



STRUCTURAL  
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Graduate Student Chapter  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

# Chicago Professional Weekend 2018

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October 5-6, 2018

## Friday Program

### Departure via Charter Bus

**When:** Friday, October 5, 2018  
Start arriving at **6:00am**  
**Bus leaves at 6:15am**

**Where:** National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA)  
1205 West Clark Street  
Urbana, IL

**What:**

Students and faculty will depart for Chicago via charter bus at **6:15am** on Friday morning. The group will meet at the north driveway of the NCSA building on Clark Street, *just northeast of Newmark Lab*.

Bus will make a pit-stop at the hotel to drop off luggage. Prior to drop off, please mark your luggage with ID tag given during info session meeting.

Students should call Lauren (908) 656-0141 or Marcelino (915) 920-7290 in case of emergencies.

### Professional Panel Session

**When:** Friday, October 5, 2018  
10:00am-1:30pm

**Where:** Illini Center Chicago (Orange & Blue Conference Room)  
200 South Wacker Drive, 19th Floor (MC-200)  
Chicago, IL

**What:**

Students will arrive directly at Illini Center via charter coach. Bags will have been dropped off at hotel, since Friday afternoon activities will involve walking. Students will have access to their bags when they check in at the hotel after providing their corresponding luggage ID tag, after the walking and office tours.

The event will begin with a short welcome and introduction from UIUC Structures faculty at 10:00am. This introduction will be followed by brief presentations by each company representative. The main component of the morning program, a faculty-moderated panel discussion, will then commence. The goal of the Professional Panel Session is to generate meaningful discussions between practitioners and students on topics of relevance to graduate students in search of careers in structural engineering. Following the panel discussion, catered box lunches from Panera will be provided for both students and company panel participants (vegetarian options available); at this time, more informal interactions with company representatives will take place.

**Participating Companies:**

Magnusson Klemencic Associates:



HNTB:



Alfred Benesch:



Parsons:



Thornton Tomasetti:



Skidmore Owings and Merrill:



Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.:



## Loop Walking Tour & Office Visits

**When:** Friday, October 5, 2018  
1:30pm-4:30pm

**Start at:** Illini Center Chicago  
200 South Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL

**End at:** Holiday Inn – Chicago Mart Plaza River North  
350 West Mart Center Drive  
Chicago, IL

### **What:**

The second segment of our Professional Weekend activities will begin directly after lunch on Friday. Groups of students will be led by company representatives on a walking tour of the famous Chicago Loop, where most companies are located. If applicable, students will also visit the office of their tour leader.

Tour group leaders will then return students or otherwise direct them to our hotel (Holiday Inn) around 4:30pm, at which time students will have free time to check into the hotel, get their bag from the hotel and get ready for group networking social.

## Networking Social at Haymarket Pub & Brewery

**When:** Friday, October 5, 2018  
Group leaves from the hotel at **6:00pm**  
Event duration 6:30pm - 9:00pm

**Where:** Haymarket Pub & Brewery  
737 W Randolph St.  
Chicago, IL

### **What:**

The group will depart Holiday Inn hotel **at 6:00pm** and take a short, 1-mile walk to our networking venue, Haymarket Pub & Brewery. Upwards of 10 young professional engineers who are now working in the Chicago area—mostly alumni of our Structures graduate programs—will join us for drinks, refreshments, and very informal networking.

Students will be treated to refreshments, but may purchase additional food and drinks if desired.

If the office visits run long, students can go directly to the restaurant and check into the hotel after dinner. In which case, they can pick up their luggage at the hotel by texting or calling Lauren (908) 656-0141.

After dinner, students may choose to head back to the hotel or explore the city. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses and light rail are a great way to get around town. Ventra fare cards are available for purchase at most 'el' (elevated rail) stations. Check out maps and schedules at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com).

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## ***Saturday Program***

### **Wendella Architectural Boat Tour**

**When:** Saturday, October 6, 2018  
Group leaves from the hotel at **8:45am**  
9:30am-11:00am

**Where:** Wendella Dock low level close to Michigan Ave  
*400 N Michigan Ave*  
Chicago, IL 60611

**What:**

To arrive at Wendella Boats on time, the group will coordinate to leave together at **8:45am** to walk to the Wendella boat dock in the River North area. Please note that ***students must check out of the hotel on their own and leave their bags on the hotel or carry them***, and the group will reconvene at the Wendella Dock at Trump Tower around 9:20am (***please arrive early***—the tour leaves promptly at 9:30am) for Wendella’s Architectural Boat Tour of Chicago.

An expert architecture guide will lead our group through all three branches of the Chicago River during this 75-minute tour, highlighting Chicago’s rich architectural heritage, including a wide range of architectural styles designed by notable architects/firms such as Mies van der Rohe, Bertrand Goldberg and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

### **AISC Office Tour**

**When:** Saturday, October 6, 2018  
11:30am – 12:30pm

**Where:** American Institute of Steel Construction  
130 East Randolph, Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL, 60601

**What:**

Representatives from the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) will be giving us a briefing of their work, followed by a tour of their office with opportunities for questions and discussion. Accordingly, please prepare by *wearing suitable clothing and closed-toed shoes suitable for visiting an office*.

Students will be responsible for getting to the site which is just few minutes walking from the Wendella Boat Tour Location.

**Institute Involved:**



**Going Back to Campus**

**When:** Saturday, October 6, 2018  
5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** Holiday Inn – Chicago Mart Plaza River North  
350 West Mart Center Drive  
Chicago, IL

**What:**

Following the tour, students will have about four hours of free time to explore Chicago on their own. The bus will depart promptly at **5:00pm** at Holiday Inn – Chicago Mart Plaza River North, 350 West Mart Center Drive. Arrival at Main and Goodwin in Urbana should be around 8pm.

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