



OVERVIEW

The PATHS Museums Career Trek, held on April 16, 2026, introduced graduate students and postdocs to career pathways in museums and helped them expand their professional networks. Through guided tours and career conversations with museum staff, participants came away with new insights into museum interpretation as well as concrete advice for applying academic skills to curation, education, program development, and other facets of museum work.



IMPACT

100%

of survey respondents were “very satisfied” with the trek experience

“This is the best museum experience I have had. I appreciate the organizing work of UChicagoGRAD. Also, the people at the two museums are really open to sharing their authentic thinking and advice with us, which is helpful in many ways!”

“The fact that I can apply to several museum positions even if my research topic is not totally related to the museum’s collection —this is something that really opens a lot of opportunities and will make me consider the possibility of a career in a museum more seriously.”

I experienced the important history of Chicago through the lens of museums as an educational arena, and important work has been done collaboratively in difficult times, both currently and historically. Very inspiring!

CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS



HOST INSTITUTIONS



ATTENDEES

DIVISION	Doctoral	Postdoc	Total
Arts and Humanities	4	-	4
Social Sciences	2	1	3
Divinity School	1	-	1
Social Work	1	-	1
TOTAL	8	1	9