



**You,
Elevated.**

**ILLINOIS
TECH**

A Guide for Applicants
to Illinois Tech 2025-26

Why We Are the Top Choice for Your College Education

8,838

Enrolled Students

111

Countries Represented by
Illinois Tech's Student Body

93%

Of Illinois Tech Faculty
Members Hold the Highest
Degrees in Their Discipline

28%

Of Undergraduate Students
Are Transfer Students

#1
in Illinois
for the Best
Salaries of
Graduates

—Wall Street Journal/
College Pulse 2025

ILLINOIS TECH



~**3,135**
Undergraduates

17:1
Student to
Faculty Ratio

Three Things You'll Find at Illinois Tech— and No Place Else

CHICAGO'S TECH UNIVERSITY

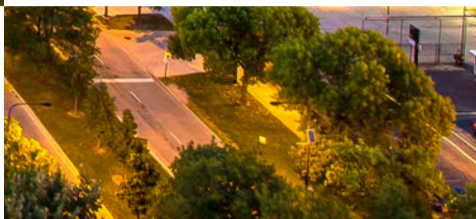
Illinois Tech is Chicago's leading tech-focused university. From skyscrapers to startups, Illinois Tech has fueled the city's rise as a global metropolis.

OPPORTUNITY AND VALUE

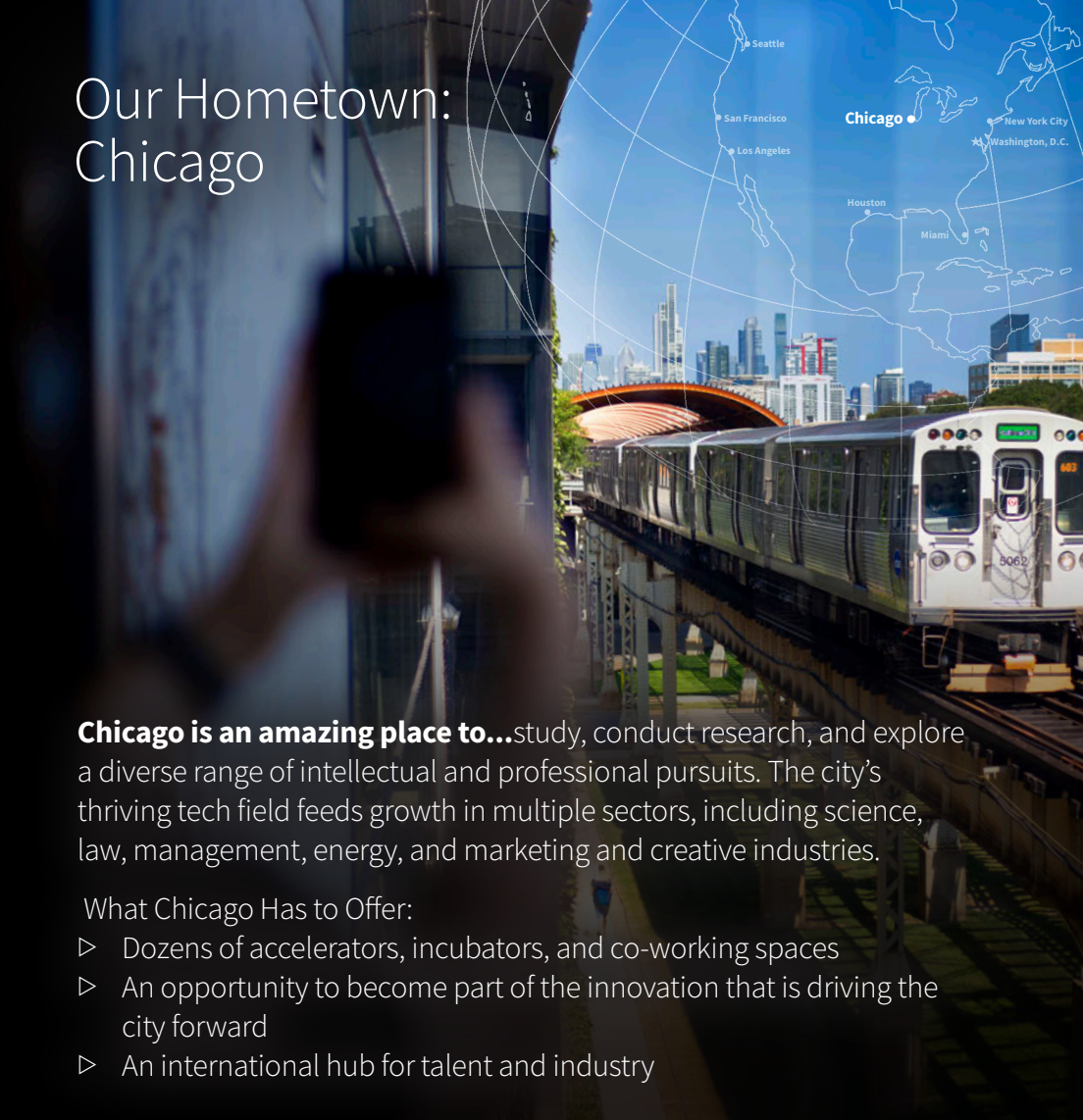
Illinois Tech is an engine of opportunity, providing valuable education and excellent career outcomes for its students.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Our one-of-a-kind Elevate program guarantees that students have access to hands-on experiences—and graduate uniquely career-ready. Learn more about this exciting program on page 4.



