of study, will receive a scholarship of at least $10,000 during the program.
2. Students who choose the two-quarter option will receive a scholarship of at least $6,000 during the program.

Application Requirements

The following documents are required for admission to the 3+1+1 Program. All application materials must be submitted in English.

1. Online application
2. Motivation statement (300 words)
3. Resume (1 to 2 pages)
4. Official or unofficial undergraduate transcript
5. Proof of English language proficiency, in the form of either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

English Language Requirement:

- Minimum TOEFL Score (on/post-January 21, 2026): 5.0 overall
- Minimum TOEFL Score (pre-January 21, 2026): 95 total
- Minimum IELTS Score: 7.0 overall, no less than 7.0 on each section

While we do consider TOEFL/IELTS scores below the minimum requirement, including the total and sub-scores, admitted students with below requirement scores will receive conditional admissions until they achieve the required score(s).

If you choose to retake the exam to meet the minimum requirement, note that we accept the highest total score and sub-score of each valid exam. In the Test Scores section of the application, include the dates of your upcoming retake exam.

At the time of application, students may submit unofficial English language test score reports. However, official English language test scores should be sent to the University of Chicago before enrolling in the program.

- If you are taking the TOEFL, request the scores to be sent to the University of Chicago: 1832
- University of Chicago downloads IELTS scores that have been transmitted to our e-download account. Please contact your test center and request that your scores be sent to the following IELTS e-download account:

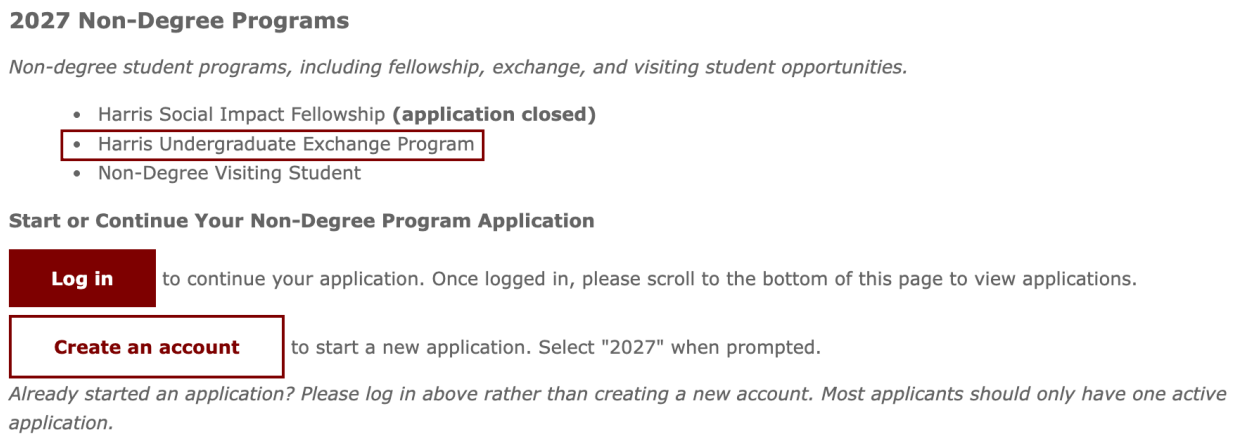
  University of Chicago – Graduate Enrollment
  970 East 58th Street, Third Floor
  Chicago, IL 60637

How to Apply

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Please go to the website: https://apply-harris.uchicago.edu/apply/

Choose **2027 Non-Degree Programs** and **Harris Undergraduate Exchange Program**



Application Deadlines

	Application Deadlines *(All deadlines are at 11:59 p.m. Central Time)*
Early Action	12/1/2026
Round 1	1/26/2027
Round 2	2/23/2027
Round 3	6/15/2027

Spots are limited, so we encourage you to apply early. Early applicants receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can students take courses from other schools or departments at the University of Chicago during the program?

With approval from the relevant instructor or department, as well as permission from the Harris academic advisor, students may have the opportunity to enroll in eligible courses outside Harris.

Can students waive core courses, such as Microeconomics, Statistics, or Political Economy?

