

**Spend the summer doing guided insect ecology experiments in community gardens with [Bug2School! \(bug2school.org\)](http://Bug2School.org)**

**Length:** 10-weeks, Summer 2026, 30 hrs/week

**Stipend:** \$6,000 stipend

**Location:** University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Eligibility:** Currently-enrolled undergraduates graduating fall 2026 or later

**Team research:** Learn to grow food and be a scientist together with a cohort of students as we collaborate on a single large-scale experiment, with close, in-person mentorship from university faculty.

**Bug Camp:** Our program begins with a 5-day orientation in Champaign-Urbana for team-building and rigorous training in gardening, insect ecology, and scientific methods.

**Bug influencing:** As we complete research, we'll also develop creative web and video content to help students and teachers learn about plants and insects in school and community gardens.

**Apply at [Bug2School.org](http://Bug2School.org) by March 6**

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# Bug 2 School: Collaborative insect ecology research in school gardens!



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