THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY
STUDENT COMMITTEE: CALL FOR MEMBERS

The Renaissance Society is located on the fourth floor of Cobb Hall, where we present contemporary art exhibitions along with a regular program of events and publications. Founded in 1915 by a group of University of Chicago faculty members, we are an independent museum with an experimental ethos.

The Ren’s Student Committee is an active group of 10-15 students, both undergraduate and graduate, from any academic institution in Chicago. Students in all fields of study are encouraged to apply; all you need is an interest in contemporary art and the Renaissance Society’s program. The Committee will meet monthly during the academic year and participate in a program of activities unique to the group.

The main goals of the student committee are:

Gaining professional experience

• Learn more about how an international non-collecting art museum works, in areas such as programming, communications, development, and administration
• Take part in group and one-on-one professional development sessions with Renaissance Society staff, covering topics such as curation, fundraising, publishing, and more

Planning and participating in special events

• Take part in 1–2 special events during each gallery exhibition at the Ren, including workshops, discussions, studio visits, trips to galleries, meals with exhibiting artists, and more
• Events will be decided collectively by the Committee based on the group’s interests
• Members are highly encouraged to conceive and propose their own ideas for programs, then realize them with support from Ren staff

Forming new connections

• Meet and connect with artists, arts professionals, and other students interested in contemporary art from all over Chicago

Applications are due Friday, October 14 and will be reviewed by October 21.

Committee activities will begin in November 2022 and extend through June 2023. Participants should be able to commit to roughly one engagement per month, which may include meetings, field trips to galleries and artist’s studios, seminars, workshops, and more. The times and dates of these activities will be determined by the group, and meetings will include a virtual option whenever possible.

More information and application at renaissancesociety.org/news or contact Jessica Cochran at cochranj@uchicago.edu