

ALUMNI RESOURCES AT POLSKY

Access to the Polsky Center does not stop at graduation. The Polsky Center supports UChicago alumni on their entrepreneurial paths both on campus. While each journey is unique, the following programs and opportunities are and specifically open to alumni. Whether you are a new grad or 15 years out, the Polsky Center is a lifelong resource for all University of Chicago alumni.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Alumni can get involved with the Polsky Center in many ways—as mentors, conference speakers, classroom guests, program sponsors, competition judges, angel investors, and financial sponsors. Please visit polsky.uchicago.edu to learn more.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

If you would like to share recent news and get featured in the Polsky Weekly 10 newsletter, please contact Jessy Tapper Derleth, senior writer and content manager, marketing and communications at the Polsky Center, at jessy.tapper@chicagobooth.edu.

CONFERENCES

The Polsky Center hosts several annual conferences which are great resources for alumni, including the PE Conference, SeedCon, Machine Learning VC Summit, and ETA Conference.

ALUMNI NEW VENTURE CHALLENGE

Launched in 1996, the Edward L. Kaplan, '71, New Venture Challenge (NVC) is one of the top accelerators in the U.S. designed to help companies affiliated with the University of Chicago turn ideas into viable businesses. Run by the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, the program includes five tracks to serve the diverse entrepreneurs at the University of Chicago. The Alumni New Venture Challenge (ANVC) track serves University of Chicago alumni who are launching early stage ventures. To learn more, please contact Gorana Kolar, senior associate director, at gorana.kolar@chicagobooth.edu.

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ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURS GROWTH FORUM

It doesn't matter if you are from the class of '85, or '15, all entrepreneurs face the same kinds of challenges. And the Polsky Center believes that great things can happen when founders get together to learn and share their stories with each other – which is exactly what the Alumni Entrepreneurs Growth Forum is designed to enable. Rotating between Chicago, San Francisco, and New York City, this invite-only program includes faculty-led sessions on topics of great interest to growth-stage entrepreneurs, such as scaling the sales organization, HR, leadership, organizational strategies, and company culture. For more information about the next forum for alumni growth-stage entrepreneurs, please contact Gorana Kolar, at gorana.kolar@chicagobooth.edu.

ENTREPRENEURS-IN-RESIDENCE (EIRs) APPOINTMENTS

Polsky Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIRs) are seasoned entrepreneurs and business executives who host a variety of skills- and career-based workshops, and are available to meet with students, alumni, and faculty for individual coaching sessions throughout the academic year. Please visit polsky.uchicago.edu or bit.ly/EIR-2020 to learn more.

HIRING TALENT: STARTUP SUMMER AND ENTREPRENEURIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (EIP)

Startup Summer offers incoming Chicago Booth MBA students who have expressed an interest in entrepreneurship the opportunity to work for a Booth-led startup seven weeks in the summer before they begin their MBA studies. This program is fully subsidized by Chicago Booth. The Entrepreneurial Internship Program (EIP) offers rising second year Chicago Booth MBA students with the opportunity to intern at a startup. EIP provides a stipend to the student, and also requires the company to provide compensation. If you are interested in hosting a student intern, please contact Gorana Kolar, senior associate director, at gorana.kolar@chicagobooth.edu.

UCHICAGO GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK

The UChicago GEN is a global network to engage and support University of Chicago entrepreneurs and investors worldwide by staying connected, sharing relevant resources, and enabling collaborations. If you are interested in joining UChicago GEN, please visit bit.ly/UChicagoGENIntakeForm to fill out the membership application form.

UCHICAGO STARTUP INVESTMENT PROGRAM

A new initiative launched in 2016 where UChicago co-invests alongside established venture funds in startups led by UChicago faculty, students, staff, and alumni. The University has set aside \$25 million from its endowment to invest in startups that are raising an early round of funding, known as Series A. Please visit startupinvestment.uchicago.edu to learn more.