

## 2020 KEMPER SCHOLARS CHICAGO SUMMER PROGRAM (CLASS OF 2022)

### *Important Information and Frequently Asked Questions*

IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES	
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	Arrival in Chicago Move-in begins at 12:00pm 5:15pm Meet at University Center lobby Brief tour of facilities and amenities 5:45pm Welcome Dinner
Wednesday, June 3, 2020	Orientation (8:30am-5:00pm); <i>breakfast and lunch provided</i>
Thursday, June 4, 2020	Excel Training @ CTS Computer Training (9am-12pm) <i>Lunch on your own 12-2pm</i> How to Bounce Back and Move Forward (2-5pm) @ University Ctr
Friday, June 5, 2020	Day Open to: 1) Dry Run to get to Internship Site and 2) Finish Move-In and Grocery Shopping
Saturday, June 6, 2020	Resume Building and LinkedIn (9am-2pm) @ University Ctr <i>breakfast and lunch provided</i> Professional photographs* (2-6pm) Group Photo (1-2pm) Individual Headshots (2-6pm, by appointment) <i>*Professional business attire required</i>
Monday, June 8, 2020	First Day of Internship
Friday, July 31, 2020	Last Day of Internship
Thurs, Aug 6-Fri, Aug 7, 2020	Kemper Scholar Annual Conference @ Gleacher Center
Saturday, August 8, 2020	Move out of University Center (11:00am- 3:00pm)

Kemper Scholars Chicago Summer Program dates begin upon your arrival into Chicago on June 2 and continue through August 7. A detailed summer calendar is available on [www.jskemper.org/ks2022](http://www.jskemper.org/ks2022) to show weekly and daily events.

**To begin the Program**, you should plan to move into the residence on Tuesday, June 2 after 12:00 noon and before 5:00pm (we have planned a welcome dinner with activities beginning at 5:15pm; dress is business casual). Please plan your arrival into Chicago for no later than 12:00pm in order to allow for sufficient travel time, etc.

If for some reason you are not at the University Center before 5:00pm, contact Jerry Fuller at [jfuller@jskemper.org](mailto:jfuller@jskemper.org) or (312)415-2391.

#### **Orientation Meeting**

On Wednesday June 3, we will meet at 8:30 in the morning for our orientation meeting at the residence building, in the media conference room on the second floor. Please be on time! Breakfast, coffee and snacks (in addition to a full lunch) will be provided.

**The close of the Program** will culminate with the Kemper Scholar Annual Conference will occur on August 6 and 7 at the University of Chicago's downtown Gleacher Center, but your lodging will remain in your apartment at the University Center residence. Move out deadline from the

residence is Saturday, August 8.

## **PREPARING FOR CHICAGO**

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### ***Confirming final internship details***

If you have not already received the information by April, please contact your internship site supervisor to find out what time and where you should report for work on Monday June 8 and find out what the appropriate dress will be for your organization. Dress etiquette will vary, and it is important that you bring the appropriate clothes. If you need a contact email address for your internship host site, email Jenn Merriman ([jmerriman@jskemper.org](mailto:jmerriman@jskemper.org)) and ask.

### ***Program tasks to complete before arrival***

There will be a few items we will ask you to complete as part of your homework or “pre-work” before arriving into Chicago. Please monitor your email and GroupMe messages for items to be completed prior to June 2.

### ***Booking your travel to and from Chicago***

You will want to plan for your travel early enough to get the best availability and pricing. Please refer to the detailed section below with tips on booking (“Arranging for your Travel to and from Chicago”).

You will make your own travel arrangements and pay for them from your stipend. We will send the \$4,100 stipend check to you directly no later than the end of February.

### ***What to pack***

While you know best what you will need for your time in Chicago (and there are plenty of shops in case you forget anything!), we do ask all Kemper Scholars in Chicago bring the following:

- Professional business attire for the Kemper Scholars Annual Conference and for professional photographs (at least 1 full suit and tie for male Scholars, and either a suit or business attire equivalent—a knee-length skirt, jacket and buttoned shirt, etc.—for female Scholars), including appropriate shoes.
  - Bring an iron or have these articles of clothing dry cleaned once in Chicago.
- Business casual attire for Kemper Scholar Seminars and Outings.
- A smartphone
- Necessary items for your room and apartment (Refer to the University Center Move-In guide as well as upcoming communications from UC for details on what to bring and/or buy).

Be sure your name, mobile number, and the residence address is on an ID inside your suitcase in addition to your outside ID tag.