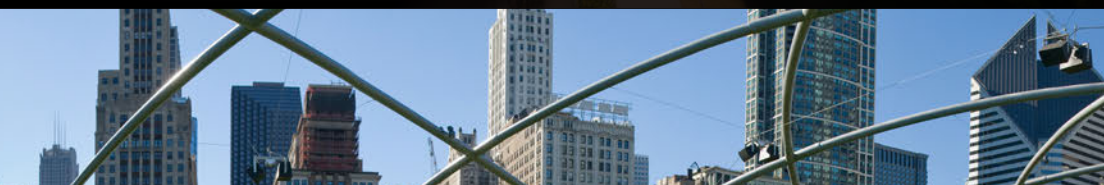
Our Hometown: Chicago



Chicago is an amazing place to...study, conduct research, and explore a diverse range of intellectual and professional pursuits. The city's thriving tech field feeds growth in multiple sectors, including science, law, management, energy, and marketing and creative industries.

What Chicago Has to Offer:

- Dozens of accelerators, incubators, and co-working spaces
- An opportunity to become part of the innovation that is driving the city forward
- An international hub for talent and industry



MAXIMIZE YOUR CAREER OBJECTIVES Home to companies such as Aon Corporation, Archer Daniels Midland, Exelon, Google, McDonald's, Morningstar, Orbitz, Salesforce, SAP America, United Airlines, Walgreens, and many more, Chicago is where innovators gather to connect and move business forward.

Culture and Community

Illinois Tech's Mies Campus sits in the heart of the historical and vibrant neighborhood of Bronzeville. Bronzeville, also known as the "Black Metropolis" and the "Black Belt," is the center of African-American history on Chicago's South Side, just 10 minutes south of downtown.

Today, Bronzeville continues to undergo revitalization driven by entrepreneurial African Americans who value its rich history and are dedicated to keeping that history and its lessons alive for generations to come. Restaurants, shops, and other local businesses have begun to flourish.

77 Community Areas to Explore

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

With tons of different ways to explore the city, students can take an architectural boat tour, rent a Divvy bike, or even cruise along Chicago's 18.5-mile-long Lakefront Trail—complete with 24 beaches along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Or take a trip to Chicago's "Loop" and visit Millennium Park's Cloud Gate, better known as "The Bean," or the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, where you can check out the free summer concert series and outdoor movies.



