The Mayor is committed to attracting and keeping the next generation of talent in Chicago. On October 13-14\textsuperscript{th}, 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\textsuperscript{th} and ends on the 14\textsuperscript{th}, 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\textsuperscript{th}, 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 by August 30.