Join the neighborhood
Live Here

Convenient access to work, public transportation, schools, parks, and a variety of nearby attractions, including:

- Arts Incubator
- Blanc Gallery
- Court Theatre
- Dusable Museum
- 57th Street Art Fair
- Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House
- Harper Court
- Hyde Park Art Center
- Hyde Park Jazz Festival
- Jackson Park Golf Course
- Jackson Park Harbor
- Lake Michigan
- Little Black Pearl Art and Design Center
- Midway Plaisance Park and Ice Skating Rink
- Museum of Science & Industry
- Oriental Institute Museum
- Osaka Garden
- Promontory Point
- Renaissance Society
- Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
- Seminary Co-op Bookstore
- Smart Museum of Art
- South Shore Cultural Center & Nature Sanctuary, Golf Course, and Beach
- Washington Park
You’re Eligible

The University of Chicago’s Employer-Assisted Housing Program (EAHP) is a financial benefit available to employees who move near the University. Through this program, the University strengthens its connections to surrounding neighborhoods, retains valuable employees, and helps staff optimize their work-life balance.

Select from nine great neighborhoods. The EAHP benefit applies to home purchases in Douglas, Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, Hyde Park/South Kenwood, North Kenwood, Oakland, South Shore, Washington Park, and Woodlawn. To maximize the benefit, purchase in the Woodlawn Focus Area.

Receive a forgivable loan of up to $10,000. Benefits-eligible employees qualify for EAHP after the end of their probationary periods. Maximum income requirements apply only to select neighborhoods.

Save on rentals, too. Employees who lease apartments in the Woodlawn Focus Area can take advantage of up to $2,400 in rental assistance through the new pilot rental program.

Simplify your commute. The nine neighborhoods included in the EAHP are all within the Mid–South Side, allowing you to easily walk, bike, or take public transit to work.

Enjoy close proximity to the lakefront and downtown. The Mid–South Side is approximately six miles from downtown and adjacent to Lake Michigan. From Jackson Park to Washington Park to the Midway Plaisance, the awe-inspiring greenery of the area is the vision of famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.

Join a growing community. Nearly 6,000 staff employees of the University and the University of Chicago Medicine live within seven zip codes near campus. Current development in and near the University is at an unprecedented level. 53rd Street has become a bustling retail and entertainment district, and current investments around the south and west ends of campus are enhancing the Woodlawn and Washington Park neighborhoods.
Any full-time, benefit-eligible employee is eligible for assistance when purchasing a home in the EAHP Woodlawn Focus Area, regardless of current homeownership or income.

The Woodlawn Focus Area, which is a community of choice for University employees, extends north to 61st Street, south to 67th Street, east to Stony Island Avenue, and west to Cottage Grove Avenue. If you’re interested in purchasing in another area, determine your eligibility according to the following table.

### Determine Your Eligibility by Neighborhood

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<th>Woodlawn Focus Area</th>
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*If you’re purchasing for the first time, you may be eligible for $2,500 in forgivable loans toward a purchase in the Hyde Park/South Kenwood neighborhoods if your household’s income is 120 percent or less than the area median income (AMI).
“Woodlawn’s probably one of the best-kept secrets. For biking and running, this location really can’t be beat. I wanted to live near the University so that I could walk or bike to work. You save money, and it’s an excellent convenience. Living here I feel more like a part of the community. I’m coming up on the five-year requirement for my loan, so I can move soon if I want. But I think I’ll stay.”

— Maurice Samuels, Lead Research and Evaluation Associate, Center for Elementary Mathematics and Science Education
Woodlawn Resident since 2009

“I love where I live. This is a very diverse block, and that’s important to me. It’s very quiet, my neighbors are courteous, and we all work together and look out for each other. It’s also convenient, close to Lake Shore Drive and the expressway, and I can walk to work in 10 minutes. I have more space now and so do the girls. They can play in the yard and at the park or help me garden.”

— Natasha Rodwell, Radiology Nurse, The University of Chicago Medicine
Woodlawn Resident since 2012

“Working, going to school, and living in the same neighborhood makes our lives feel more manageable. Now that we’re not spending all our time in transit we have a better quality of life overall. We can slow down, enjoy each other, and enjoy the neighborhood.”

— Stephanie Friedman, Associate Director, Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies
Hyde Park Homeowner since 2010
Quick facts about the Employer-Assisted Housing Program

- Faculty and staff at the University of Chicago and the University of Chicago Medicine are eligible for $2,500 to $10,000 in forgivable loans for home purchases in one of nine neighborhoods surrounding campus.
- Employees of all income levels are eligible for the EAHP benefit for most neighborhoods.
- New employees are eligible for this program immediately upon successful completion of their probationary period of employment.
- As of 2014, up to $2,400 in assistance is available to employees renting in the Woodlawn Focus Area.
- Loans for home purchases are completely forgiven after five years of employment at the University of Chicago or University of Chicago Medicine as long as the employee maintains the home as their primary residence for this period of time.
- Employees must contribute at least 3.5 percent of the down payment toward the home purchase price.

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