



A joint program of Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI) and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), the Global Youth Ambassadors Leadership Summit is an educational forum in Chicago to help grow a new generation of global leaders. Participants from Chicago and its 28 international sister cities are empowered through workshops, discussions and presentations on advocacy, activism and leadership.

The Summit encourages young women to become active leaders in their communities and develop solutions to the challenges girls face around the world. The Summit consists of a one-week summer intensive program for teenage girls, ages 14–16. It is an opportunity for the girls to meet their peers from around the world; share issues that are of concern to them; participate in workshops; and meet with distinguished women in leadership positions. The participants are made aware of the experiences of peers who come from different backgrounds and are positioned to serve as advocates for each other in the future.

As emerging leaders in their own communities, the summit equips the girls to become agents of positive change in the world.



# CHICAGO SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL



Created by President Eisenhower in 1956, the sister cities movement brings people of different cultures together to celebrate and appreciate their differences and build partnerships that would lessen the chance of new conflicts. Since 1960, Chicago has forged sister city relationships with a total of 28 international cities in 27 countries on 5 continents, making Chicago Sister Cities International the largest and most active organization of its kind in the United States. These meaningful relationships continue to grow and evolve, building on already strong existing ties.

CSCI, a division of World Business Chicago, provides leadership to develop, manage and coordinate comprehensive programs in the areas of cultural arts and tourism, global education, government relations and international business. CSCI expands Chicago's global reach for the benefit of the City of Chicago, its residents and businesses.

CSCI bridges cultural divides and fosters a spirit of mutual respect and understanding between international communities. It empowers citizen diplomats to develop borderless bonds with others around the world, working together to become both collective and individual forces of positive global change.

CSCI is the 2017 award recipient of Sister Cities International Award's for Best Overall Sister Cities Program and Innovation Award for Youth and Education for the Global Youth Ambassadors Leadership Summit.

Chicago's 28 sister cities include: Accra, Ghana (1989); Amman, Jordan (2004); Athens, Greece (1997); Belgrade, Serbia (2005); Birmingham, United Kingdom (1993); Bogota, Colombia (2009); Busan, Republic of Korea (2007); Casablanca, Morocco (1982); Delhi, India (2001); Durban, South Africa (1997); Galway, Ireland (1997); Gothenburg, Sweden (1987); Hamburg, Germany (1994); Kyiv, Ukraine (1991); Lahore, Pakistan (2007); Lucerne, Switzerland (1998); Mexico City, Mexico (1991); Milan, Italy (1973); Moscow, Russia (1997); Osaka, Japan (1973); Paris, France (1996); Petach Tikva, Israel (1994); Prague, Czech Republic (1990); Shanghai, China (1985); Shenyang, China (1985); Toronto, Canada (1991); Vilnius, Lithuania (1993); and Warsaw, Poland (1960).

Visit [chicagosistercities.com](http://chicagosistercities.com) for more information.

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO



Located in the heart of one of the world's great cities, the University of Illinois at Chicago is one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse universities in the country and a vital part of the educational, technological and cultural fabric of the region. As Chicago's only public research university with 29,000 students, 15 colleges, a hospital and a health sciences system, UIC provides the broadest access to the highest levels of intellectual excellence and opportunity.

UIC's Mission is:

- To create knowledge that transforms our views of the world and, through sharing and application, transforms the world.
- To provide a wide range of students with the educational opportunity only a leading research university can offer.
- To address the challenges and opportunities facing not only Chicago but all Great Cities of the 21st century, as expressed by our Great Cities Commitment.
- To foster scholarship and practices that reflect and respond to the increasing diversity of the U.S. in a rapidly globalizing world.
- To train professionals in a wide range of public service disciplines, serving Illinois as the principal educator of health science professionals and as a major health care provider to underserved communities.

Visit [UIC.edu](http://UIC.edu) for more information.

## The Gender and Women's Studies Program at UIC

The Gender and Women's Studies Program (GWS) at UIC is an interdisciplinary unit dedicated to investigating the relationships between gender (including transgender), sexuality, feminism and social justice. GWS insists that gender and sexuality must be understood through their intersections with race, class, age, nation, citizenship and ability. We conceptualize how these interconnected categories inform and structure social life, culture, politics, social movements and knowledge production. GWS sees a sustained engagement with local, national and transnational communities as central to our research and teaching/work at UIC.

