Graduate Engagement Opportunities (GEO)

A one-quarter academic practicum program for graduate students focused on connecting scholarship with civic life. In addition to the coursework, each student completes a practicum placement at a community organization related to their area of study. The program was launched in 2011 with support from The Graduate School and is offered twice each academic year.

Graduate student participants: 98 | Departments and programs: 30

African American Studies • Anthropology • Art History • Biomedical Engineering • Civil Engineering • Communication Studies • Comparative Literary Studies • Computer Science • Engineering Design & Innovation • English • Health Sciences Integrated Program • History • Human Development and Social Policy • Learning and Organizational Change • Learning Sciences • Mathematics • Mechanical Engineering • Media, Technology, and Society • Music Studies • Philosophy • Performance Studies • Political Science • Psychology • Radio, Television, Film (Screen Cultures) • Rhetoric and Public Culture • Slavic Languages and Literatures • Sociology • Statistics • Theatre and Drama

Placement organizations: 49

A Just Harvest
Adler Planetarium
AFCSME Council 31
American Indian Center
American Writers Museum
Appleseed Fund for Justice
Art Institute of Chicago
Asian Human Services
BBN Technologies
Birthing Project USA
Bloomingdale Trail (now The 606)
Catholic Charities
Center for Civic Reflection
Chicago Cultural Alliance
Chicago Debate Commission
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Chicago Taskforce on Violence Against Girls and Young Women
Chicago Video Data Bank
Chicago Youth Shakespeare
Strengthening Chicago’s Youth
City of Chicago
City of Evanston, Health Department
City of Evanston, Office of Sustainability
Congress for the New Urbanism
Elevate Energy
Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago
Evanston Scholars
Evanston WE Program
Everthrive
Field Museum
Guild Literary Complex
Heartland Alliance
Illinois Humanities
Jane Addams Hull-House Museum
Kidz Express
Kuumba Lynx
Grace House
Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Museums in the Park
Museum of Broadcast Communications
Museum of Contemporary Art
Museum of Contemporary Photography
Museum of Science and Industry
National Museum of Mexican Art
National Veterans Art Museum
Newberry Library
None on Record
North American Students of Cooperation
NU Press
Open Books
Pan-African Association
Rice Children and Family Center
RISE International
Shared-Use Mobility Network
Shorefront Legacy Center
Street Level Youth Media
UCAN
United African Organization
University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research
We Farm America
YouthMuse
Youth and Opportunity United