



CHICAGO STATE
UNIVERSITY



RISE ACADEMY







Chicago State University

Chicago State University (CSU) is a comprehensive, nationally accredited university with four colleges offering over 70 degree and certificate programs, ample scholarship opportunities and a vibrant campus life.

Rise Academy

The Rise Academy is a gap-closing scholarship program uniquely designed for eligible first-year and transfer students who enter into Chicago State University with less than 24 credits. Covering only full-tuition and fees, Rise Academy provides a wide-range of services that foster student success through academic and personal support.

Rise Scholars Earn

	FIRST-YEAR Full tuition and fees scholarship	
 FREE Textbooks	 4-YEAR Personal laptop	 Advisors Dedicated
	 Weekly Tutoring Sessions	

*The scholarship does not cover Room and Board.

The program starts with a 5-week course, (Specifically Two 5 Week Courses in the Summer and One 5 Week Course in the Fall), and continues with holistic student support throughout the academic year. The goal of Rise Academy is to help Rise Scholars build the confidence and skills needed for a successful college career. Rise Scholars:

- » Test drive their CSU courses
- » Learn how to make the most of their CSU resources
- » Explore and find their career path
- » Establish lasting relationships across the CSU campus

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY BY THE NUMBERS

Top 4% in the nation
among colleges
and universities for
improving graduates'
economic mobility ¹

4%

11 Number of students to
every faculty member ²

11:1

15 Division 1
Sports Programs ²

15

40 Student
organizations ²

40

70% Faculty are
People of Color ²

70%

\$873,000

The additional money earned by
CSU graduates over the course of
their careers as a result of earning a
bachelor's degree. ³

1. Study by Harvard Economist Dr. Raj Chetty released in 2017
2. CSU Data From 2021 - 2022 Academic Year
3. Study by EMSI (Labor Market Analytics Firm) on CSU's 2018 - 2019 Academic Year

FUTURE IN MOTION

Distinguishing Features

- » Rise Scholars have access to all CSU resources.
- » Rise Academy has served more than **450 first-time freshmen**.
- » Compared to first-time freshmen who don't participate in Rise, **Rise students are more likely to complete the full first year of college.**
- » More than a **third of first-time freshmen at CSU are also the first in their family to go to college.**
- » We find that first-generation college students who participate in Rise versus those who do not **are more successful in college in their early years:**
- » **Rise students have a higher college GPA by the end of their first year**
- » **Rise students are more likely to re-enroll** for a second year of college
- » Many Rise Scholars participate in other scholarships after completing the program (**eg. Call Me MISTER, Hope Chicago, Honors College, ROTC, STRADA, AIM High Scholarship**)

Testimonials

"As a second-semester freshman majoring in criminal justice and a first-generation high school and college graduate, *Rise* has been a game-changer. Beyond providing a debt-free first year of college, it has been my invaluable support system. More than just a pathway to free education, *Rise* has significantly enhanced my social confidence, making college a truly enriching experience outside the classroom. Thanks to this program, I've built connections with individuals of diverse backgrounds, all sharing the common goal of obtaining a college degree. For me, *Rise* is not just about education; it's about laying the groundwork for a lifetime of learning and personal growth."

Alyssa Perea

"*Rise Academy* was a fantastic experience. The workshops and mandatory classes were enjoyable, making the academic aspect both understandable and fun. SuccessU program courses, paired with *Rise Academy*, brought a great introduction to college life as a freshman. I'm grateful for the positive impact it had on my early college journey."

Kaliyah Bell

Rise Eligibility

All incoming full-time freshmen students, including transfer students with no more than 24 credit hours who are admitted to CSU with a 2.5 GPA and complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) are eligible.

All students admitted to the university through our conditional admit program, SuccessU, are required to participate in Rise Academy and complete all program requirements throughout their first year.

All students must sign a contract to accept the scholarship, agreeing to participate in all required workshops and activities and successfully complete the first 5-weeks of the RISE Academy program in order to be eligible to receive the tuition scholarship.

Out of state students and those desiring to live on campus are strongly encouraged to contact our Housing and Residence Life team to ensure they complete all housing requirements in advance, to secure a place in the residence halls at the conclusion of the 5-week cohort. Space is limited.



Admissions

Set your future in motion at Chicago State University.

At CSU, you will learn from renowned faculty and have access to state-of-the-art facilities to prepare you for the future and help you meet your educational and professional goals.

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