## The Jane Addams Hull-House Museum

The Jane Addams Hull-House Museum (JAHHM) serves as a dynamic memorial to social reformer Jane Addams, the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, and her colleagues whose work changed the lives of their immigrant neighbors as well as national and international public policy. The museum preserves and develops the original Hull-House site for the interpretation and continuation of the historic settlement house vision, linking research, education and social engagement.

Visit [hullhousemuseum.org](http://hullhousemuseum.org) for more information.

# **DAY ONE: WELCOME TO CHICAGO!**

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Attire: Casual



# DAY ONE: WELCOME TO CHICAGO!

## THROUGHOUT THE DAY

**Airport Arrivals for International Participants**

**Dorm Orientation**

**Welcome Packet Distribution**

**Ice Breakers**

## 2:00–4:00 PM

**Check-in to Dorms for Chicago Participants**

- James J. Stukel Towers, 718 W. James M. Rochford Street
- There is a loading/unloading zone in front of the dorm
- Parking available in lot across from the dorm at 729 W. James M. Rochford Street

## 6:30 PM

**Barbecue Dinner**

Tower Room, James J. Stukel Towers, 718 W. James M. Rochford Street

## 10:30 PM

**Lights Out**



# DAY TWO: OURSELVES + EACH OTHER

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Attire: Casual

Today we will get to know one another, introduce the themes of the summit and set goals for the week.

**GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

Who are you? Who are we? What are our intentions for our week?

How do we create a safe and nurturing environment for ourselves and each other?

What are our values as a collective?



# DAY TWO: OURSELVES + EACH OTHER

8:45 AM

**Meet at Second Floor Front Desk**

9:00 AM

**Breakfast and Welcomes**

Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted Street, Room 302

- Leroy Allala, Executive Director, Chicago Sister Cities International
- Marty Gutierrez, Senior Director of Public and Government Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago

9:15 AM

**Orientation and Week Overview**

- Veronica Arreola, Director, Latin@s Gaining Access to Networks for Advancement in Science, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Natalie Bennett, Director, Women's Leadership & Resource Center, Campus Advocacy Network, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Introduction to Advocacy, Activism and Leadership**

**What is Intersectionality?**

**Assignment of Group Projects**

**Summit Safety Information and Guidelines**

- Katie Risch, Summit Lead Coordinator

10:30 AM

**Ice Breakers and Getting to Know You Games with Urban Initiatives**

- Chanelle McFarland, School-Based Program Coordinator, Urban Initiatives

11:45 AM

**Lunch**

12:30 PM

**Participant Presentations:**

- What does it mean to be a girl in your city?
- You will be presenting in alphabetical order by first name.
- You have 1 minute to present, 20 seconds per slide.

2:30 PM

**Chaperone Orientation**



# DAY TWO: OURSELVES + EACH OTHER

**2:30 PM**

## **Our Stories on Stage Leadership Development Workshop with Global Girls, Inc.**

The *Our Stories On Stage* leadership development workshop is a safe space where girls discuss their issues and create a performance targeting those issues. Participants learn to communicate in open and authentic ways as they creatively use their voices and advocate for social change.

- Marvinetta Woodley-Penn, Executive Director, Global Girls, Inc.

**5:30 PM**

## **Break**

**6:00 PM**

## **Pizza and Bowling**

The Alley Games and Bowling Center, Student Center East,  
750 S. Halsted Street

**10:30 PM**

## **Lights Out**





# DAY THREE: ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH + STEM

Monday, July 24, 2017

Attire: Casual

On day three we will discuss three important fields, the environment, health and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We will learn what advocates are doing to create awareness and change on environmental issues and health issues. We will also hear from women who are leaders, innovators and disruptors in the STEM disciplines.

## **GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

What is an advocate? What does it mean to advocate for an issue? What issues are you passionate about? How can you become an advocate for change?



# DAY THREE: ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND STEM

**8:00 AM**

**Meet at Second Floor Front Desk**

**8:30 AM**

**Visit to Google's Chicago Office**

320 N. Morgan Street

- Breakfast and welcome by Jennifer Wesley, Industry Leader, Travel Google

**9:00 AM**

**Advocacy in Environment Panel**

The protection of our environment has been cited as a key global issue. Pollution and natural resources know no borders. Meet three leaders who advocate on behalf of environmental justice issues at the local and international levels.

