



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

## THINKCHICAGO

The Mayor is committed to attracting and keeping the next generation of talent in Chicago. On October 13-14<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Rahm Emanuel will gather **top students from regional universities to meet industry leaders, visit business headquarters** and gain free **admission to the city's first annual Chicago Ideas Week**.

- Senior undergraduates will be selected from schools in **Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota**.
- ThinkChicago seeks candidates who are enthusiastic about technology and entrepreneurship and have demonstrated **a commitment to excellence as evidenced by academic honors, extracurricular activities, and/or professional achievement**.
- Participants will **visit innovative businesses** and learn about post-graduation opportunities. Confirmed site visits include **Google, Grubhub, Accenture, Excelerate Labs, Threadless, Microsoft, and Coudal Partners**.
- Students will visit some of Chicago's **premier cultural attractions and nightlife**, encouraging them to consider Chicago as a first choice for their post-graduate home. Potential activities include attending a show at Second City, seeing a Blackhawks game at the United Center, or visiting Museum Campus.
- Students will receive **week-long passes to Chicago Ideas Week (CIW)**, a seven-day public platform for ideas and innovation to be held on October 10 – 16, 2011. Although ThinkChicago begins October 13<sup>th</sup> and ends on the 14<sup>th</sup>, students are welcome to arrive earlier or stay later to view all available Ideas Week programming.
- Students will also **receive day passes to TEDxMidwest** on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, being held at Chicago's Oriental Theatre.
- Students will attend **two thought-provoking panels featuring industry leaders**. Topics of discussion will include innovation and tech entrepreneurship in the Midwest, the impact of young entrepreneurs on the local tech scene, and how new graduates can craft a career path in Chicago.
- Students can **apply online at [chicagoideas.com/thinkchicago](http://chicagoideas.com/thinkchicago) by August 30**.