

**The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Center for Community Outreach Development  
Summer Science Institute III  
Research Internship**

**June 02 – July 31, 2026**

**2026 Application Form**

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**Applicant Eligibility:**

- Currently be a high school Junior or Senior (be in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Have an interest in and a demonstrated aptitude for science
- Commit to being present on all days of the Internship
- Submit a COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET which includes:
  1. Completed Application Form
  2. High school Transcript (sent by your school)
  3. Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a science teacher
  4. A one-page essay describing your personal and career interests
  5. Passport size photo (headshot attached above required)
  6. A program fee of **\$1200.00** is required upon acceptance (**non-refundable**), payable by bank / cashier's check or money order to UAB-CORD SSI III Program.
  7. Limited need-based scholarships are available (submit proof of need in the form of current IRS tax documents, or federal assistance program enrollment and a letter specifying why you are requesting a scholarship).

**\*Deadline for Application: 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2026\***

**All applications must be received in one complete package at the same time.  
It is understandable that your school may mail your Transcript.**

Please **Mail or Deliver** Applications to the CORD Office. **Faxed or emailed** forms will not be accepted.

**SUMMER SCIENCE INSTITUTE III**

**Community Health Services Building, Room 503  
933 19th Street South  
Birmingham, Alabama 35294-2041**

**Finalists may be required to schedule an interview with the CORD Staff at UAB. Students not qualifying for a specific program may be offered participation in one of the other SSI programs.**

**Contact Information:**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship:** I attest that I am (check one of the following)

- A citizen of the United States
- A noncitizen national of the United States (a person born in American Samoa, be a certain former citizen of the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or be in a class of certain children of non-citizens born abroad)
- A lawful permanent resident (please provide a copy of your (USCIS document or other legal verification of your status)
- An alien authorized to work (must provide expiration date, if applicable and must provide document number)

**Academic Information:**

1. College / University that you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

2. List all courses you have taken in the following areas with a letter grade of "B" or better:

Science

Math

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. Scholastic awards or honors received:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. School/community activities in which you are involved:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you have any allergies or medical conditions that would prohibit you from working in a research laboratory or clinical setting? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Please indicate your career interest.

\_\_\_\_\_ Biomedical Research (please note specific area of interest) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Health Related Profession (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information contained in this application is correct and complete. I grant permission for information concerning my educational records to be released to UAB for the purpose of establishing eligibility to participate in this program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Teacher Recommendation Form

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Applying for: Summer Science Institute III, Research Intern**

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

Use the following scale to assess the student according to the other students that you have known over the past 3 years.

1. Lower 50%
2. Between the Top 20%-50%, Very Good
3. Between the Top 10-20%, Excellent
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Briefly explain or give specific example(s) that justify your ranking for each of the student's characteristics listed below, if they are at either extreme.

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RANKING

JUSTIFICATION

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\_\_\_\_ Special talents:

**Please feel free to share any additional information that you feel would be helpful in determining the suitability of this student for our program. Use additional paper, if necessary.**

We thank you for your assistance in advancing area students in science and technology.

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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