

## **Center for Chicago Programs Workstream**

### **Final Report – 2024-25 Academic Year**

**On Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Jennie Larsen submitted the Center for Chicago Programs' 2025 Self Study for ARRC's review.**

- This marks the completion of Deliverable #1: Conduct Annual Review of the Center for Chicago Programs under the new definition of Signature Program.

**The establishment of a Chicago Engagement Committee was approved by College Council at their March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

- This marks the completion of Deliverable #4: Create an ongoing Chicago Programs Committee to help steer the Center for Chicago Programs through the Signature Programs lens.
- The Chicago Engagement Committee will help ensure awareness and increased collaboration across key campus departments, as well as a more organized approach to the marketing of our Chicago programs.

**With the support of Krebs Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs Tara Natarajan, Associate Dean Matt Kelley, Vice President for Finance and Institutional Planning Kevin Howley, and Associate Vice President for Business and Controller AJ Rodino, the establishment of the Loop Internship Grant will help ensure the College continues to support those students pursuing the In The Loop program who may have financial concerns and/or constraints that would otherwise prohibit their participation.**

- The College recognizes the financial difficulties faced by many students and the increased demand for paid internship opportunities. The Loop Internship Grant aims to support students in unpaid or low-paid internships as part of the program. Applications will be evaluated on factors such as:
  - demonstrated financial need (assessed by the Office of Financial Aid),
  - the number of internship credit hours (up to \$2,250 per credit, maximum of two credits per semester), and
  - the level of funding offered by the internship site.

**The successful promotion of Chicago Program Coordinator Tanesha Fowler to Assistant Director of the Center for Chicago Programs.**

- Tanesha's dedication and commitment to the College and our students is unmatched. This well-deserved promotion will ensure her continued professional growth as well as assist in the strategic growth of the Center for Chicago Programs.

**Goals for the 2025-26 Academic Year:**

- The continued improvement of the In The Loop and ACTIVATE programs, including, but not limited to:

- Reinvigorating relationships with existing Partner Institutions (Columbia College Chicago, School of the Art Institute, and Roosevelt University) as well as the exploration of potential new partners (Illinois Institute of Technology).
- Strategic collaboration with Academic Departments regarding Deliverable #3.