

DAVID RUBENSTEIN FORUM

CONVENING THE POWER OF IDEAS



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Opening Fall 2020

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.





Elevating the Art of Idea Exchange

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

Exceptional Culinary

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.



BARDAVID

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.

Conferee Dining

The flexible Conferee 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.





A Progressive Retreat

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.

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.



CITY VIEW ROOM AND PREFUNCTION SPACE

Formal and focused



PETER MAY BOARDROOM AND ELEVATED MEETING ROOMS

Elevated views



KAPANI FAMILY LOUNGE AND STANDARD MEETING ROOMS

Social gatherings



FRIEDMAN HALL AND PREFUNCTION SPACE

Optimized for spoken word



UNIVERSITY ROOM AND PREFUNCTION SPACE

Larger gatherings



BOSQUE GARDEN

Public spaces



RECOMMENDED MEETING ROOM CAPACITY

	Floor	Room #	Room Name	Square Feet	Fixed	Reception	Classroom	Hollow Square/ Conference Set	Theater	Crescent Ovals (8 seats)	Banquet Ovals (10 seats)	Banquet Chairs	Ergo Chairs	Max Load Per Floor
STANDARD	2	201	University Room A	2,893		318			270	120	180	x		318
	2	202	University Room B	3,652		418			360	160	270	x		
	2	201-202	University Room AB	6,454		625			600	360	510	x		
	2		University Room Prefunction	1,700		125						x		392
	3	302	Friedman Hall Prefunction	2,070		200						x		
	3, 4	301	Friedman Hall	4,090	284									
	5	504	Meeting Room	1,232		100	40	28	80	72	90		x	121
	5	503	Meeting Room	733		50	24	20	40	48	60		x	
	5	501	Meeting Room	438		40	16	12	30	16	20		x	
	5	502	Meeting Room	438		40	16	12	30	16	30		x	
5	501-502	Combined Meeting Rooms	876		75	32	24	60	40	50		x		
ELEVATED	6	601	Tiered Meeting Room	1,618	68								x	174
	6	602	Meeting Room	713		50	24	16	48	32	40		x	
	7	701	Meeting Room	1,101		80	40	28	70	48	60		x	92
	7	702	Meeting Room	1,101		80	40	28	70	48	60		x	
	8	801	Meeting Room	918		70	32	24	50	40	50		x	149
	8	802	Meeting Room	918		70	32	24	50	40	50		x	
	9	901	Peter May Boardroom	1,618	70								x	105
	9	902	Bernard J. DelGiorno Meeting Room	552	18								x	
	10	1001	City View Room	2,054		146	64	46	120	120	146		x	146
	10	1002	City View Room Prefunction	1,039		100							x	

PHYSICAL DISTANCING CAPACITY

In compliance with guidance from the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, and the University of Chicago, the David Rubenstein Forum has revised meeting room capacities to allow for six feet of space between each attendee.

STANDARD
ELEVATED

Floor	Room #	Room Name	Square Feet	Safe Set Reception	Safe Set Classroom	Safe Set Hollow Square / Conference Set		Safe Set Theater	Safe Set Crescent Ovals	Safe Set Banquet Ovals	Banquet Chairs	Ergo Chairs
2	201	University Room A	2,893	80	40			90	45	54	x	
2	202	University Room B	3,652	105	48			120	60	81	x	
2	201-202	University Room AB	6,454	150	96			200	135	153	x	
2		University Room Prefunction	1,700	32							x	
3	302	Friedman Hall Prefunction	2,070	50							x	
3, 4	301	Friedman Hall	4,090					39				
5	504	Meeting Room	1,232	25	20	12		26	27	27		x
5	503	Meeting Room	733	13	12	8		14	18	18		x
5	501	Meeting Room	438	10	8	6		10	6	6		x
5	502	Meeting Room	438	10	8	6		10	6	9		x
5	501-502	Combined Meeting Rooms	876	18	16	12		20	15	15		x
6	601	Tiered Meeting Room	1,618		16							x
6	602	Meeting Room	713	13	12	8		16	12	12		x
7	701	Meeting Room	1,101	20	20	12		24	18	18		x
7	702	Meeting Room	1,101	20	20	12		24	18	18		x
8	801	Meeting Room	918	18	16	12		16	15	15		x
8	802	Meeting Room	918	18	16	12		16	15	15		x
9	901	Peter May Boardroom	1,618		16							x
9	902	Bernard J. DelGiorno Meeting Room	552									x
10	1001	City View Room	2,054	36	32	22		40	45	45		x
10	1002	City View Room Prefunction	1,039	25								x

Thoughtfully Designed for Meaningful Gatherings

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



Convening and COVID-19

As we convene with a heightened awareness of health and wellness practices, we invite you to experience the transformation of the ordinary meeting. Our approach embraces thoughtful accommodations for safe distancing and elevated hygiene procedures while providing distinctive, wellness-focused meeting environments.

Whether you are planning to convene in the coming months or well into the future, the safety, wellbeing, and enduring experience of your attendees are our priorities, and they are evident in the best practices we follow.



MEETING ENVIRONMENT

- Air purification systems and infusers
- Staggered breaks and event entry/exit timing
- Safe physical distancing spacing
- Hygiene and sanitizer stations

AUDIO-VIDEO OPTIMIZATION

- Video conferencing capabilities in all meeting rooms

ZERO-RISK CLAUSE

We understand that companies and planners will need to manage their risk in terms of attrition and cancellation. In response, we've developed the following approach for all new contracts:

- Schedule a new meeting in 2020 for arrival by March 31, 2021, and no attrition or cancellation fees will apply until 60 days in advance of arrival.
- This special provision applies to contracted meeting rooms and food and beverage revenue.

Meetings and events will play a critical role in motivating teams and charting a course for the future, and our potential clients will need to manage their risk in terms of possible attrition and even cancellation. We understand this and aim to deliver a clear value and return on investment for every prospective convening organized at the Forum.

Visit davidrubensteinforum.uchicago.edu/convening-and-covid-19 to learn more.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Curated menu offerings that activate the best ingredients in the region
- Collaborative approach to tailoring menus that maximize healthy choices

ACTIVATED BREAKS

- Mindfulness programming and activities offered to create a unique and enriching convening experience

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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