OPEN MINDS

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At Northwestern, we believe that diversity—of background, identity, belief, interest, expertise—is essential to undergraduate learning and to a healthy society. We also believe in convening a community of open-minded individuals who are eager to benefit from and contribute to the world of perspectives represented on campus.
Who’s in our Class of 2020?

13.6% Hispanic or Latino
1.2% American Indian or Alaska Native
20% Asian
8.5% Black or African American
46% White
10% International students
17.4% Pell Grant recipients
11% First-generation college

“...I get to help students realize their potential. It’s thrilling to watch as an abstract idea develops into a project.”
Harvey Young, professor of theater
Jazz studies and journalism double major \ Vice president of diversity and inclusion, student government \ Entertainment editor, *Pulse* magazine \ Favorite treat: hot chocolate at Kafein \ Plays vibraphone with Thaddeus Tukes Jazz Combo \ National Association of Black Journalists

**Thaddeus Tukes ’16**
The greatest part about Northwestern is its diversity—not only cultural diversity but diversity in interests and opinions. Everyone here is so smart and brings unique experiences. If you make the effort, be it in your classes or reaching out to new people, you will definitely reap the rewards.”

Thaddeus Tukes ’16
Northwestern’s excellence across disciplines and extraordinary breadth of resources draw students, faculty, and visitors from around the world. To make the most of our multidimensional community, the University strives to cultivate inclusive learning environments, cultural exchange, and opportunities for dialogue through intentional engagement with difference—different individuals, different identities, and different ideas.

This leads to an open, collaborative, and supportive campus where students grow and knowledge thrives.
Many doors will be open to you.

Northwestern students find support and counsel across campus, whether from an academic or peer adviser, a faculty mentor, or a staff member.

**Campus Inclusion and Community** promotes self-awareness, empathy, and leadership skills in our students with the aim of creating an inclusive community on campus.  
[www.northwestern.edu/inclusion](http://www.northwestern.edu/inclusion)

The **Gender and Sexuality Resource Center** is a hub for groups, services, and programs of interest to the LGBTQ and ally communities.  
[www.northwestern.edu/norris/services/lgbt](http://www.northwestern.edu/norris/services/lgbt)

**Multicultural Student Affairs**, an office open to all students, focuses on student populations that identify as underserved or underrepresented.  
[www.northwestern.edu/msa](http://www.northwestern.edu/msa)

**Northwestern Career Advancement** offers career counseling, graduate and professional school advising, employment databases and on-campus recruiting, and workshops.  
[www.northwestern.edu/careers](http://www.northwestern.edu/careers)
Northwestern’s Religious and Spiritual Life staff work to build a community of conscience and spiritual awareness. northwestern.edu/religious-life

Residential Services creates communities of learners, leaders, and responsible citizens by providing students with opportunities for learning in safe, diverse, and respectful living environments. northwestern.edu/living

AccessibleNU supports a diverse student body by removing barriers to education that students with disabilities often experience. northwestern.edu/accessiblenu

Student Enrichment Services works with low-income and first-generation students to enhance their academic success and their personal and professional growth. northwestern.edu/enrichment

The University Academic Advising Center helps students choose majors and minors, plan for professional school, transfer between schools at Northwestern, or simply take a step back to think ahead. northwestern.edu/advising-center

Launched Immigrant Justice Project on campus \ Intern at Google \ Major in American studies and Asian American studies \ Studied in Dominican Republic and Vietnam \ Civic engagement fellow \ Favorite hang in the city: Art Institute of Chicago \ Oral historian

Hayeon Kim ’17
I regularly meet with my various mentors—faculty, staff, and alumni—on topics ranging from my academic plans, current events, faith, and social justice to just catching up on life. Perhaps this is my favorite part about Northwestern. I am challenged and comforted knowing that there are people rooting for me and supporting me.”

Hayeon Kim ’17 (right), with Professor Jinah Kim
Open minds, many directions

“Northwestern challenges me to get out of my comfort zone and seek resources, take rigorous classes, talk to new people, attend culture celebrations, and open my mind to new ideas and perspectives. I have fallen in love with learning, growing, and process.”

Alexandria Bobbitt ’16, a Gates Millennium Scholar, is a human development and psychological services major. She works as a coordinator of admission ambassadors to prospective African American students.