- Rachel Havrelock, Founder of the Freshwater Lab and Lead Investigator on the Great Lakes, Global Midwest Grant; Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Josina Morita, Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- Karen Weigert, Senior Fellow for Global Cities, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

**10:10 AM**

**Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health Presentation**

- Alyssa Vera Ramos and Jailine Santiago, Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health

**12:10 PM**

**Lunch**

**1:00 PM**

**Conversations with Women in STEM**

Three leaders in the STEM field share their stories and discuss the importance of fostering an environment where girls and women have the opportunity to excel in the STEM disciplines.

- Jessica Droste Yagan, Partner and CEO, Impact Engine
- Dima Elissa, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, VisMed•3D
- Melissa Albrecht, Global Operations Manager & Program Owner, Digital Manufacturing Technologies, UL

**3:00 PM**

**Tour of Google**



# DAY THREE: ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND STEM

**4:00 PM**

## **Protest Banner Lending Library Workshop**

Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street

At this workshop, we will learn how we can put our voices into action by using our words to create protest banners on the issues and causes that matter most to us.

- Verónica Casado Hernández, Visual Artist and Cultural Historian

**6:00 PM**

## **Picnic and Concert at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park**

- Frank Wain and Amadou & Mariam

**10:30 PM**

## **Lights Out**



# DAY FOUR: LEADERSHIP + YOU

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Attire: Summit T-Shirts

On day three we will examine the definition of Leadership.

**GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

What does it mean to be a leader? What makes a good leader? What is power? How do we build power? How do leaders build consensus?



# DAY FOUR: LEADERSHIP + YOU

**8:30 AM**

**Meet at Second Floor Front Desk**

**9:00 AM**

**Breakfast and {she crew} Workshop**

- Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, 800 S. Halsted Street

This workshop will introduce us to local Chicago adolescent females as we focus on learning how to empower ourselves through team-building activities.

**10:15 AM**

**Tour of Jane Addams Hull-House Museum**

**12:00 PM**

**Women in Public Service:**

**Meeting with Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board**

- Ice Miller, 200 W. Madison Street, #3500
- Welcome by Mark A. Huddle, Senior Counsel in the Municipal Finance Group, Ice Miller

**2:00 PM**

**Meeting with Vuyiswa Tulelo, Consul General of South Africa**

**3:00 PM**

**Project Time**

**4:30 PM**

**Break**

**6:00 PM**

**Welcome Reception for Global Youth Ambassadors  
Leadership Summit**

- Baker McKenzie, Blue Cross Blue Shield Tower, 300 E. Randolph Street, Suite 5000

Meet members of Chicago Sister Cities International and the Chicago Consular Corps.

**10:30 PM**

**Lights Out**



# DAY FIVE: ARTS, ACTIVISM + THE STATE OF MEDIA

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Attire: Casual

Both the arts and media are representations of the world that surrounds us, exploring it through different mediums. Today, we will meet with women working in the arts and media and hear how they tell the stories that they see as important to the world.

## **GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

What is your story? How do you tell it? What is an activist? What tools do you have available to express your views? What are methods you can use for your activism? What changes do you want to see with your activism?



# DAY FIVE: ARTS, ACTIVISM + THE STATE OF MEDIA

**8:00 AM**

**Meet at Second Floor Front Desk**

**Breakfast**

**9:30 AM**

**Walking Tour of Murals in Pilsen**

- Mario Hernandez, Visitor Services Educator, National Museum of Mexican Art

**10:30 AM**

**Tour of the National Museum of Mexican Art**

1852 W. 19th St.

- Welcome by Carlos Tortolero, President & CEO and Founder, National Museum of Mexican Art

**11:30 AM**

**Arts and Activism Panel**

Arts and activism go hand in hand. At this panel, we will meet artists who have blended their art and activism as a successful career.

- Coya Paz, Artistic Director, Free Street Theater, and Associate Professor, The Theatre School at DePaul University
- Jenna Blaeovich, Founder and Designer, Vichcraft

**2:00 PM**

**Project Time**

**4:00 PM**

**Women in Communications Panel**

Univision, 541 N. Fairbanks Court, # 11

Women working in print, broadcast and online journalism share their stories with us of working in the media business, discuss how they choose the stories they tell and explain why the work of journalism is more important than ever in today's world.

