Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF)

Overview of the Program:
The USC School of Pharmacy’s SURF program is geared towards increasing learning and networking opportunities for undergraduate students committed to pursuing either a professional or academic research career in pharmaceutical and translational sciences. Students will develop confidence and independence in conducting research and communicating scientific concepts under the guidance of faculty and other mentors. In addition to daily engagement in the lab, students will attend biweekly entrepreneurship/professional development seminars and participate in a workshop on the graduate school application process so as to stimulate serious consideration of graduate study. At the end of the summer, students will give an oral presentation of their research to their peers and faculty.

Eligibility:
- Undergraduate students between their junior and senior year
- Students must be in good academic standing and enrolled for next year’s classes
- Must be US citizens or permanent residents
- Applications are strongly encouraged from the following groups to enhance diversity in our training programs: first-generation college student or a member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education (African Americans, Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders; individuals with disabilities, defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities).

Program Information:
For a list of participating faculty, their research programs and information about our graduate programs, please visit our website: http://pharmgradprograms.usc.edu.

For more information, please contact the USC School of Pharmacy Graduate Affairs Office at 323-442-1474 or via email at pharmgrd@usc.edu.
Program Benefits:

- Participate in cutting-edge research with top USC faculty
- Receive a $3,500 stipend for a full-time program during summer (June until mid-August)
- Gain experience and tools to enhance your application to competitive PhD programs
- Explore the rich and diverse culture of Southern California in Los Angeles while learning about the resources and graduate training opportunities at the USC School of Pharmacy
- Develop lasting friendships with fellow participants

Application Requirements:

- Have a strong desire to pursue a PhD in one of the disciplines offered by the USC School of Pharmacy graduate program (https://pharmgradprograms.usc.edu/)
  - Pharmaceutical and Translational Sciences PhD Tracks:
    - Pharmaceutical Sciences
    - Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology
    - Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics
  - Health Economics PhD Tracks:
    - Microeconomics
    - Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy
- Strong academic background (GPA of 3.5 or higher) in the fields related to biology, chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, biomedical engineering, economics
- Students should have a working knowledge of lab skills and concepts learned through college courses such as chemistry and biology

- Application MUST include ALL of the following:
  - Completed cover sheet
  - Resume
  - Statement of research interests (1-2 pages)
  - Undergraduate transcript (unofficial OK)
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Submit all application materials as one PDF file to pharmgrd@usc.edu.

Timeline

- 2016 SURF Application Deadline is April 15, 2016
- Awardees will be notified by end April/early May, 2016
- Earliest start Date: June 1, 2016
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Applicant Name: ____________________________________________

College: ____________________________________________

Local Home Address: _______________________________________

E-mail address: ____________________________________________

List 3 faculty from USC School of Pharmacy whose research is of interest to you:

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

Undergraduate Level: _______________________________________

Undergraduate Major: ___________  Minor: ___________

Overall GPA: ___________  Science GPA: ___________

Units Completed: ___________  Science Units: ___________