ILLINOIS TECH

Discover. Create. Solve.

A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
A Few Reasons

WHY WE ARE THE TOP CHOICE FOR YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION

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BEST NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES RANKING
— U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (2019)

EDUCATIONAL “BEST VALUE” RANKING
— U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (2019)

95%

OF ILLINOIS TECH FACULTY MEMBERS HOLD THE HIGHEST DEGREES IN THEIR DISCIPLINE.

ILLINOIS TECH’S MIES CAMPUS WAS NAMED AS ONE OF THE “200 MOST IMPORTANT WORKS OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE UNITED STATES” BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

THE 2018 PAYSCALE COLLEGE ROI REPORT RANKED ILLINOIS TECH #1 IN ILLINOIS AND #62 AMONG ALL UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S. FOR THE MID-CAREER EARNINGS OF OUR GRADUATES (AFTER FINANCIAL AID).


STUART’S GRADUATE PROGRAM IN FINANCE (OFFERED AS AN ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE) IS RANKED #1 IN ILLINOIS, #5 IN THE UNITED STATES, AND #42 GLOBALLY BY THE FINANCIAL TIMES (2019).

THE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE IS RANKED AS THE #15 MOST ADMIRED ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL IN THE U.S. (UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM) BY DESIGN INTELLIGENCE.


BEST NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES RANKING — U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (2019)

THREE THINGS YOU’LL FIND ONLY AT ILLINOIS TECH—AND NO PLACE ELSE

Chicago’s Tech University
Illinois Tech is the only tech-focused university in the Chicago area. From skyscrapers to startups, Illinois Tech has fueled the city’s rise as a global metropolis.

Opportunity and Value
Illinois Tech is an engine of opportunity, providing the best ROI in the state and among the best in the nation.

Active Learning
At Illinois Tech students learn by creating, inventing, and solving—not just in the classroom.
Our Hometown: Chicago

Chicago is an amazing place to study, conduct research, and explore a diverse range of intellectual and professional pursuits. From medicine to financial markets and from high-tech startups to nonprofits, Chicago provides countless pathways in life. The city’s growing tech field feeds growth in multiple sectors, including science, law, management, energy, and marketing and creative industries.

With the city’s location to dozens of accelerators, incubators, and co-working spaces, there has never been a better time to be in Chicago. The education students receive from Illinois Tech helps them become part of the innovation that is driving Chicago forward and helping the city gain global recognition as an international hub for talent and infrastructure.

Endless Culture and Activities

When you get hungry, your options are endless! Chicago has more than 5,000 restaurants, ranging from Italian to Taiwanese and from Indian to Ethiopian. Chicago is also home to countless music venues. Get your fill of live jazz at venues like Buddy Guy’s Legends, Kingston Mines, and the Green Mill Cocktail Lounge. Or attend one of the many popular music festivals that call Chicago home, such as Lollapalooza and Pitchfork.

If you’re a classical music enthusiast, you’ll enjoy listening to the world-renowned Chicago Symphony Orchestra. If it’s laughs you’re looking for, be sure to check out Chicago’s comedy clubs, including The Second City, iO Theater, and the Laugh Factory.

Home to companies like Aon Corporation, Archer Daniels Midland, Boeing, Exelon, Google, McDonald’s, Morningstar, Orbitz, Salesforce, SAP America, United Airlines, Walgreens, and many more, Chicago is where individuals gather to connect and move business forward.

Maximize Your Career Objectives

Every Illinois Tech student receives a Ventra U-Pass, which gives you unlimited access to CTA public transportation citywide. Take the “L” downtown or to any of the endless number of neighborhoods. Your U-Pass will get you there.

77 Community Areas to Explore

In Chicago you can make your way through the 77 community areas that make up the city. Flying into Chicago, many students marvel at our skyline, complete with architectural stunners such as the Wrigley Building and Tribune Tower.

Along the lakefront, stop by Grant Park’s famous Buckingham Fountain before making your way to Maggie Daley Park. With more than 20 acres of green space, the park offers climbing walls and a quarter-mile-long skating ribbon. Another iconic landmark is Millennium Park’s Cloud Gate, better known as “The Bean.” Millennium Park also features the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, where you can check out the free summer concert series and outdoor movies.
Welcome to Your New Classroom

Illinois Tech’s Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship is our new home for big ideas. Now open, the Kaplan Institute is the HQ of our IPRO Program, Idea Shop, world-renowned Institute of Design, and work spaces where your entrepreneurial endeavors can incubate and flourish. Special programming fosters creativity, ideation, and no-holds-barred thinking—and is designed to help students prepare to launch the next great invention.