“I have enjoyed the freedom Northwestern gives me academically—I truly feel I am sculpting my own education, my own unique experience. There are so many grants and opportunities for study abroad and research and everything you can imagine.”

Roberto Drilea ’16, a Davis UWC scholar, grew up in Romania. A radio/TV/film major, he has studied Arabic in Jordan on an Undergraduate Language Grant and has worked as a video journalism intern at Radio Free Europe.

“My passion for storytelling has inspired the many other interests I have at Northwestern—video journalism, social justice, and artistic hobbies. Northwestern allows room to grow in many areas.”

Zahra Haider ’17, a QuestBridge Scholar and broadcast journalism major, is involved in Students for Justice in Palestine, NU Divest, North by Northwestern, and Al Bayan. She spent her journalism residency at a news outlet in South Africa and has interned at CNN.
“As an intern in the Engage Chicago program, I was able to meet new people I wouldn’t have otherwise, explore the city I live so close to, and learn the importance of applying what we learn in the classroom to our communities.”

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Jourdan Dorrell ’17 is a Posse Scholar and is part of the Ron Brown Scholar Program. A sociology major and global health studies and legal studies minor, she is also working toward a certificate in civic engagement.

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“Complicated concepts challenge me every day, but there is always a network to fall back on. I never thought that at such a prestigious school so much emphasis would be placed on helping undergraduates succeed."

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Nathaniel Ezolino ’16 is a QuestBridge Scholar and an industrial engineering major. He is involved with the National Society of Black Engineers and has served as logistics cochair and treasurer of the Global Engagement Summit.

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“In addition to learning in the classroom, we also learn through the experiences of others. I help facilitate a weekly group of inner-city LGBTQ teens in Chicago. It’s such a privilege to watch them grow into stronger leaders and individuals.”

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Alex Lei Qin ’16 is a premed dual-degree student with majors in neuroscience and saxophone performance. He teaches music to students with disabilities and helps educate male youth about the intersections of domestic violence and healthy masculinity.
Northwestern students are engaged in far more than their studies. Experiences outside the classroom abound, whether you’re participating in one of more than 500 student groups, getting involved in the Evanston community, or engaging with the city of Chicago—a metropolis of nearly 3 million that neighbors us to the south along Lake Michigan.
Join in!

Check out the list below to see a sampling of multicultural student organizations you can join on campus. For a complete list of student groups at Northwestern, visit Wildcat Connection at northwestern.collegiatelink.net/organizations.

**Academic and preprofessional**
- Minority Business Association
- National Association of Black Journalists
- National Association of Hispanic Journalists
- National Society of Black Engineers
- One Step Before Premedical Society
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

**Advocacy/sociopolitical**
- Alianza—The Latinx Student Alliance
- Asian Pacific American Coalition
- Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales
- Be the Match
- Challah for Hunger
- China Care
- China Foresee
- For Members Only
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlan
- Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance
- Project ShoutOut
- Rainbow Alliance
- Students for Justice in Palestine

**Cultural**
- African Students Association
- Arab Student Organization
- CaribNation
- Chinese International Student Association
- Chinese Students Association
- Hawaii Club
- Hong Kong Students Association
- Japan Club
- Kaibigan (Filipino)
- Korean American Students Association
- Malaysian Students Association
- Multicultural Filmmakers Collective
- Polish American Student Alliance
- Singapore Society
- South Asian Students Alliance
- Taiwanese American Students Club
- Thai Club

**Performing arts**
- Anubhav—Hindi Film Dance Team
- Ballet Folklórico Mexicano
- Bhangra Dance Team
- Brown Sugar (a cappella)
- Deeva Dance Troupe
- Jewish Theatre Ensemble
- Mariachi Northwestern
- Mezcla (performing and visual arts)
- Northwestern Community Ensemble
- Out Da Box (sketch comedy)
- Refresh Dance Crew
- ReZenade Music Society
- Soul4Real (a cappella)
- Treblemakers (a cappella)
- Typhoon Dance Troupe

**Publications**
- Al Bayan
- nuAsian
- Pulse

**Religious**
- Asian American Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- House on the Rock Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- La Fe Latino Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- Muslim-cultural Students Association
- OM Hindu Cultural Council

**Coalitions and collaborations**
- MIXED—Mixed Race Student Coalition
- Unity Charity Fashion Show
How can we make the world better?
If you find yourself asking this question often—and acting on the answers you come up with—you have a lot in common with students at Northwestern. Here are some of the ways that our undergraduates pursue community service, social justice, and civic engagement.