Every Illinois Tech student has access to receive a **Ventra U-Pass**, which gives you unlimited access to Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) public transportation citywide. Take the "L" elevated train downtown or to any of the endless number of neighborhoods. Your U-Pass will get you there.

Rail Transit

CTA Train Lines:

- Red Line
- Green Line
- Orange Line
- Blue Line

Rail Stop

- Locations:
- Denotes a CTA or METRA Stop

Metra:

- Rock Island Line

Elevate Your Education



Experience
Matters

91 percent of employers prefer previous work experience, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers

Illinois Tech's one-of-a-kind Elevate initiative

guarantees that you have access to outside-the-classroom experiences such as internships, research, study away, and competitions. Elevate is designed to uniquely prepare you for career and Optional Practical Training (OPT) opportunities upon graduation.

Through Elevate, you'll develop highly relevant skills—such as emotional intelligence, tech development, creativity, computational thinking, and active learning—that global companies seek in their employees.



Career Success Illinois Tech students graduate with the real-world skills that they need to hit the ground running on day one of their careers. That's why companies ranging from startups to Fortune 500 corporations hire our graduates.

Here's a look at the companies that hire the most Illinois Tech graduates:

1. Northrop Grumman Corporation
2. Sargent & Lundy
3. Amazon
4. Grainger
5. Intel Corporation
6. Milwaukee Tool
7. Northwestern University
8. Accenture
9. Northwestern Medicine
10. ComEd



And Elevate allows you to create your own journey at Illinois Tech. You'll have the freedom to explore a variety of topics that interest you and find the right path that empowers you to Elevate your future.

For more information, visit the Elevate website:
» go.iit.edu/elevate

Learn more about who's hiring our undergraduate students, employment locations, and starting salaries based on our various academic programs at go.iit.edu/ug-outcomes.



Illinois Tech's signature programs are rooted in hands-on learning—and this experience is unmatched at other universities. Here you'll take part in active learning in your courses and outside of the classroom—and you can participate beginning in your first year of study.

Our Programs and Facilities:

Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program—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.

Idea Shop—The 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 3D printers, scanners, and more.

Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship—The Kaplan Institute is the HQ of our IPRO Program, Idea Shop, world-renowned Institute of Design, and workspaces where your entrepreneurial endeavors can incubate and flourish.

Plus many more!



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and Tech
Entrepreneurship


Learning in Action

Experience Opportunity

Genna Gaitan
(CE 4th Year)

“The relationships I have made with, but not limited to, faculty, classmates, and my own education would not have been possible without the opportunities exclusive to Illinois Tech.”

Growing Passion for Environmental Work. Genna Gaitan (CE 4th Year) began her studies at Illinois Tech in social economic development policy, but soon realized that she wanted to focus more on environmental work. Pivoting to civil engineering, Genna found her ideal path, took on student leadership roles, attended conferences, connected with professionals, and gained internship experience. Now, she’s combining her passion for the environment with the industry-aligned skills she developed at Illinois Tech during her internship with Kimley-Horn.

A man with dark hair, glasses, and a goatee is standing in a modern building. He is wearing a tan button-down shirt and plaid trousers. He is leaning against a concrete pillar. In the background, there are green glass panels and a staircase.

Cultivating Leadership Skills Through Experience.

Thanks to seminars, trainings, and events that Abrar Rafi (ME, M.S. '25) attended as part of Illinois Tech's prestigious M. A. and Lila Self Leadership Academy, he was able to evolve his leadership and communication skills to excel as an engineering student. In addition to taking part in undergraduate research opportunities through the Armour R&D program, Abrar has gained extensive engineering knowledge and practical skills that will help him "create innovative solutions that address real-world challenges."

Abrar Rafi
(ME, M.S. '25)

"The rigorous curriculum and ample undergraduate research opportunities, such as working directly with professors and participating in competitions, provide invaluable hands-on experience."

Student and Faculty Research



It may come as no surprise that Illinois Tech—home of the country’s first industrial 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.



