

Academic Job Market Summer Camp 2025

Executive Summary

UChicagoGRAD helped **168** graduate students and postdocs prepare for the academic job market and connect with alumni in faculty roles at its weeklong **Academic Job Market Summer Camp**, held from July 14-18, 2025. During 18 sessions across 5 days, the camp provided actionable advice on all application documents and position types. UChicagoGRAD staff facilitated the camp in partnership with offices across campus, including the Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning, Academic Technology Services, and the Office of International Affairs. Moreover, the camp highlighted the experience and expertise of **17 alumni panelists and three UChicago faculty moderators and panelists**, who provided attendees with practical advice on successfully applying for faculty positions at a range of institutions.



What Attendees Say

This was EXCELLENT. I walked away so appreciative of the support of UChicagoGRAD. Everything was structured so clearly, you fed us, it was wonderful. Most of my questions were answered and I feel like I gained very practical tips to move forward with my applications. – Crown PhD Student

I can better tailor my application materials to specific institutions now. The workshops on CV writing, research statements, and networking strategies were great, and I plan to implement these skills to enhance the quality and competitiveness of my applications. – PME PhD Student

As someone around the midpoint of grad school (as opposed to being on the job market right now), what I learned in the CV/cover letter workshops really pushed me to think more critically about building my thesis in such a way that reflects/aligns with how I want to present myself when I start looking for jobs and grants. The perspective, which was emphasized multiple times, that we should think about ourselves as future colleagues to the faculty at hiring institutions and not grad students when looking for jobs, is also very helpful - reminds me that independence is something that I should start to cultivate during my PhD and not something that would just happen once I graduate. – BSD PhD Student

The summer camp was well-managed, the catering was generous, and the information was incredibly valuable. – AHD PhD Student

Selected Alumni Panelists

- **Ananya Chakravarti** (PhD History), Georgetown University
- **Jas Brooks** (PhD Computer Science), MIT
- **Jeffrey K. Coleman** (PhD RLL), Northwestern University
- **Yamil Colon** (PME Postdoc), University of Notre Dame
- **Erica Schultz** (PhD Organic Chemistry), Lake Forest College
- **Celia Xu** (PhD Comparative Literature), Nanyang Technological University

Attendee Feedback

168 students and postdocs from AHD, BSD, PSD, PME, SSD, and the Booth, Crown, Divinity, Law, and Harris Schools attended the camp.

100% of survey respondents were very likely or likely to recommend the event to a peer.

