



## SD Bright SUN Application 2024

The information on this page is provided to assist applicants in collecting the information needed to apply for the SD Bright SUN program. [Applications must be submitted online.](#)

Please fill out the following information to apply for the 2024 SD Bright SUN Program. Applications will be accepted through 11:59 pm PT on Friday, January 19, 2024. Please email [cfar@ucsd.edu](mailto:cfar@ucsd.edu) with questions.

### Contact Information

First and Middle Name:

Preferred Name (e.g., nickname) if different from above answer:

Last Name

Email Address:

Cell Phone/Best Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

### Personal Information

Current Institution (name and location):

At what stage are you in your training:

- Undergraduate student
- Masters student
- Other (explain)

What program are you in (e.g., public health, psychology, etc.)?

In what year are you in your program (e.g. 1st, 2nd, etc.)?:

Degree (conferred or expected, e.g., BA, BS, MPH, other):

Estimated date degree conferred or expected:

Are you currently a fellow in one of the following programs, or any other fellowship or training program?

- McNair Program
- UC San Diego Undergraduate Research Scholar
- Other (describe)
- None of the above



Are you a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident? *If your answer is NO to this question, you are not eligible for SD Bright SUN.*

Do you identify with one or more of the following groups? Check all that apply.

- Blacks or African Americans
- Hispanics or Latinos
- American Indians or Alaska Natives
- Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders
- I do not identify with any of the above groups
- Other (explain)
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to possess a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits any of your major life activities?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

At any point in your life, have any of the following circumstances personally applied to you? (Meaning that you personally experienced the circumstance, not someone in your family or who you know). Check all that apply.

- Experienced homelessness
- In foster care system
- Eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years
- Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree
- Eligible for Federal Pell grants
- Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child
- Grew up in a U.S. rural area
- None of these apply
- Prefer not to say

What is your gender identity?

- Man
- Woman
- Non-binary
- Something else (describe)
- Prefer not to say

My pronouns are:

Are you the first member of your immediate family to complete an undergraduate degree?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say



Are you the first member of your immediate family to pursue a graduate-level degree?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to say

### Mentorship, Research Interests, and Program Logistics

Select three from list of [SD Bright SUN mentors](#) included in the application instructions.

|                   | Mentor Name | Have you been in contract with proposed mentor? |
|-------------------|-------------|---|
| Proposed mentor 1 |             |   |
| Proposed mentor 2 |             |   |
| Proposed mentor 3 |             |   |

Please confirm that you are able to participate in the didactic and interactive training activities, which will be held on Friday mornings tentatively scheduled for 9 am-1 pm from February to September 2024. Note that sessions will be held roughly every other Friday of the month, with frequency of meetings being most intensive at the beginning of the program.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure (explain)

Have you taken, or are you currently taking, a research methods course? E.g., a course that is designed to promote understanding of the research process and research terminology; awareness of the ethical principles of research; basic understanding of quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods approaches to research; skills to conduct a literature review; skills to critically analyze published research.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure (explain)

Do you have any HIV research experience? If yes, be sure to provide details in your personal statement including your current research interests, if different.

- Yes
- No



In two-three sentences, please describe your current research interests related to HIV or related areas.

Please list 5-7 keywords describing your areas of expertise and research interests (e.g., HIV care engagement; sexual and gender minorities; Black and Latinx health disparities; community-based participatory research; intervention development and evaluation):

How did you hear about SD Bright SUN?

### Document Uploads

Current curriculum vitae

Letter of Reference #1

Letter of Reference #2

Statement of Interest (including research interests, short term and long-term career goals, and personal expectations)

Letter from Current Primary Mentor: Letter committing to supporting the individual in the completion of the SD Bright SUN program and research project. This statement can be provided in one of the two required letters of reference; if so, please re-upload the letter of reference here.