- Teri Arvesu, VP of Content and News, Univision Chicago Local Media
- Amy Guth, President, Association for Women Journalists Chicago
- Leah Hope, Reporter, ABC 7 Chicago
- Shibani Mahtani, Wall Street Journal, Midwest Reporter
- Wendy Widom, Social Media Editor, CBS 2 Chicago

**7:30 PM**

**Navy Pier and Fireworks**

600 E. Grand Avenue

**10:30 PM**

**Lights Out**



# DAY SIX: WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Attire: UIC T-shirts

Today we will attend a luncheon with women of influence. You will have the opportunity to interact with them and hear their stories of how they've created success in their lives. Take advantage of this opportunity to share your own stories with them and get their guidance on leadership. Ask lots of questions!

**GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

What makes a successful leader? What leadership traits do you value and which do you possess? What opportunities can you seek to become a leader?





# DAY SIX: WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

**8:00 AM**

**Breakfast**

Floor Lounge, James Stukel Towers, 718 W. Rochford Street

**9:00 AM**

**Project Time**

**12:00 PM**

**Women in Leadership Luncheon**

Accenture, 161 N Clark Street

**Leadership Panel Discussion**

- Trish Lukasik, Chief Operations Officer, SpotHero
- Beth Marrion, Managing Director, Accenture
- Shelley Stern, Director of Civic Engagement, Microsoft
- Shivani Vora, Managing Director, Accenture

**2:30 PM**

**Tour of the Art Institute of Chicago**

111 S. Michigan Avenue

**6:00 PM**

**Dinner at Portillo's**

520 W. Taylor Street

**10:30 PM**

**Lights Out**



# DAY SEVEN: GLOBAL YOUTH AMBASSADORS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT CLOSING CEREMONY

Friday, July 28, 2017

Attire: Business Casual

On the last full day of the Summit, you'll present what you've learned over the past week to members of Chicago's corporate and civic communities.

**GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

What have you learned about leadership and Chicago? What have been the highlights of the week?



# DAY SEVEN: SUMMIT CLOSING CEREMONY

**7:45 AM**

## **Breakfast**

Floor Lounge, James Stukel Towers, 718 W. Rochford Street

**9:30 AM**

## **Final Presentations at Chicago City Hall Council Chambers**

121 N. LaSalle Street

Opening remarks

- Leroy Allala, Executive Director, Chicago Sister Cities International

Remarks

- Anna Valencia, City Clerk of Chicago

Welcome from the University of Illinois at Chicago

- Teresa Cordova, PH.D., Director, Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago

Introduction of Presentations

- Veronica Arreola, Director, Latin@s Gaining Access to Networks for Advancement in Science, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Natalie Bennett, Director, Women's Leadership & Resource Center, Campus Advocacy Network, University of Illinois at Chicago

## **Summit Participant Group Presentations**

### **Presentation of Certificates**

### **Group Photo**

**1:00 PM**

## **Meeting with Bridget Gainer, Cook County Commissioner-10th District and Vice President of Global Affairs, Aon**

AON Building, 200 E. Randolph Street, 3rd Floor

**3:00 PM**

## **Chicago Architecture River Cruise on Shoreline Cruises**

North-east corner of Michigan Avenue and the Chicago River, just beside the Chicago Tribune Building

**6:30 PM**

## **Farewell Dinner in Chinatown**

**8:30 PM**

## **Program Wrap-Up and Survey**

**10:30 PM**

## **Lights Out**



**DAY EIGHT:  
WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED  
YOUR TIME IN CHICAGO!**

Saturday, July 29, 2017



# DAY EIGHT: FINAL DAY

**8:00 AM**

**Breakfast**

Floor Lounge, James Stukel Towers, 718 W. Rochford Street

**10:00 AM–12:00 PM**

**Chicago Participant Pick-Ups**

**ONGOING**

**Departures to Airport for International Participants**

**Please return your surveys and comments to Katie or Jordyn.**

**Thank you and we look forward to being  
in touch throughout the next year!**