**Alternative Student Breaks** partners with nonprofit organizations to offer service-learning opportunities in which students contribute to and learn from local communities. [northwesternasb.wix.com/nuasb](http://northwesternasb.wix.com/nuasb)

The **Center for Civic Engagement**’s programs include NU Votes, a nonpartisan voter registration effort; Engage Chicago, a summer field study program; the NU Public Interest Program, a yearlong public service fellowship; and Jumpstart, an early-childhood education program. [engage.northwestern.edu](http://engage.northwestern.edu)

**Dance Marathon**, one of the largest college philanthropic events in the country, features 30 hours of dancing by hundreds of students to raise money for charity—more than $1 million in each of the last five years. [nu dm.org](http://nudm.org)

**Freshman Urban Program** participants stay in a youth hostel in downtown Chicago and examine the issues that face communities, the organizations that serve them, and the ways students can effect change. [northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/pop/about/fup](http://northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/pop/about/fup)

The **Global Engagement Studies Institute** sends students to such places as Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, India, Nicaragua, South Africa, and Uganda to work on collaborative community projects. [mycge.org](http://mycge.org)

The **Institute for Policy Research** focuses Northwestern scholarship on matters of poverty, race, inequality, social disparities, and health. [ipr.northwestern.edu](http://ipr.northwestern.edu)

Spurred by the investigative work of journalism faculty and students, the **Medill Justice Project** and the Pritzker School of Law’s **Center on Wrongful Convictions** aim to improve the criminal justice system. [medilljusticeproject.org](http://medilljusticeproject.org) [law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictions](http://law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictions)

*“Having political science as my only major has given me opportunities to explore other fields, like philosophy, history, and anthropology. I’m incorporating skills and ways of thinking from these other disciplines into political science.”*

Kathleen Nganga ’18
Political science major
\ Ron Brown Scholar Program \ Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow \ Northwestern University Community for Human Rights \ Posner Research Fellow \ Student government Accessibility and Inclusion Committee \ Favorite ways to relax: exercise and reading
Kathleen Nganga ’18
To our students, Chicago is more than a major US metropolis—it is also a beloved neighbor and an extended classroom. At once a patchwork of vital and culturally distinct neighborhoods, the cradle of modern architecture, a bastion of the blues and improv comedy, a hotbed of history, and so much more, this city ranks among Northwestern’s greatest teachers.
Chicago: our vibrant and diverse neighbor

2,695,598 People

29% Hispanic or Latino

5% Asian

33% Black or African American

32% White

1% Other

From 2010 US Census
I’ve had internships in Chicago and New York at Harrison Street Real Estate Capital and AQR Capital. I’ve learned how to properly network, interview, and develop myself outside of my commitment to athletics.”
Mihir Kumar ’16

What we love about Chicago

“The Bean. It’s so much fun to take pictures there.” Hannah Points
Economics major

Varsity tennis player

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Attended Lollapalooza in Chicago’s Grant Park

Minor in business institutions

Interned through Chicago Field Studies

Favorite Chicago neighborhood: Wrigleyville, home of Chicago Cubs baseball

Mihir Kumar ’16
Where will Northwestern lead you? Look at our students and alumni, and you’ll see the answer: in any direction you choose to pursue. From study abroad, international research, and internships to careers across the globe, the Northwestern community has a presence all over the world.
$100 million
gift to Northwestern in 2015 earmarked for global initiatives

50+
global engagement student groups address critical issues

170
Northwestern-sponsored and affiliated study abroad programs in 56 countries

$3.5 million
in funding for undergraduate research
A handful of the schools where our recent alumni are pursuing graduate and professional degrees:

Caltech Columbia Harvard Johns Hopkins
MIT Northwestern Princeton Stanford
University of California, Berkeley University of Cambridge University of Oxford Yale

91% of 2015 grads were employed, studying on a fellowship, or attending graduate or professional school within six months of graduation.

Where will your path lead?

Some of the organizations where our 2015 graduates are working:

Accenture Adobe AmeriCorps Apple Bank of America
Merrill Lynch The Boston Globe Buzzfeed Facebook
Forbes Media Goldman Sachs Google IBM Kirkland and Ellis
Match Education McKinsey National Institutes of Health
NBC Universal New World Symphony Nike
Penguin Random House PepsiCo Procter & Gamble
Salesforce SpaceX Teach for America Tesla Motors 3M
Uber US Department of Justice The White House
You can do anything when you take a Northwestern Direction.