Just in case your luggage does get temporarily lost, it is a good idea to bring clean underwear and your toothbrush in your carry-on. And you know you should not check through valuables like money, jewelry or cameras and things like glasses, medicines, etc., right? Carry these things on with you.

## **ARRANGING FOR YOUR TRAVEL TO AND FROM CHICAGO...**

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Note: Once you have confirmed your travel arrangements, please be sure to update the details in the online portal under the “Chicago Summer Questionnaire” form.

### **TIPS ON BUYING AIRFARE:**

Make your flight arrangements soon for best fares and availability.

Schedule your flight to arrive into Chicago by noon on Tuesday, June 2 and make your return flight departing the afternoon or evening of Saturday, August 8.

Note that Chicago has two major airports: O’Hare (ORD) and Midway (MDW). Either airport is fine; more flights come to ORD while MDW is somewhat smaller, easier to maneuver, and a bit

closer to the downtown area where you will live. Both United and American have major hubs in Chicago, so they can usually get you here non-stop from many cities throughout the country.

You can refer to the “Getting to Chicago” link on [myjsk.org](http://myjsk.org) for tips for ground transportation once you have arrived in Chicago.

You may choose any flight that will get you to Chicago in time; but the cheaper you travel, the more money you will have for other uses this summer. One of the key elements for savings is making a reservation early enough. Normally flight costs increase considerably less than 26 days from the date of travel. Consider flights that are not non-stop or flights that leave very early or mid-day as a way to get a cheaper flight.

A study made by Orbitz using tens of thousands of ticket purchases reported: **Fifty-four days before takeoff is, on average, when domestic airline tickets are at their absolute lowest price.** And if you can’t hit 54 days on the head, you should usually book between 104 to 29 days before your trip – within the “prime booking window”—for the lowest possible prices. April 9 is approximately 54 days before June 2.

If you are not experienced with making flight reservations, note that you should check and re-check the spelling of your name, dates, times, and airports before you click and buy the ticket. Once you buy a ticket online, there is a hefty change fee (\$150+) if you made a mistake. TSA requires that the name on the ticket must match the name on the government-issued ID you use to board the flight, so if the ID has your middle name or initial, include it in your reservation.

Places to check and compare airfares:

- [Hopper](#) Hopper is a great App that you can use to enter travel dates and destinations to get alerts on the best prices and times to purchase.
- [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com) You can go to Kayak now and put in your dates and airports and ask that Kayak send you a weekly or even daily email about what is happening to the cost of flights. Kayak alerts will tell you if the cost is dropping or rising.
- <http://www.hipmunk.com> Hipmunk has a more graphic approach to showing you the times and length of flights.

There are many other options. Fare finders all come up with similar prices, so pick the one you feel comfortable with. [Southwest Airlines](#) and [jetBlue](#) are some additional options that may be cheaper but may not come up on travel search engines. Check prices at their websites.

Whatever search engine you use, once you have narrowed things down to one airline and flight, go to the airline's own site and enter the information for the best flight you have found. The ticket should be the same price or cheaper, and it can be helpful to buy the ticket from the airline directly. Airlines may treat you better if you bought the ticket from them and later run into any problems like canceled flights or lost luggage.

**LUGGAGE LIMITS:** For those Kemper Scholars who will be flying, we suggest that you check the airline website to find out the maximum number of bags that can be checked in, size and weight limits (usually 70 pounds for all checked bags combined). Some airlines have begun charging for

all checked bags and have created stricter policies on carry-on luggage. Please doublecheck the limitations of your ticket in order to avoid any last-minute surprises or charges.

It could also be a good idea to weigh your luggage before you leave home. If your bag exceeds the weight limit, you can expect to pay a hefty fee (as much as \$150 - \$200 for most airlines). If you think your luggage will exceed the weight limit, you could have someone mail a package via UPS ground or some other mail delivery service to you at the University Center. Such a package must not arrive before you have checked-in, however.

### **ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRAVEL: TRAIN OR BUS**

For those Kemper Scholars who prefer to book train or bus travel, prices and scheduled routes may be available via the following sites (please note that some of these options have limited luggage requirements and may require more travel time):

<http://us.megabus.com/> **MegaBus** offers some routes for as little as \$20 each way. Use the website to see if you have a departure location near you. MegaBus does not have stations (hence the cheap tickets) but will arrive near Union Station in downtown Chicago, placing you just a few blocks from the city's public transit system (city buses or the L).

