Summer 2018 Application

PRELAW UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS (PLUS) PROGRAM

Sunday, June 3 through Friday, June 22, 2018

Application Received by Deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018

PROGRAM SPONSOR

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
Illinois Institute of Technology
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Summer 2018

Name: ___________________________________ _______________   SSN: _____________________  
(Please print) Last   First          M.I.  Required

Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________________________  
Street Number and Name

City, State, Zip: _____________________________________________________________________

Cell #: ______________________________________ Home # _______________________________

Present Address:______________________________________________________________________  
(if different) Street Number and Name

City, State, Zip: _____________________________________________________________________

Home #: _____________________________________ Cell: _________________________________

Email #1_____________________________________ Email #2:_______________________________

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: __________________________ Male ____ Female ____
City/State

Academic Information
Please provide relevant information for all colleges you have attended. You must enclose an official transcript from the college in which you are currently enrolled.

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Are you a first-generation college student?    Yes ____    No ____

Have you ever participated in this or any other PLUS Program?  Yes ____    No ____

If yes, which PLUS program? ___________________________ and what year? _________

US Citizens and Permanent Residents: We are required to ask the following questions about ethnicity and race of all students.

Are you of Hispanic or Latino Origin? (of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race).  Yes _____    No _____

For non-Hispanics only: Please check one or more of the following:

___ American Indian or Alaskan Native        ___ Asian American        ___ Black or African American ___ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander        ___ Caucasian        ___ Two or more races
Do you work while attending school? Yes ___ No ___ (If yes, how many hours per week _____)?

Do you presently receive financial aid (scholarships, loans grants, etc.)? Yes ___ No ___

Please list all academic and scholastic honors: ________________________________________
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Please list all extracurricular and community activities: ____________________________________
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Have you ever been suspended, disciplined or required to withdraw from any college or university? Yes ___ No ___ (If yes, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet)

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes ___ No ___ (If yes, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet)

Personal Statement (Required)
The application should include a 2-3 (double spaced) page personal statement discussing why you desire to participate in this program. You may also include a statement discussing other circumstances in your background that you would like the committee to consider in reviewing your application.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
___Signed and completed application   ___Personal Statement   ___College “Official” transcript(s)
___Two letters of recommendation (one from college dean or professor)   ___Resume (optional)

I have checked this application for omissions and errors. To the best of my knowledge, all information is complete and accurate as reported. I understand that I may be required to verify this information.

Applicant’s Signature: _____________________________           Date:_________________

PLEAS SUBMIT ONLY APPLICATION PAGES 2-3 TO:

Ms. Theda Mickey
Administrative Director - PLUS Program
IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
Illinois Institute of Technology
565 W. Adams Street – Room 320D
Chicago, IL 60661

REMINDER: APPLICATION RECEIVED BY DEADLINE IS: THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

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Introduction
The IIT Chicago-Kent Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars program ("PLUS") offers a unique and unforgettable experience for college students who are interested in the legal profession. This rigorous three-week program is designed to prepare students for law school or a career in the legal profession by helping them to develop essential core competencies needed to succeed in these areas. The program is primarily directed at undergraduate college students from groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession.

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law is the law school of the Illinois Institute of Technology. The second oldest law school in Illinois, Chicago-Kent has a history marked by innovation and excellence. Chicago-Kent is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and the Order of the Coif.

The PLUS program is a free three-week paid summer program which will: (1) provide participants with a deeper understanding of legal education via the program’s rigorous doctrinal and experiential skills-based curriculum; (2) help participants develop essential core competencies needed to succeed in the law school application and admissions process, as well as insight into navigating the process; and (3) expose students to a wide range of career paths within the legal profession.

Program Description
During the three-week program, IIT Chicago-Kent PLUS Scholars will be enrolled in several core courses which combine lecture, guest speakers and visits to law offices and courts. Students will also network with practicing lawyers, judicial representatives and law school admissions and career counselors. The rigorous curriculum, application and admissions counseling and professional and personal development opportunities will help position students from diverse groups to compete for admission to, enroll in, and thrive during law school.

All courses are taught by a highly skilled staff, including IIT Chicago-Kent faculty and staff, practicing attorneys, judges, and upper-level law students.

Housing and Student Life
Students participating in the Scholars Program will be provided with dormitory housing. All students participating in the program must live in the dormitory rooms. The chosen facility will have a lot to offer, including proximity to restaurants and entertainment. The dormitory rooms will not be far from IIT Chicago-Kent (C-K), where classes will be conducted. Students participating in the program will also have access to many of C-K’s facilities, including cafeteria, lounge areas, study areas, etc.