Illinois Tech occupies the entire seventh floor of Fulton Labs, driving industry-relevant research as the first academic institution to join this thriving and collaborative innovation ecosystem in Chicago's Fulton Market neighborhood. This location marks the university's first off-campus commercial research hub where researchers focus on biomedical and biological engineering, including sensors, separation science, and electrochemical energy materials, along with more biology-focused research such as therapeutics development.

Fulton
Labs

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 with unparalleled experiences and training at world-class facilities.

Students at Illinois Tech can take advantage of our small, private university and find unparalleled access to challenging, thought-provoking research opportunities. Our focus on technology means that you will be supplementing your education with research experiences in fields where significant innovation is taking place—and in areas with profound societal implications.

You can take part in research through Illinois Tech's Elevate program, or you can take part in a project offered either through the university's colleges and schools or an external organization. Best of all, you can participate in research at Illinois Tech as early as your first year of study.

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.

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Armour College of Engineering

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:

- ▶ Aerospace Engineering*
- ▶ Architectural Engineering*
- ▶ Biomedical Engineering (Cell and Tissue Engineering, Medical Imaging, or Neural Engineering)*
- ▶ Chemical Engineering*
- ▶ Civil Engineering*
- ▶ Computer and Cybersecurity Engineering*
- ▶ Computer Engineering*
- ▶ Electrical Engineering*
- ▶ Engineering Management*
- ▶ Industrial Technology and Management (B.A.C.)**
- ▶ Mechanical Engineering*

College of Architecture

- ▶ Bachelor of Architecture (B.ARCH.)*

College of Computing

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:

- ▶ Applied Cybersecurity and Information Technology*
- ▶ Applied Mathematics*
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence*
- ▶ Computer Information Systems*
- ▶ Computer Science*
- ▶ Data Science*
- ▶ Information Technology and Management (B.A.C.)*
- ▶ Information Technology and Management (B.A.C.)/Communication: Journalism of Technology and Business (B.S.) (*dual degree*)*
- ▶ Statistics*

Lewis College of Science and Letters

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:

- ▶ Applied Physics*
- ▶ Astrophysics*
- ▶ Behavioral Health and Wellness
- ▶ Biochemistry*
- ▶ Biochemistry/Medicinal Chemistry (*dual degree*)*
- ▶ Bioinformatics*
- ▶ Biology*
- ▶ Chemistry*
- ▶ Engineering Physics*
- ▶ Game Design and Experiential Media
- ▶ Game Production Management*
- ▶ Humanities
- ▶ Information Communication and Data Visualization
- ▶ Molecular Biochemistry and Biophysics*
- ▶ Physics*
- ▶ Psychological Science*
- ▶ Social and Economic Development Policy*

Stuart School of Business

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:

- ▶ Business Administration
- ▶ Business Administration/Computer Information Systems (*dual degree*)*
- ▶ Business Administration (B.S.)/Information Technology and Management (B.A.C.) (*dual degree*)*
- ▶ Finance*
- ▶ Financial Economics*
- ▶ Marketing Analytics*

Academic Minors

You can broaden your skills and pursue your other academic interests with a minor in one of a number of areas of study. Just a few examples of academic minors include:

- ▶ Entrepreneurship
- ▶ Human Resources
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Policy and Ethics
- ▶ Public Administration
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Rehabilitation Services
- ▶ Telecommunications

And many more!

Accelerated Master's Degree Program

This special program allows you to complete both your bachelor's and master's degrees in as few as five years.