Luggage limits: 1 piece of checked luggage per passenger (62 linear inches (length + width + height) and no more than 50 lbs) plus 1 small carry-on item to fit overhead or under your seat. If you plan to travel with more luggage, you will need to purchase an additional Megabus ticket.

<https://www.amtrak.com> **Amtrak** train may also be an affordable alternative. Amtrak arrives at Union Station (225 S. Canal St.).

Luggage limits: 2 personal items (25lbs and 14 x 11 x 7 inches each) and 2 carry-on items (50 lbs and 28 x 22 x 14 inches each) onboard as well as up to 4 checked bags (2 free at 50lbs each and 75 linear inches (length + width + height), remaining 2 bags \$20 each).

<https://www.greyhound.com/> **Greyhound** also provides affordable bus fare, with more infrastructure and routes available compared to MegaBus (and some one-way fares as affordable as \$30). Greyhound has 4 Chicago bus stations, including Union Station.

Luggage limits: 1 carry-on bag up to 25lbs and up to 2 checked bags (max 50lbs each and max size of 62 linear inches (length + width + height)).

## **MAY I BRING A CAR?**

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While we cannot forbid it, we strongly discourage having a car this summer.

Having a car might seem nice but....remember you'll be living in Chicago's central business district, "The Loop." Parking here costs a lot – \$250/month or more. Free street parking – available in some places outside the Loop but not anywhere near where you will live – is difficult to find and requires constant vigilance to avoid tickets or towing. If you think you can park in a neighborhood outside the downtown area and take a train or bus to your car, be aware that many Chicago neighborhoods require "resident only" permits. Even in open areas, the city tickets cars parked in the same spot for more than a week (\$125 a ticket). Chicago public transit, Uber/Lyft, and taxis (even the Divvy rental bike system!) can get you pretty much anywhere you would want to go, so a car is not necessary or even that helpful. We have never heard Kemper Scholars say they wish they had brought a car.

## **MAY I TAKE A COURSE OR HAVE A SECOND JOB?**

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Spending time exploring Chicago, learning about life in an urban environment, taking advantage of the cultural opportunities and spending time with your fellow Kemper Scholars are all part of the educational program of the Kemper Scholars Chicago summer experience. Therefore, as we have said before, you are not permitted to have a job besides your internship or to take summer college courses (except getting credit for your internship if you have arranged that with your school).

Also, if you have family in or near Chicago, please let them know that you are not permitted to spend all or part of every weekend with them. While an occasional visit is fine, you have a commitment to be part of the group interaction and activity during the summer as part of your learning experience.

## **ARRIVING INTO CHICAGO**

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### **Where do I go when I arrive?**

Please refer to the section: "Getting to Chicago" on [www.jskemper.org/ks2022](http://www.jskemper.org/ks2022) for detailed information regarding the various ways in which you can get to University Center depending on how you are arriving into the city (airplane, train, bus).

### **What if something goes wrong on my trip to Chicago?**

Of course, not everything goes as planned – stuff happens. For example, a spring storm may delay your flight – so just get to the residences when you can and let Foundation staff know the status of your delay or hiccup.

Or your luggage might not show up when you do – so go to the airline luggage office near the baggage claim area and file a report. The airline should deliver your luggage to you when it arrives – remember your address is University Center 525 S. State Street.

We know unforeseen complications can happen. We are counting on you as young adults to handle these little bumps on your own. Indeed, we see dealing with the unanticipated in a calm and rational way as part of your learning agenda for the summer.

You will be in the downtown shopping area of one of the world's major cities, so pretty much everything you might need from your dinner to toothpaste should be close by. If you can't figure out the solution to a problem alone, you along with one or two of the other Kemper Scholars should be able to do it. And don't forget good old Google.

For more complicated issues, Foundation staff are available to help troubleshoot. And we are certainly always here to help you in a **true emergency**. If you have a serious problem which cannot wait until you see us at dinner on Tuesday June 2, call Jerry Fuller on his cell (312) 415-2391.

### **SUMMER LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (UNIVERSITY CENTER):**

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#### **How does move-in work?**

Information about move-in, mailing packages, facilities, etc., at the University Center student residence will come to you directly from the residence staff in an email.

You will be roomed with your Kemper Scholar peers at the University Center in 4 4-bedroom apartment suites. The kitchen and living room will be shared space, and each suite has 2 bathrooms. Each person in the apartment will be given a key for the main door upon move-in.

