Open minds

At Northwestern, we believe that diversity—of background, belief, interest, expertise—is essential to a healthy society, on campus and beyond, and a key to our future. We also believe in convening a community of open-minded learners, individuals who are eager to benefit from and contribute to the world of perspectives that surrounds them.
Who’s in our class of 2019?

9% Black or African American

12% Hispanic or Latino

20% Asian

1% American Indian or Alaska Native

48.5% White

9.5% International students

15% Pell Grant recipients

9% 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, associate 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
Open campus

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, be it 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. 
[northwestern.edu/inclusion](http://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. 
[northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/gsrc](http://northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/gsrc)

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

**Northwestern Career Advancement** offers career counseling, graduate and professional school advising, employment databases and on-campus recruiting, and workshops. 
[northwestern.edu/careers](http://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

Accessible NU 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 personal and professional growth. northwestern.edu/inclusion/departments/student-enrichment-services

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

American studies major
\ NU Crew \ Intern at Asian Americans Advancing Justice \ Studied in Dominican Republic \ Asian American studies minor \ 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

“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.

“I am very passionate about my extracurriculars, social justice activism, and artistic hobbies. Northwestern allows room to grow in areas other than academics.”

Zahra Haider ’17, a QuestBridge Scholar, is majoring in journalism and minoring in film. An activist with Students for Justice in Palestine and NU Divest, she writes for North by Northwestern and the Daily Northwestern and is a photographer for Al Bayan and Stitch fashion magazine.

“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 majoring in human development and psychological services. She works as a coordinator of admission ambassadors to prospective African American students.
“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.”

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

“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.”

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

“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.”

Alex Lei Qin ’16, a premed dual-degree student, is majoring in biological sciences 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 450+ 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 Hispanic/Latino Student Alliance
- Asian Pacific American Coalition Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales
- Be the Match
- China Care
- China Foresee
- For Members Only
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztatlán
- Native American and Indigenous Student Association
- 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 Film Collective
- Polish American Students Alliance
- Singaporeans and Friends
- South Asian Students Alliance
- Taiwanese American Students Club
- Thai Club

**Performing arts**
- A.NU.Bhav—Hindi Film Dance Team
- Ballet Folklórico Mexicano de Northwestern
- Brown Sugar (a cappella)
- Deeva Dance Troupe
- Mariachi Northwestern
- Mezcla (performing and visual arts)
- Northwestern Community Ensemble
- NU Bhangra Team
- Out Da Box (sketch comedy)
- ReFresH Dance Crew
- ReZenance 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
- LaFe Latino Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- Muslim-cultural Students Association
- Om-Hindu Cultural Council

**Coalitions and collaborations**
- MIXED—Mixed Race Student Coalition
- Unity Charity Fashion Show
I worked 300 hours with Jumpstart, a literacy program that helps get low-income children ready for kindergarten. I had so much fun, and a challenging year, working with these three- to five-year-olds.”
Genevieve Enowmbitang ’16
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 the 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. [asbnu.org](http://asbnu.org)

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—more than $1 million annually in each of the last five years—for charity. [nudm.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 ways students can effect change. [fup2014.wix.com/nufup](http://fup2014.wix.com/nufup)

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 the scholarship of Northwestern faculty on matters of poverty, race, inequality, social disparities, and health. [jpr.northwestern.edu](http://jpr.northwestern.edu)

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

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, 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

33% Black or African American

32% White

29% Hispanic or Latino

5% Asian

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 Program \ 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, to 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

32%+
of undergraduates
study abroad

160
affiliated
study abroad programs
in 50 countries

$3 million
in funding for undergraduate research
A handful of the schools where our recent graduates are pursuing graduate and professional degrees:

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

91%

of 2014 grads were employed full-time, studying on a fellowship, attending graduate or professional school, or working as entrepreneurs within six months of graduation.

Where will your path lead?

Some of the organizations where our 2014 graduates are working:

Amazon  Boeing  Chicago Mercantile Exchange
City Year  Deutsche Bank  Disney Interactive
Federal Reserve Bank  Goldman Sachs  Google  IBM
Leo Burnett  LinkedIn  McKinsey  National Public Radio
The New Yorker  Sidley Austin  SpaceX
Sports Illustrated  Spotify  Teach for America
US Department of Justice  US Senate  Washington Post
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

You can do anything when you take a Northwestern Direction.

They did.

Roxana Saberi  
Author, journalist, human rights advocate

Michael Wilbon  
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
Northwestern may be highly selective, but we make it simple for you to apply and make it possible for admitted 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 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’s No-Loan Pledge Scholarship provides loan-free financial aid to students who demonstrate the greatest need.

• 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
Chicago Scholars
Daniel Murphy Scholars
Davis UWC Scholars
Gates Millennium Scholars
National Achievement Students
National Hispanic Institute Scholars
Point Foundation Scholars
Posse Scholars
Prep for Prep Scholars
Pullman Scholars
QuestBridge Scholars
Ron Brown Scholars
Sutton Trust Scholars
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 ’17
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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Learn more
The best way to learn more about Northwestern is to visit campus. See admissions.northwestern.edu for information on information sessions, tours, and overnight stays.

In the meantime, explore Northwestern’s vibrant campus community online:
- [youtube.com/user/NorthwesternU](https://www.youtube.com/user/NorthwesternU)
- [itunes.northwestern.edu](https://www.itunes.northwestern.edu)
- [NorthwesternU](https://www.northwestern.edu)
- [northwesternadmissions](https://admissions.northwestern.edu)
- [northwesternu](https://northwesternu)

If you have questions about financial aid, find answers at 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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