Examples include:

- ▶ Bachelor of Architecture (B.ARCH.)/Master of Science in Architecture (M.S.ARCH.)*
- ▶ Bachelor of Information Technology and Management/Master of Cyber Forensics and Security*
- ▶ B.S. in Applied Mathematics/Master of Data Science*
- ▶ B.S. in Business Administration/M.S. in Finance*
- ▶ B.S. in Civil Engineering/Master of Engineering in Environmental Engineering*
- ▶ B.S. in Social and Economic Development Policy/Master of Public Administration*

***STEM-designated programs, which are a gateway to OPT opportunities**

****This program is open only to transfer students who have completed at least 45 credits (in some cases 60 credits) of qualifying courses. Consult with an adviser if interested.**



Discover+

Illinois Tech's Discover+ program allows incoming students who are undecided in their majors the opportunity to explore their interests by taking courses of various areas of study, while fulfilling general education requirements. Combined with expert, personalized guidance from our team of academic advisers, the program allows you to discover your right academic and career path.

Tech+

This program allows you to combine two industry-aligned majors into one, creating a single undergraduate degree that can be completed in four years. You will engage in tech-focused coursework that harnesses a human-centered approach to give you the valuable skills necessary for your choice of profession. Tech+ programs available fall 2026:

- B.S. Business and Engineering
- B.S. Business and Psychology
- B.S. Business and Information Technology and Management

The Ascend Scholars Program


The Ascend Scholars program is designed to give you the opportunity to kickstart your studies at both Illinois Tech and a designated Ascend partner during your first two years at college. You'll then seamlessly transition to studying at Illinois Tech full-time to complete your bachelor's degree program.

Your Life on Campus

College is more than just courses. It's exploring new interests, joining a club, and finding your passion. It's advocating for your beliefs, raising awareness for a cause, and growing into a leader. It's fun, it's challenging, and it's all about creating memories and learning lessons that you'll carry with you beyond graduation.

Whether you're into railroads, cricket, CrossFit, or dance, we have something for you.

Let us help you find your place in the Illinois Tech community.
» go.iit.edu/campus-life



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.

International Flavors

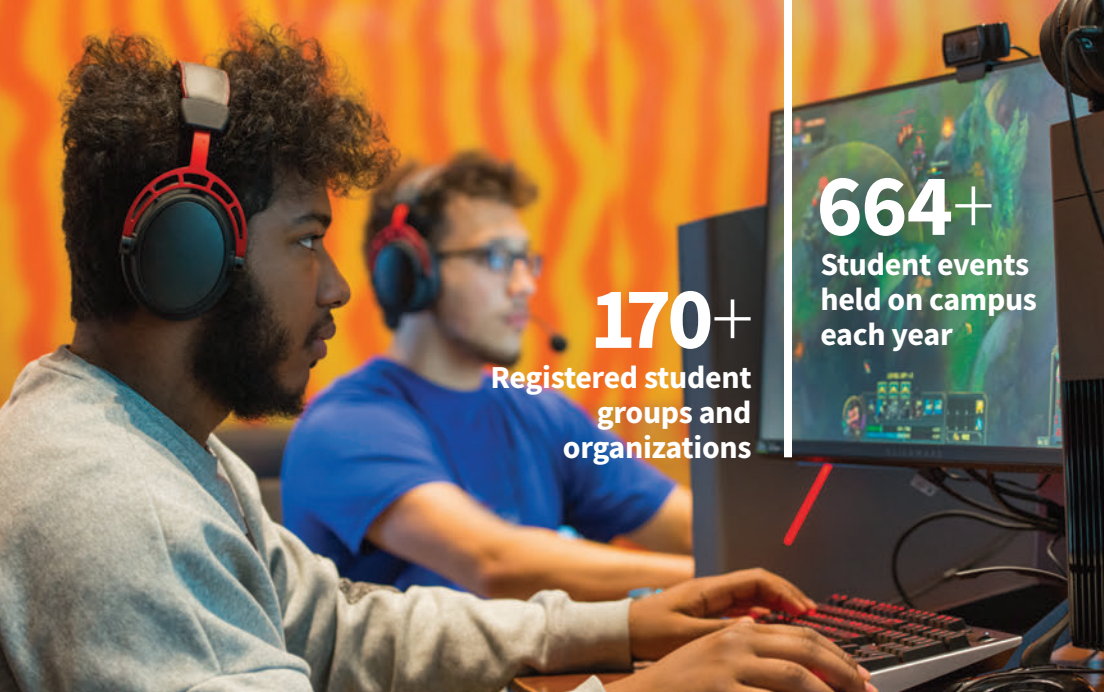
Illinois Tech's dining options offer a lot more than traditional cafeteria service. Our expansive selection ranges from pizza to vegan, from tacos to gluten-free, from doughnuts to halal, and everything else in between. Whatever your preferences, one thing is for certain: you'll never go hungry.

