

TRUSTEE ODYSSEY CHALLENGE

The University of Chicago recently launched a new \$200 million commitment to educational access and financial aid for undergraduate students through a gift and challenge from the University's Board of Trustees in honor of President Robert J. Zimmer.

Members of the board have donated \$105 million to the Odyssey Scholarship Program, the University's flagship financial aid initiative that helps ensure a need-blind, loan-free education for students regardless of their economic circumstances. These gifts—the largest in support of financial aid in University history—will also serve as a challenge to raise a total of \$200 million with the support of UChicago alumni, parents, and friends.

THE TRUSTEE ODYSSEY CHALLENGE

The Trustee Odyssey Challenge is aimed at significantly increasing the Odyssey Scholarship endowment. An additional \$200 million in endowment funds would support hundreds of Odyssey Scholars with full and partial scholarships annually, in perpetuity.

The Board of Trustees challenges alumni, parents, families, and friends of the University

of Chicago to raise a total of \$200 million in Odyssey endowment through the Trustee Odyssey Challenge.

The combined Odyssey endowment funds from the Board of Trustees and the greater University community will help ensure a College education remains attainable for high-achieving, low- and middle-income students for years to come.

HOW TO JOIN THE TRUSTEE ODYSSEY CHALLENGE

Establish your own named, endowed Odyssey Scholarship Fund or add to your existing Odyssey Scholarship Fund with a gift or pledged commitment (payable up to five years) of \$250,000 or more.

In recognition of your gift, you will receive information annually on the value of your endowment and the individual Odyssey Scholar(s) you support. You will also receive information highlighting some of the Robert J. Zimmer Odyssey Scholars over the course of the challenge, as well as invitations to events such as the Odyssey Scholarship Celebration.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT As your endowed fund increases, so does its impact.

A \$250,000
endowment

will provide an approximate
\$12,500 Odyssey Scholarship
annually, in perpetuity.

A \$500,000
endowment

will provide an approximate
half-tuition Odyssey Scholarship
annually, in perpetuity.

A \$1M
endowment

will provide a near full-tuition
Odyssey Scholarship annually,
in perpetuity.

CLASS OF 2025

11% first-generation college students

13% Black/African American

17% Hispanic/Latino

20% of students in the College are Odyssey Scholars

Increasing financial support for students in need has greatly helped expand access and diversity at UChicago during President Zimmer's tenure. The incoming Class of 2025 will be the most diverse in the history of the College.

The total of 360 Odyssey Scholars in the Class of 2025 is up from 250 a decade ago.

All are drawn to the College for its rigorous education, the distinctive Core curriculum, and academic opportunities spanning molecular engineering, the arts, and data science.

In addition to financial support, the program guarantees other supports for Odyssey Scholars.

- An internship or research opportunity after their first year in the College. Since the launch of the Odyssey Career Program in 2015, nearly 1,800 students have earned funded internships.
- Financial support for Study Abroad expenses. To date, 1,399 Odyssey Scholars have studied abroad through one of our programs.



“Attending the University of Chicago through the Odyssey Scholarship Program changed the course of my life. Because of the opportunities to travel and work internationally, as well as the guidance and mentorship I received, I’m well prepared to pursue a career in public health.”

***—Symphony Fletcher, AB’20,
currently a student at the
University of Chicago Pritzker
School of Medicine***