Experiential Learning at Illinois Tech

Illinois Tech’s signature programs are rooted in hands-on learning—and this experience is unmatched at other universities. Our students are exposed to active learning in their courses and outside the classroom, and they can participate beginning in their very first year of study.

Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program

Since 1995 our IPRO Program has been a bragging right for Illinois Tech. It remains one of just a few programs like it in the country. IPRO joins students from various majors to work in teams to solve real-world problems, often on behalf of companies and nonprofits that sponsor the projects. IPRO allows you to gain firsthand experience working with engineers, scientists, business people, psychologists, technologists, and architects to attack a challenge and create smart solutions with measurable impacts.

Idea Shop

Every idea needs fuel to be successful. Illinois Tech’s Idea Shop helps to ignite ideas with cutting-edge tools to help students transform their new products and inventions into reality. This state-of-the-art, rapid-prototyping lab houses 3-D printers and scanners, multiple CNC milling machines, a vacuum former, and laser cutter. Full-time staff advise students on everything from equipment use to product marketability. You can use the Idea Shop for a class project, research project, or your own personal endeavor.

Experiences for Students That Let You Soar

Elevate is the umbrella organization that connects Illinois Tech students with experiential learning opportunities, including on- and off-campus research, internships and co-ops, study abroad, and additional opportunities such as short courses to further round out your education.

For more information on the Elevate program visit the Elevate website: admissions.iit.edu/elevate.

Through Elevate, Illinois Tech students from every major can study abroad on six continents (all except Antarctica).
It may come as no surprise that Illinois Tech—home of the country’s first research nuclear reactor and the university that operates the nation’s first functional microgrid—is known for advanced research that is moving the needle toward significant innovation.

Through our academic departments, and our research centers and institutes, we offer our students the opportunity to participate in meaningful, hands-on, and boundary-breaking research. Illinois Tech’s research partnerships with locally based national laboratories such as Argonne and Fermilab, leading medical schools, tech incubators, and government organizations provide our students unparalleled experiences and training at world-class facilities.

Our professors include editors of scientific journals, entrepreneurs, influential design and architecture practitioners, academic society fellows, and thought leaders in numerous fields. As important, our faculty are excellent teachers, uniquely regarded for their accessibility to students and for their commitment as advisors and mentors. You will receive personalized guidance during your course of study.

University Technology Park at Illinois Tech

Chicago’s premier tech park, UTP is located on campus and houses companies in life sciences, engineering, computer science, and energy, many of which employed Illinois Tech students. One of UTP’s first tenants was the cloud storage company Cleversafe, which employs several Illinois Tech graduates and was sold to IBM.

IIT Research Institute

Founded in 1936 as the research arm of the university, this independent, not-for-profit contract research organization specializes in preclinical safety and toxicology, inhalation toxicology, biodefense, and infectious disease studies, and evaluates the efficacy and preclinical safety of cancer therapeutics.
Illinois Tech's eight academic colleges offer more than 190 different degree options.

### Academic Degree Programs

**School of Applied Technology**
- Electrical Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biotechnology

**Lewis College of Human Sciences**
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Communication

**College of Science**
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Computer Science

**College of Architecture**
- Architecture, Bachelor of Industrial
- Master of Architecture

**Chicago-Kent College of Law**
- Juris Doctorate
- Master of Science
- Master of Engineering
- Master of Arts in Science

**Programs Legend**
- M.S. = Master of Science
- M.B.A. = Master of Business Administration
- M.A.S. = Master of Applied Science
- M.Eng. = Master of Engineering
- Ph.D. = Doctor of Philosophy
- J.S.D. = Doctor of Jurisprudence
- CER = Certificate of Early Release

**Accelerated Master's Degrees**

Illinois Tech offers a special program that allows you to complete both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in as few as five years. **Bonus:** You get to keep your undergraduate scholarships in your fifth year—and you pay the lower graduate tuition rate for graduate courses.
Intensive English Program

Illinois Tech offers the Intensive English Program (IEP) to help students and professionals refine their language skills. The program consists of four levels of instruction from high beginning to advanced, and enhances a participant’s skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and grammar.

Students accepted to the IEP will study English, meet new people from different countries and cultures, and get to know Chicago while preparing for their academic and professional careers. Experienced full-time and part-time instructors with graduate degrees assist students in achieving their language goals.

Tech Traditions

With endless options come unlimited opportunities to discover: diversity, inspiration, languages, landscapes, viewpoints, technology, history, future, surprises—and most important, yourself.