Student Organizations and Greek Life

Illinois Tech offers more than 170 student organizations—ranging from university chapters of professional organizations and the Student Government Association to the student-run radio station and Women in Cybersecurity.

Don't see something you like? Start your own organization!
» go.iit.edu/student-orgs

the
BOG
at iit



664+

Student events
held on campus
each year

170+

Registered student
groups and
organizations

ESPORTS EXCELLENCE Illinois Tech's competitive computer gaming program boasts some of the country's top players. With more than 70 competitors and more than 1,200 members in our esports club and a roster of competition and viewing events, Illinois Tech's esports community runs deep.

ILLINOIS TECH STUDENT GROUPS promote cultural awareness and diverse interests. Just a few of these include: Computer Animation Club, Film Club, Martial Arts Club, International Students Organization, Photography Club, Hillel, Indian Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Rock Climbing Club, and more.




Home Away from Home

Illinois Tech's Mies Campus has it all.

It's one of the most beautiful college campuses in the United States according to *Forbes* magazine, and the American Institute of Architects has honored our campus as one of the 200 most important works of architecture in the country. We're

home to: cutting-edge buildings, amazing Lake Michigan beaches, and lush green spaces, all in proximity to diverse neighborhoods across Chicago.

Just as importantly, Illinois Tech is a safe and welcoming campus for all. From our friendly Public Safety officers who you'll see across campus to our diverse and driven community of students, faculty, and staff, Mies Campus is ready to become your home away from home.



The
McCormick
Tribune
Campus
Center

A signature feature of Rem Koolhaas's award-winning building is its Exelon Tube, which Chicago "L" trains run through en route to downtown and the South Side.

Illinois Tech has several on-campus residence halls and apartment buildings across Mies Campus, including McCormick Student Village, Jeanne and John Rowe Village, Gunsaulus Hall, Carman Hall, Cunningham Hall, and George J. Kacek Hall. Our residence halls are staffed 24-hours per day where students must tap their Hawk ID card to enter, with resident advisers occupying each floor to offer social and academic programming, as well as student support. Each on-campus residence hall is equipped with student living spaces (of various sizes depending on

the building), community kitchen spaces, study and recreational lounge areas, laundry facilities, print stations, and high-speed internet access.

Our residence halls offer a focused and dynamic living and learning environment. Living on campus has additional benefits such as close proximity to your classes, The McCormick Tribune Campus Center, Keating Sports Center, and access to a wide variety of events and programs that are hosted at various buildings across campus.



**Chicago is
ranked as the
#1
Best Big City
in the
United States**

—*Condé Nast Traveler,
Readers' Choice Awards*

**Mies Campus
is less than
1 mile
from Lake
Michigan**

Home Away from Home

Take a look inside our
residence halls:

» go.iit.edu/vtour





JEANNE AND JOHN ROWE VILLAGE This Helmut Jahn-designed student residence hall, open to third- and fourth-year students, has a rooftop deck with amazing views of the Chicago skyline.

CARMAN HALL This Mies-designed residence hall is also newly renovated. Furnished apartments are available for students in their third year and above, in addition to student family housing. One-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments are also available for graduate students.

GEORGE J. KACEK HALL AND CUNNINGHAM HALL Completely renovated and open for first-year student occupancy, Kacek and Cunningham, originally designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, have expansive lounges and postcard views of the city and campus.



