Bridge UnderGrad Science Jr (BUGS Jr) Summer Research Program  
Qualtrics Application Preview

Application due: April 21, 2024
Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Bridge UnderGraduate Science Jr. (BUGS Jr.) Summer Research Program! This program provides full-time paid summer research internships to high school students to allow them to gain hands-on experience working in a collaborative research environment at USC. Only research connected with improving our understanding of the human body and/or human health is eligible for this program.

Note: The BUGS Jr. Program is operated concurrently with the BUGS Program (for undergraduate students).

*IMPORTANT*: Before filling out this application:
Please be certain: (1) you can commit to the minimum 30 hours/week time requirements for all 7 weeks of the program, and (2) you have found a faculty mentor who has agreed to accept you in their lab for the duration of this summer program.

The mentor will be contacted for confirmation and to notify them of their obligations as a BUGS Jr Mentor.

Eligibility and Mentorship
How did you hear about the 2024 BUGS Jr Summer Research Program?

- From another student who participated previously (name below).
- From a friend or family member that works at USC/CHLA (name below).
- From my school teacher or counselor (name below).
- Web search/posting (describe).
- I'm a returning BUGS Jr participant from a previous year.
- Other (describe).

Have you found a faculty mentor AND have you both agreed on goals/plans for your summer research efforts?

- YES -- I have a faculty mentor, and we have agreed to (at least tentative) goals/plans for my summer research. (Please proceed with completing this application).
- No -- I have not found a faculty mentor yet - or we have not agreed on my goals/plans yet. (STOP NOW. You may not continue this application until you have found a mentor. The application questions can be reviewed in the PDF application preview).

IF YOU ANSWERED NO, you'll receive the following message:
If you are reaching this page this means you have not yet found a faculty mentor. Before proceeding with your 2024 BUGS Jr. Application, please find a USC faculty mentor whose research interests you AND who agrees to host you over the summer for the BUGS Jr. Program.

Good luck on your search and we look forward to having you submit your completed application!
Applicant Information

Name and Contact Info:

| First Name          |                                 |
|                     |                                 |
| Last Name           |                                 |
| Preferred Nickname  |                                 |
| (optional)          |                                 |
| E-mail address      |                                 |
| Phone number        |                                 |

Gender:

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary/Third gender
- Prefer not to say

Date of birth: MM/DD/YYYY

Home address:

| Street Address      |                                 |
|                    |                                 |
| City               |                                 |
| State              |                                 |
| Zipcode            |                                 |

Optional: Please indicate if you are:

- Underrepresented Minority - Ethnicity
- Underrepresented Minority - Female
- First Generation College Student
- Student From Economically Disadvantaged Community (additional support and resources may be available)
- A non-resident alien of the US (additional info required to register for stipend payment)

Upload a photo of yourself. (jpg or png preferred)  [UPLOAD VIA LINK]

Is a close relation (parent, grandparent, sibling, etc.) employed by USC?

- Yes (who? Provide name and relationship)

- No

Emergency contact:

| First Name          |                                 |
|                     |                                 |
| Last Name           |                                 |
| Relationship        |                                 |
| E-mail address      |                                 |
| Phone number        |                                 |
Academic & Research Experience
Have you participated in BUGS Jr. or another USC affiliated program in the past?
○ Yes (list here and provide NetID and USCID number if previously issued) 

○ No

High school name and location (city, state):

Anticipated high school graduation year:
○ 2024 (are you an incoming freshman at USC?)

○ 2025
○ 2026
○ 2027
○ 2028
○ Other (please specify)

Upload current academic transcripts (grades). [PDF preferred] [UPLOAD VIA LINK]

Research Project Application
Faculty Mentor:
First Name
Last Name
E-mail address

Research Proposal: Briefly describe what you will be researching with your Faculty Mentor this summer. (250 words max.)

Planned Research Mode:
○ Fully in-person at USC
○ Hybrid: part in-person/part on-line (how many hours will you be on campus each week?)

○ Virtual (on-line) [STOP: ‘virtual/on-line only’ research is NOT eligible for the 2024 program]

Please leave any additional information that you would like us to know in the space provided below.
Certify and Submit
Please review and confirm that ALL answers you have provided to the questions are accurate and up to date before accepting the terms of the BUGS Jr. Summer Research Program.

The 2024 BUGS Jr. Summer Research Program is scheduled to run from Monday, June 17 to Saturday, August 3, 2024.

As a participant in this program, I agree to:
- Strictly adhere to USC health and safety requirements if participating in any on-campus activities in this research program
- Attend all required programmatic activity sessions
- Maintain full-time (30+ per week) working hours on my research
- Attend and present my work in a POSTER presentation at the Finale Symposium on Thursday, August 1st; Friday, August 2nd or Saturday, August 3rd (as assigned).

I understand that failure to meet these requirements of the program can result in the forfeiture of my stipend.

Please indicate your acceptance of these terms by providing your signature in the box below and submitting your completed application.