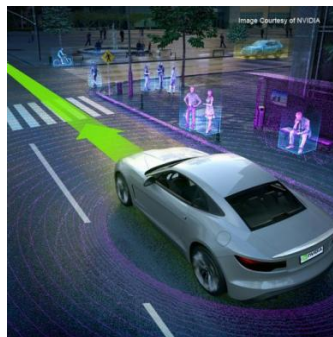# USC CS Undergraduate Mentoring

Thomas Lord Department of Computer Science at USC invites undergraduates to apply for the USC CS Undergraduate Mentoring Program, aimed at increasing the participation of women, first-gen students and underrepresented minorities in computer science research.

To apply, please fill out the application here: https://forms.gle/h69KCBXEyxm8GxYN6

What is it, and who can apply? The USC CS Undergraduate Mentoring Program is an **informal** mentoring program that matches undergraduates with a graduate student mentor. You will meet with your mentor about once a month for an informal discussion (about **30 minutes per month**). Potential topics include: advising on classes and outside projects, recommendations for how to get involved in research, discussing exciting new technologies, and general career advice. This program is intended to increase participation of **first-gen students, women and other underrepresented minorities** in computer science. However, **we welcome applicants of all backgrounds and demographics**. We particularly encourage **freshman** and **sophomore** level students to apply: CS is a competitive field, and starting to prepare early can be important!

What if I want to do undergraduate research now? The mentoring program is meant to help students prepare for a career in CS, with an emphasis on research. Graduate student mentors can advise you on how to prepare for undergraduate research, which is important if you are considering a future application to a computer science graduate program. If you are interested in getting involved in research right away, we encourage you to contact a professor for a relevant lab directly in addition to applying to the mentoring program. A listing of labs is available at https://www.cs.usc.edu/directory/faculty/ .