In some cases, students may be eligible to enroll in an advanced version of a Core course or to waive a Core course entirely. Advanced versions are available for statistics and microeconomics in the autumn and winter quarters and can be selected during preregistration or registration, subject to space availability. There are no advanced versions of the political economy courses.

Students may also qualify to waive a Core course by passing a placement or waiver exam administered in person before the start of the academic year. Waiver exams are offered for each Core course, and students who pass may replace the waived course with a graduate-level elective. Additional details and timelines are shared with students over the summer.

Please note that receiving a core course waiver does not reduce the total number of credits required for degree completion or the number of PPHA courses students must complete. For example, if a student waives one core course in a given quarter, they must take an additional elective course to maintain a full-time course load of three courses for that quarter.

What type of visa will students use for this program?

Students will participate under a J-1 visa. More information is available here.

How can students view the courses offered by Harris?

At the beginning of each academic year, Harris publishes the full course schedule for that academic year on its website. The course schedule may vary slightly from year to year, and only the current academic year's course offerings are listed.

How can students determine whether Harris courses can be transferred back to meet degree requirements at their home institution?

Students may use the Harris course schedule to preview course offerings and review course descriptions or syllabi. Final decisions regarding credit transfer are made by the student's home institution or academic department based on the courses completed.

How is housing arranged during the program?

On-campus student housing at the University of Chicago is limited. Students are encouraged to consider apartments near campus or in other areas of Chicago. For additional information, students may contact Zoe Wu at zhongyu6@uchicago.edu.

What resources does Harris provide to students during the program?

Every student receives a student ID card and health insurance, and is assigned a dedicated academic advisor who helps with course selection, academics, and life on campus. Students can also meet one-on-one with a career coach to explore their career paths, and they're welcome to join the various student organizations and career development events across the school.

Can students work on campus during the program?

Yes. Students on a J-1 visa can work on campus for up to 20 hours per week while classes are in session.

What are the estimated program costs?

Please refer to the cost table below for estimated costs based on tuition rates and quarterly fees for the 2026–27 academic year. The estimates reflect a $10,000 scholarship for the full academic year option and a $6,000 scholarship for the two-quarter option.

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One Year		
Category	**Your Obligations**	**Amount (Estimated)**
Required Fee	Tuition ($23,190 quarterly/300 units for Autumn, Winter, and Spring in 2026-27)	$ 69,570
Required Fee	University Student Health Insurance Plan Premium (U-SHIP) Coverage	$ 5,517
Required Fee	Graduate Student Services Fee ($520 quarterly for Autumn, Winter, and Spring)	$ 1,560
Required Fee	Lifetime Transcript Fee (One-time fee)	$ 84
	Estimated Tuition and Fees	**$ 76,731**
Harris Scholarship	Harris Financial Aid	$ 10,000
	Estimated Tuition and Fees After Harris Financial Aid	**$ 66,731**
Estimated Life Expenses	Housing and Food	$ 21,750
Estimated Life Expenses	Misc. Personal Expenses	$ 3,750
Estimated Life Expenses	Transportation	$ 3,000
	Estimated Tuition, Living Expenses and Fees	**$ 95,231**

Two Quarters		
Category	**Your Obligations**	**Amount (Estimated)**
Required Fee	Tuition ($23,190 quarterly/300 units for Autumn, Winter, and Spring in 2026-27)	$ 46,380
Required Fee	University Student Health Insurance Plan Premium (U-SHIP) Coverage	$ 3,678
Required Fee	Graduate Student Services Fee ($520 quarterly for Autumn, Winter, and Spring)	$ 1,040
Required Fee	Lifetime Transcript Fee (One-time fee)	$ 84
	Estimated Tuition and Fees	**$ 51,182**
Harris Scholarship	Harris Financial Aid	$ 6,000
	Estimated Tuition and Fees After Harris Financial Aid	**$ 45,182**
Estimated Life Expenses	Housing and Food	$ 14,500
Estimated Life Expenses	Misc. Personal Expenses	$ 2,500
Estimated Life Expenses	Transportation	$ 2,000
	Estimated Tuition, Living Expenses and Fees	**$ 64,182**

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