Application Checklist, Deadlines, and Scholarships

Checklist

- ☐ Application

» apply.commonapp.org

- ☐ Transcripts
Please have your school submit official transcripts through its electronic transcript service to admission@illinoistech.edu. Transfer students should provide transcripts from all colleges attended, regardless of grades or length of enrollment.
- ☐ SAT or ACT scores (optional)
Illinois Tech’s SAT code is 1318; the ACT code is 1040.

All international student applicants must also complete:

- ☐ English Proficiency Exams: Provide an official copy of your English proficiency score report.

For international transfer student applicants only:

- ☐ Course descriptions for any courses completed outside of the United States.
- ☐ Official Transfer Credit Evaluation from Educational Credential Evaluators or Educational Perspectives (transfer students from non-U.S. institutions).

Tuition

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 which options are available to them.

2025–2026 Estimated Costs*

Tuition	\$51,648
Fees	\$ 1,750
Housing and Food**	\$18,130
Other***	\$ 6,096
Total	\$77,624

*All tuition and fees are subject to revision by Illinois Tech’s Board of Trustees
**Applicable to students living on campus
***Other includes books/supplies, transportation, and other related expenses

Application Deadlines

Domestic and International Students

	Application Deadline	Decision Notification	Deposit Deadline
Fall Entry			
Early Decision (Binding)	November 1	December 1	March 15
Early Action (Non-Binding)	November 15	January 3	May 1
Regular Decision	February 1	March 15	May 1
Spring Entry			
Regular Decision	October 15	November 5	December 1

All students will be considered for our Heald and International Tuition Scholarships.

Transfer Students

	Application Deadline	Decision Notification	Deposit Deadline
Fall Entry (U.S.)	June 15 (Priority Deadline) March 15 (Priority Deadline)* July 15 (Regular Decision Deadline)	Within 2 weeks beginning in late January	July 15 (Except for apps submitted in June/July—deposit due within 2 weeks)
Fall Entry (International living abroad)	June 1	Within 2 weeks beginning in late January	July 15 (Except for apps submitted in June/July—deposit due within 2 weeks)
Spring Entry (U.S. and international)	October 15	Within 2 weeks beginning in October	December 1

*The March 15 priority deadline is specific to applicants applying for the Transfer Leadership Scholarship and Illinois Tech Purpose Scholarship.

All students will be considered for the transfer institutional scholarship. Applications are not considered complete until official transcripts from all previously attended institutions have been submitted.

Student Scholarships

Illinois Tech automatically considers first-year domestic, transfer, and international undergraduate students for our many institutional scholarships upon admission. These scholarships include our Heald Scholarship, Camras Scholarship, Duchossois Leadership Scholars Program, M. A. and Lila Self Leadership Academy Scholarship, Illinois Tech Purpose Scholarship, and Chicago Difference Scholarship, to name a few.

These can cover a generous portion, or sometimes up to the full cost of tuition, dramatically reducing the cost of your degree so you can focus on learning at one of the most dynamic and innovation-driven universities in the country.

For more information about our various institutional and external scholarship opportunities for undergraduate students, including deadlines and eligibility requirements, please visit go.iit.edu/ug-scholarships.



Undergraduate Admission

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The McCormick Tribune Campus Center
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Chicago, IL 60616

admission@illinoistech.edu
Toll Free: 800.448.2329
Phone: 312.567.3025
Text/SMS: 312.300.2645
» go.iit.edu/ug-vb26-admission



Apply.
» go.iit.edu/ug-vb26-apply

SCHEDULE A CAMPUS VISIT The best way to learn about life as a Scarlet Hawk is to talk with one of our students!

Information sessions and student-led tours are offered daily.



Visit us.
» go.iit.edu/ug-vb26-visit-us

TAKE AN ONLINE TOUR Can't make it to campus—or just can't wait until you get here in person?

Visit us now...online!

Go to go.iit.edu/vtour to view a cool online virtual tour of our buildings, labs, open spaces, and more!

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