



The Career Center and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are proud to present the **1<sup>st</sup> annual LAS Careers Road Trip for Spring Break 2013**. This program is designed for students interested in networking with employers, exploring various professions, learning more about work culture, and discovering some of the incredible opportunities open to LAS students. This year's trip will be taking participants to Chicago, giving students an exclusive chance to network with senior leadership and U of I alumni at prestigious organizations.

The voluntary trip will include two days of traveling, learning, and networking. We will visit four organizations and tour their facilities. Participants will also have an opportunity to learn from and speak with many professionals currently working in several different fields. Site visits for this year's trip include: **Red Frog Events, Walgreens Corporation, The Hartford, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection** (subject to change). This trip will not earn academic credit, and financial aid cannot be used to defray the cost.

The group will depart the morning of Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 6:30am and return the evening of Friday, March 22, 2013 around 8:30pm. The cost of the trip is \$50 and must be paid before the **mandatory pre-trip meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 6pm** at The Career Center. This payment covers a student participant's transportation, lodging for one night, and most meals. **The \$50 fee is nonrefundable.**

**The application deadline is Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.** No more than 22 students will be selected to participate in the trip. The selection process for this program will be competitive, and first consideration will be given to freshmen and sophomores, as our primary purpose is to help students begin the career exploration process. Juniors and seniors will be considered if spots are available after we've reviewed all applications from freshmen and sophomores. Applicants should demonstrate their involvement and professionalism at U of I and be able to clearly articulate how this trip will benefit them in their own career development. Those seeking assistance in completing application materials, including the short essay, are encouraged to utilize university resources like the U of I Writing Center (217-333-8796) and/or career advising at The Career Center, including resume review help (217-333-0820).

**Application materials should include:** 1.) completed application (attached); 2.) résumé; and 3.) 300-word essay addressing the following:

- What are your professional goals and ambitions?
- How will the Road Trip benefit you academically, socially, and professionally?
- What would you most like to gain from this experience?

Application materials can be sent as attachments via e-mail to [lnguyen6@illinois.edu](mailto:lnguyen6@illinois.edu), or by dropping them off at The Career Center, Attn: Lillian Nguyen.



## **LAS Careers Road Trip Application** **Application Deadline: Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Status (as of March 2013): Freshman:  Sophomore:  Junior:  Senior:

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this opportunity?

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**Ensure your application packet is complete!** Check to make sure you submit the following items:

- Completed Application
- Resume
- Essay
- \$50 check made out to University of Illinois (scholarships are available on a need basis; please contact Bob Steltman at 217-300-6752 for more details)

Applicants can submit application packets by dropping them off at The Career Center, Student Arcade Building, 715 S. Wright St, Attn: Lillian Nguyen. Applicants can also submit completed application packets via e-mail attachment by sending them to [lnguyen6@illinois.edu](mailto:lnguyen6@illinois.edu). Should applicants have any questions, please contact Lillian Nguyen at 217-333-0820 or Bob Steltman at 217-300-6752.