Each of the four bedrooms in the apartment also has a key and lock available for use. These will be available at the office on the second floor, and we recommend that if you want to request your room key, that you do so later in the week, once things have settled with summer move-in. To request your key, please visit the office during normal business hours (you will need to know the letter assigned to your room, which is labeled on the inside of the door frame).

University Center will be in touch in the upcoming weeks with additional move-in information and helpful details on what to bring for your stay. If you want to coordinate room logistics prior to your arrival into Chicago, please refer to the roster and roommate list of Kemper Scholars who will be with you in Chicago that was shared with you via email.

#### **MAILING ADDRESS & PACKAGE PICK UP:**

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If you are looking to ship anything to yourself, it will need to arrive at the same time you do, as the University Center will not accept packages before your arrival.

To ensure that your package is delivered it is very important to write **Summer Resident** as well as the **unit number** on the package. Your unit will share a mailbox which is secured by a combination lock. Upon arrival, you can go to the mailroom located on the second floor and receive your combination.

(Name)

Summer Resident- Kemper Foundation  
University Center  
525 S. State St. Unit #  
Chicago, IL 60605

**What if I get settled into the residence and want to see Chicago?**

Go with other Kemper Scholars on any outings. Don't take off alone until you know your way around. You will have a list of the names and room numbers of your fellow Kemper Scholars. Chicagoans are friendly people. If you think you're lost, ask for directions. But don't stay in your room because you don't know the city yet.

## **GETTING SITUATED- FOOD AND SHOPPING**

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### **Where do I get groceries and household items?**

If you have time after you arrive, you and your roommates will probably want to stock up on essentials. There are a number of nearby places to shop. [As a note, due to new legislation in the city regarding plastic bags, it will be helpful for you to purchase or bring re-usable bags for any of your shopping during the summer.]

You can get basic stuff at the **CVS pharmacy** a half block north of your residence at Congress Pkwy (north will be right as you exit the building), but some things might be more expensive there and the choices are limited.

**Target**—1 S State St—on the southeast corner of State and Madison Streets (turn right out of your front door and walk three blocks north on State Street). This would be a good place to look for plates, cooking utensils, etc. (Might be a good idea to get all four roommates together to select and split the cost of things like pots and then share them. Think of it as an exercise in group collaboration!)

**Jewel Supermarket** (an area chain of large supermarkets)—1224 S Wabash Ave—walk 5 blocks south (left from your residence door) to Roosevelt, then turn east (left) on Roosevelt and in one block turn right (south) on Wabash.

Former Kemper Scholars recommend: "Don't get too much at once -- difficult to carry back on either subway or walking and take a big bag. Some Kemper Scholars used their rolling suitcases as shopping carts to get things back to the residence."

**Trader Joe's**—1147 S. Wabash— Close to Jewel. After you get to Roosevelt, turn left (east) and go the one block to Wabash. TJ's is at on the corner of Wabash and Roosevelt. Trader Joe's, if you are not familiar, has lots of good organic/health food. It is cheaper than most regular supermarkets. It's especially good for frozen prepared meals, nuts and dried fruits, and cereal.

**Mariano's**—1615 S Clark St.—Very close by local grocery store chain that offers full grocery, bakery, café, deli and pharmacy. Some prices may be slightly higher here (they call themselves an "elevated grocery" if that's any indicator), but if you are looking for a hard-to-find or very specialized item, this will be an easy go to.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS OR MEDICAL CARE**

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Should you ever need medical attention, please keep the following information handy:  
If you have a medical emergency in the residence, contact the building security via the front desk.

For an emergency requiring police, fire or ambulance, immediately dial 911 (9-911 from room phone), or for non-emergency situations, call Chicago Police Department by dialing 311 (9-311 from room phone).

Your location is:  
525 South State Street  
Floor # and Room #

UC Security or the Management Office:  
24-Hour UC Security      Ext. 8911      or      (312)924-8911  
Management Office      Ext. 8000      or      (312)924-8000

Here's information on nearby walk-in clinics. No appointment is necessary, and they are open evenings and weekends.

**CVS Immediate Care Clinic**

137 S State Street  
(312) 609-1215

**Physician Immediate Care, South Loop**

811 S. State Street, Suite B  
Telephone: 312-566-9510

**Northwestern Memorial Hospital** is the closest hospital and one of the best anywhere in the world. It is located about a mile from your residence (straight up Michigan Avenue), 251 E Huron St. It would be a short taxi or Uber ride.