

Part 1: Vision



UIC seeks to embody the ideal of a public university: to cultivate the highest intellectual ambitions of faculty, students and staff and, at the same time, contribute to the making of a more egalitarian society. We will be a resource and destination accessible to all who share our ambitions and have the desire to excel. We seek to be both a leading research university and a great urban institution, taking advantage of the opportunities and needs presented to and by the state of Illinois and the city of Chicago. We believe that for this commitment to be meaningful in the 21st century, it must be both local and global, a commitment not only to Chicago but to all “Great Cities”—the physical, social, cultural, and intellectual communities that characterize our modern world. Whether in the surrounding communities or on the other side of the globe, in our own library or on the worldwide web, in the single-investigator laboratory or at an international research center, we are dedicated to creating, sharing and applying the knowledge the 21st century demands.