



OVERVIEW

UChicagoGRAD helped 352 graduate students and postdocs explore career options and build their professional networks at the seventeenth annual GRADUCon career conference, held on March 27, 2026. The conference and its companion event, GRADUCon International, connected attendees with 57 advanced-degree alumni via career-themed panels, one-on-one coffee chats, and a networking reception.



BY THE NUMBERS

352

Unique attendees across all events

178

One-on-one coffee chats

65

Alumni mentors and other speakers

SELECT PANELS

AI & Machine Learning
Consulting
Museums
Science Communication
Media & Publishing
Quantitative Finance
Gaming
Research & Development
Insights Roles in Industry
Entrepreneurship & Start-ups

SELECT ORGS



IMPACT

All of the alumni I met with were open, helpful, and excited to offer assistance and guidance beyond the conference. It was a great way to connect with people in my field who work outside academia.

- Ph.D. Student

I was impressed by the variety of opportunities (panel discussions, coffee chats, and headshots), and I felt like GRADUCon was well organized, which I appreciated.

- M.P.P. Student

I enjoyed the panel and felt a good number of grad students attended, making it worth my time. I also appreciated the set time of the 1-on-1 meetings and the opportunity to have lunch with my former advisors. The latter was an unexpected treat for all of us.

- Alumni Panelist

ATTENDEES

DIVISION	Master's	Doctoral	Postdoc	Total
Arts and Humanities	44	23	-	67
Biological Sciences	12	19	20	51
Physical Sciences	67	25	4	96
Social Sciences	33	12	-	45
Divinity School	5	1	-	6
Molecular Engineering	7	11	5	23
Public Policy	35	1	-	36
Social Work	10	-	-	10
Business	7	3	-	10
Other	7	1	-	8
TOTAL	227	96	29	352