Student Eligibility and Application Process
The PLUS program is for college students who will not have received their bachelor degree by the start of the program; however, preference is given to those who will have completed their first or second year. Students who have already completed a bachelor’s degree, or who have participated in any other PLUS Program are not eligible. Because the PLUS program is primarily designed to provide exposure to law school, the legal profession and general professionalism and work skills, which students may not have gained at this stage in their education/career, preference will be given to those who would benefit the most from the PLUS experience. To apply, interested students must submit the following materials, which MUST be received in the PLUS Program office by Thursday, March 1, 2018 deadline:

1. Completed application form. Please type or print legibly.
2. Personal Statement. Your application should include a 2-3-page personal statement discussing why you would like to participate in this program. You may also include a statement discussing other circumstances in your background that you would like the committee to consider in reviewing your application.
3. Official undergraduate transcript. You are required to submit an official transcript from your current undergraduate institution verifying that you have at least a 2.5 (C+) grade point average and are currently in good standing.
4. Two letters of recommendation. We strongly recommend that at least one letter come from a college dean or professor. Letters of recommendation should discuss your academic potential, writing ability and professional promise.

All application materials should be submitted in the same envelope and received by IIT Chicago-Kent on or before the application deadline.
How much will it cost me to participate in the PLUS program?
The Program will cover the cost of your tuition, room in a residence hall, required course materials and organized social activities. You will also receive a $400 stipend.

How do I make my travel arrangements?
You will be responsible for all of your travel arrangements and expenses. The Program does not pay for any transportation expenses.

Where will I live while participating in the program?
All students participating in the program will live in dormitory rooms. The chosen facility will have a lot to offer, including proximity to restaurants and entertainment. The campus will not be far from Chicago-Kent where classes will be conducted.

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, the arrival date, students should go directly to the student dormitories. We will forward additional information to you after we have received your confirmation. If you have any questions regarding this information, please email us at plus@kentlaw.iit.edu. After you have been selected for the program, it is important that you contact us no later than Monday, May 7, 2018 regarding your travel arrangements.

Participants should plan to leave the dormitory to return home after 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018, but before 11:00 a.m. check-out time on Saturday, June 23, 2018. If you have your own accommodations in Chicago, you are welcome to travel outside of our scheduled arrival and departure dates.

Do I have to live in the dormitory?
To build a sense of community among students in the PLUS program, we expect that all program participants will live together in the dormitory. If you already live in Chicago, and living in the dormitory would impose a serious burden, upon acceptance into the 2018 PLUS Program, you MUST contact us at plus@kentlaw.iit.edu. Any participant granted permission to live outside of the dormitory may not receive the monthly stipend and will be required to participate in scheduled activities, including those which take place in the dormitory.

I participated in a PLUS Program in the past, am I eligible to participate in this program?
No. Students who have previously participated in any PLUS Program are ineligible to participate in the IIT Chicago-Kent PLUS Program.

How much time will I spend in classes?
The PLUS program is intended to be a full-time commitment. By agreeing to participate in the program, you agree that you will not have any commitments that would prevent you from giving the program your full attention.

The PLUS program runs from Sunday, June 3 through Friday, June 22, 2018. Participants must agree to participate in all scheduled activities for the entire three-week period. Classes will be conducted Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m.

What classes will I take and what will I learn?
While the courses vary each year, you may be taking any of the following courses: (1) Contracts; (2) Criminal Law; (3) Evidence; (4) Legal Writing and Research & Family Law; (5) Property and (6) Trial Advocacy. In addition to providing you with a rigorous doctrinal and experiential skills-based curriculum, the program will assist you in preparing for the law school application and admissions process. Students will not earn academic credit at either IIT or Chicago-Kent. If your institution awards credit for such programs, we will work with it to provide the required documentation. Successful completion includes submission of all required assignments and exams.

What type of clothing should I bring?
Although Chicago is known for its beautiful summers, the weather can be unpredictable. We recommend bringing an umbrella. In addition to the usual clothing for warm summer days, you should expect some cool days and evenings. The typical range in June is 60 to 80 degrees. You can dress casually for class, as you would at your college. You should, however, bring at least two changes of clothing suitable for business occasions.

What will we do for fun?
Chicago is a wonderful City. You will have time to dine at some of our local restaurants, shop on Michigan Avenue or elsewhere and visit Chicago’s many museums, Millennium Park, and Navy Pier. Of course you’ll find plenty of other things to do with your new friends. We want to make this an enjoyable experience for you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at plus@kentlaw.iit.edu.