They did.

Roslyn M. Brock
Chairman, NAACP

Samir Mayekar
Cofounder and CEO, SiNode Systems

Stephen Colbert
Emmy Award–winning television host

Cristina Henriquez
Author, *The Book of Unknown Americans*

Virginia Rometty
Chairman, president, and CEO, IBM

Ruben Castillo
Chief judge, US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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They did.

Roxana Saberi
Author, journalist, human rights advocate

Michael Wiibon
Commentator, ESPN

Gwynne Shotwell
President, SpaceX

Andrew Youn
Cofounder, One Acre Fund

Heather Headley
Tony and Grammy Award–winning actress and singer

Yuri Malina and Mert Iseri
Cofounders, SwipeSense

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They did.
Northwestern may be highly selective, but we make it simple for you to apply and make it possible for students of all backgrounds to afford an education here.

Our admissions process is holistic. Before making an admissions decision, we consider your whole story—not just test scores and grades. We get to know your hometown, high school, and family circumstances, and we look to see that you’ve made the most of the opportunities available to you.
Financial aid facts

• Northwestern’s need-blind admissions committee evaluates applications without regard to whether students can afford tuition.

• Northwestern offers loan-free financial aid packages so our students graduate with little to no debt.

• Northwestern students who qualify for financial aid their first year will receive similar aid throughout college, provided they reapply for aid each year with comparable family circumstances.

• Northwestern offers fee waivers to students for whom the application fee poses a hardship.
Partner programs and scholarships
Northwestern students represent a number of organizations and scholarships that you may recognize from your own community. Here are just a few you’ll find on campus:

A Better Chance Scholars  Point Foundation Scholars
Chicago Scholars  Posse Scholars
Daniel Murphy Scholars  Prep for Prep Scholars
Davis UWC Scholars  Pullman Scholars
Gates Millennium Scholars  QuestBridge Scholars
I’m First  Ron Brown Scholars
Jackie Robinson Foundation  Sutton Trust US Programme
National Hispanic Institute  Venture Scholars
What I like best about my peers is, honestly, their stories. Everyone comes from different backgrounds and cultures and they each have established talents and high achievements."

Yakira Mirabito ’18

Materials science and engineering major \ QuestBridge Scholar \ Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers \ Research intern \ Spent one term studying in Switzerland \ Northwestern Ski Team \ Minor in business institutions \ Engineers for a Sustainable World fellowship \ Interned with GE Aviation

Yakira Mirabito ’18
The spirit of inclusion and the celebration of diversity I see and encourage on our campus are truly hopeful signs.”

Morton Schapiro
President and Professor

Congratulations on your academic achievements, and thank you for your interest in Northwestern University. As you think about your next stage in life, I urge you to consider what sort of world you hope to live in and, more immediately, what sort of university community you would like to join.

Those two questions are deeply intertwined. The world you create in college often shapes your larger world after graduation. Northwestern is a place of great beginnings, regardless of your chosen field. The spirit of inclusion and the celebration of diversity I see and encourage on our campus are truly hopeful signs.

I am confident that we—Northwestern and society at large—are in the process of making history. We have a ways to go before all our institutions can be considered truly inclusive, but the students I meet here care more about inclusion, sustainability, and social justice than did my own or other generations. I can’t wait to see what all of you will do with your lives and how you will change the world.

I hope you will consider joining us at Northwestern.
### Application and financial aid requirements and deadlines

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*Illinois residents should file the FAFSA by October 15 to be considered for eligibility for an Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant.

### Learn more

The best way to learn more about Northwestern is to visit campus. See [admissions.northwestern.edu](http://admissions.northwestern.edu) for details about on-campus programming.

In the meantime, take a virtual tour and explore Northwestern’s vibrant campus community online. **Virtual tour:** [admissions.northwestern.edu/visit/experience/virtual-tour.html](http://admissions.northwestern.edu/visit/experience/virtual-tour.html)

**Social media:** [admissions.northwestern.edu/social.html](http://admissions.northwestern.edu/social.html)

If you have questions about financial aid, find answers at [undergradaid.northwestern.edu](http://undergradaid.northwestern.edu).

If you have any questions about Northwestern, our programs, or the application process, don’t hesitate to visit our website or contact us.

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