

Spend the summer doing guided insect ecology experiments in community gardens with **Bug2School!** (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](https://bug2school.org) by March 6

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



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