The David Rubenstein Forum is a physical destination that supports an intellectual destination.

Promoting Inquiry, Dialogue, and New Ideas

The David Rubenstein Forum at the University of Chicago is a striking new facility designed to convene scholars, researchers, and dignitaries from around the world for intellectual engagement and the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. The Forum fulfills the need for a university-wide resource in which to convene meetings, conferences, and discussions, and it is open to all UChicago faculty and staff. The Forum is consistent with the best of UChicago, celebrating the power of ideas and bringing together great minds from across disciplines.
The Forum is a physical expression of the University of Chicago’s academic character, and it was born from a collaborative process that included UChicago faculty, staff, administration, and board members. The LEED Gold facility offers a bold and inspiring alternative to uninspiring hotel ballrooms and traditional conference center meeting rooms. It is thoughtfully designed to host events that promote inquiry, the open exchange of ideas, and the power of convening.

There is no need to coordinate with multiple vendors when planning a meeting or event. The Forum offers all the amenities for a successful gathering under one roof, including furnishings, food and beverage, audio-visual equipment, and place settings.
A Seamless Experience

The David Rubenstein Forum is a purpose-built venue to host exceptional meetings and events. From acoustics to ergonomics and art to architecture, every detail is carefully crafted to provide a superior experience.

Our on-site meeting concierge and team of hospitality professionals offer superior support to help curate flawless convenings. From warm greetings and coat check on arrival to technology orientations and swiftly accommodating program changes and additions, events are executed seamlessly from start to finish.

DISTINCTIVE AMENITIES

• Retreat-like setting
• Public and private spaces
• Meetings concierge
• User-friendly, state-of-the-art audiovisual
• Modern furnishings
• Refined food and beverage with continuous refreshment breaks
• Museum-quality art and acoustics
• Panoramic views of Chicago
• Enhanced security for special guests
The David Rubenstein Forum is an energetic and sophisticated space that brings together great minds for meaningful dialogue. We consider our food and beverage program to be a crucial collaborator in providing an elevated experience to our guests, from the quality, locally sourced ingredients we choose through the refined service we provide.

Exceptional Culinary

With an unwavering focus on quality and consistency, BARDAVID offers a comfortable yet sophisticated setting for enjoying a quick bite, sharing plates, or lingering over a great conversation. The bar is the focal point of the space, creating the ideal location to congregate, connect, and relax over refined food and drink. Guests have their choice of a by-the-glass wine experience, bespoke draft beers, and classic cocktails with a twist.

Breakfast features light fare as well as more hearty options, cold-pressed juices, the best pastries in town, and tea and coffee selections from a master roaster. For lunch and after hours, the cuisine transitions to a Mediterranean influence and highlights small plates.
Social Catering and Events

The Forum’s event space boasts commanding views of the UChicago campus and surrounding neighborhoods and is as appropriate for a conference as it is the season’s most talked-about event. The space can accommodate intimate seated dinners and large standing cocktail receptions, offering a unique venue to hold private events.

The Dining Room

The flexible Dining area, which has expansive views of the Bosque and rain garden, is available for meals and events of up to 100 conference attendees and university patrons. Rather than the uninspired banquet buffets served at traditional conference centers, this stunning space offers culinary-focused, family-style service with a variety of gourmet tableside tasting platters.

Breaks and Coffee Service

Coffee breaks at the Forum match the elevated experience found in every other aspect of the venue. Our coffee kiosks in each neighborhood feature in-house, chef-made platters of gourmet treats with an array of health-focused and decadent snacks, encouraging mingling and interactivity among our guests.
The Forum's iconic design includes a two-story podium and 10-story tower divided into “neighborhoods,” each with a distinctive identity. Diverse environments facilitate planned or spontaneous conversation, providing open spaces that encourage groups to socialize and secluded spots for more intimate discussions.

The Forum is a progressive retreat, with large public spaces on lower floors transitioning to more private, contemplative spaces as you ascend the tower. The views from higher floors are unmatched in the city, offering visitors unique perspectives of campus, the Chicago skyline, the Midway Plaisance, and Lake Michigan.

A Progressive Retreat

The Forum inspires the rigorous inquiry, vigorous debate, and academic collaboration that define UChicago.
Explore the Forum

Distinct neighborhoods create distinct experiences

The Forum is home to a variety of spaces appropriate for a diversity of gatherings, both formal and informal, large and small, calm and animated, focused and expansive, scheduled and spontaneous.
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For more than 130 years, the people and ideas of the University of Chicago have helped shape the world and how we understand it. The David Rubenstein Forum provides elevated environments, quality amenities, and refined service that coalesce into a convening space suited to UChicago’s stature as a global intellectual destination.
CONVENINGS

The Forum celebrates the power of ideas, bringing together great minds across a diversity of event types.

- Academic conferences
- Strategy sessions
- Executive retreats
- Board and council meetings
- Lectures and performances
- Signature events
Location

The Forum is located on the University of Chicago campus at the corner of Woodlawn Avenue and 60th Street just south of the Midway Plaisance.

KEY

1. David Rubenstein Forum
2. The Study Hotel (coming in 2021)
3. Parking Garage (coming in 2021)
4. Keller Center (Harris School for Public Policy)
5. The University of Chicago Law School
6. Harper Center (Chicago Booth)
7. Robie House
8. Oriental Institute Museum
9. Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
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