

# INTRODUCTION

In the more than 125 years since our founding, a world-class city has grown up around North Park University. Today we seek students eager to become servant leaders in an increasingly global and urban society. The city of Chicago, with its immense commercial, service, and cultural endowments, has been our address for over a century; today it is our classroom.

Because we cherish our central identity as a residential, liberal arts university, we attempt only what we can do well. Excellence is what we ask of ourselves and what we seek in all of our varied academic and cocurricular programs.

At North Park excellence implies not only a deep tradition in the liberal arts and the Christian faith, but also a spirit of innovation, reaching out to serve and to learn from the dynamic community around us. Centers of cultural studies enrich the life of the campus and connect us to the diverse people of Chicago, whose roots extend around the globe. Graduate and special undergraduate programs enhance the University's resources in the liberal arts, as well as specialized areas such as business, the health sciences, and education.

We are looking for men and women who long to grow in knowledge and faith, and who seek a sense of vocation through leadership and servanthood in a global society.

# STATEMENT OF MISSION, VISION, AND ASPIRATION

## MISSION

The mission of North Park University is to prepare students for lives of significance and service through education in the liberal arts, professional studies, and theology.

## VISION

Our vision, building on our core institutional identity—Christian, urban, and intercultural—is to fashion a university of uncommon character and enduring excellence where faith, learning, and service meet.

## ASPIRATION

Formed in faith and driven by Christian mission, North Park University adopts Chicago as classroom to prepare a new generation of global leaders, committed through personal faith and professional expertise to advancing the health and vitality of the world's people and their cities.