Universities As Catalysts of Growth

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University Foundations

- Founded: 1890
- Founders: John D. Rockefeller and the American Baptist Education Society
- First President: William Rainey Harper 1891-1906
- Located in historic Hyde Park neighborhood in Chicago's Mid South Side on Lake Michigan
- Motto:

Crescat scientia; vita excolatur
Let knowledge grow from more to
more; and so be human life enriched.



University Today

- President Robert J. Zimmer University's 13th president
- Second largest employer in City of Chicago, employing approx. 19k
- Operator of four public charter school campuses serving nearly 1,700 students and one independent K-12 school
- 89 Nobel Prize winners, including 8 current faculty
- Student Body: 5,369 undergraduates | 9,850 graduates



Logan Center for the Arts



Harper Court Development



University Commons