Pumpkin Launch

That’s not your imagination—it’s just a pumpkin flying through the air. For 15 years Illinois Tech’s Pumpkin Launch has tested the engineering prowess of student teams who design and build trebuchets, catapults—you name it—to see whose contraption can hurl a pumpkin the farthest.

The Bog

This subterranean on-campus hangout has been a gathering space for students since 1962 (fact: it’s on the former site of an actual bog). Go bowling, play video games, or check out a band—and don’t forget to grab some of The Bog’s legendary waffle fries.

eSports Excellence

Illinois Tech’s competitive computer gaming program boasts some of the country’s top players. With more than 30 competitors and 240 members in our esports club, and a roster of competition and viewing events, Illinois Tech’s esports community runs deep.

Student Life

We know moving to a new country is both exciting and stimulating. Illinois Tech’s International Center is here to help you. The center can help you adjust to life on campus and the surrounding community by introducing you to resources that will make the transition easier. Staff can also assist with matters related to the United States Department of Homeland Security and document preparation for employment, program extensions, reinstatements, and change of status.

Our Full-Service International Center Is Here to Help You

Housing, dining, and events are all part of the college experience. Numerous residence halls offer you a variety of room styles and floor plans from which to choose. With wireless internet access, study and recreational lounge areas, laundry rooms, and print stations, our residence halls help you focus on your academics.

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Checklist and Deadlines

Undergraduate Checklist
- Application
- Transcripts
- SAT or ACT (Middle 50% SAT 1220–1400, Middle 50% ACT 26–31)
- TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE (University minimum—TOEFL: 90+; IELTS 6.5+; PTE: 63+)
- GPA (3.0+ on a 4.0 scale)
- Financial Aid Application
- Copy of Passport
- Course Descriptions (transfer students only)

Graduate Checklist
- Application
- Application Fee
- Transcripts
- Professional Statement
- Résumé (Stuart School of Business applicants only)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Official GRE or GMAT (University minimum is 292*)

Fall 2020 Deadlines
- Classes Begin August 2020
- May 15: Admission deadline for international students living outside the U.S.
- August 1: Admission deadline for international students living in the U.S.

Spring 2021 Deadlines
- Classes Begin January 2021
- November 15: Admission deadline for international students living outside the U.S.
- December 1: Admission deadline for international students living in the U.S.

Tuition 2019–2020
Tuition rates vary based on the program and year the student enrolls at Illinois Tech. The following is an example based on current data. We encourage all students to speak to an admissions counselor to discover what options are available to them.

Tuition: $47,480
Fees: $1,300
Room and Board: $13,582
Health Insurance: $1,449
Total: $64,345

Financing Your Degree

It’s important to consider not just the cost of your education but also the long-term value. Illinois Tech creates opportunities in the most in-demand fields—and the returns for our graduates in both the workplace and their daily lives are well documented.

LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID AT IIT.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID

Undergraduate Scholarships

Merit-Based International Scholarships
This scholarship is open to international students who are automatically considered for merit-based international tuition scholarships, which range from $10,000–$30,000 per year.

Illinois Tech/FIRST Robotics Scholarship
This scholarship is open to students who participated in a FIRST Robotics Competition or a FIRST Tech Challenge in high school.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, VISIT GO.IIT.EDU/UG-INTERNATIONAL

Graduate Scholarships

ACE Scholarship
The ACE award is a partial tuition scholarship for master’s level study at Armour College of Engineering that encourages participation in various educational, research, and/or leadership activities and projects that are expected to enhance your educational experience and contribute to your professional competence in your chosen field of study.

Tech Edge Scholarship
This merit scholarship is available only for students in the Master of Information Technology and Management (ITM) program. The Tech Edge Scholarship awards graduate ITM students up to $10,000 in support toward their total graduate tuition.

Illinois Tech College Scholarship
The Illinois Tech College Scholarship is awarded for four semesters of full-time study at Armour College of Engineering that encourages participation in various educational, research, and/or leadership activities and projects that are expected to enhance your educational experience and contribute to your professional competence in your chosen field of study.

Data Science Excellence Scholarship
A limited number of merit-based/partial-tuition scholarships are available to data science students. This scholarship is awarded to the top students based on consideration of their GRE scores, GPAs, and academic and professional experiences.

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—The Princeton Review, Fiske Guide to Colleges, Kiplinger’s, Money Magazine

For more information, please visit admisions.iit.edu/graduate/apply/gre-requirements
Questions?

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For help with the application process and information specific to your country, please contact your local Education USA advising center.

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