



# Jazmyn Bess

Postbaccalaureate  
DCEG Shady Grove



## Education

MS, Microbiology and Cell Science, University of Florida; BS, Microbiology and Immunology with minor in African American Studies, The University of Texas at San Antonio

## Scientific Interests

- Cervical cancer genetic predispositions
- HPV genotypes
- HPV vaccination
- Cervical cancer health disparities among African American women

## I applied to iCURE because...

I loved that it aimed to give rising scientists from underrepresented demographic groups the opportunity to gain experiences and mentorship with world-renowned cancer researchers. I felt it would give me, as a young African American female scientist, the start to be part of groundbreaking cancer research that can create solutions for African American women who suffer disproportionately from cervical cancer. In wanting to be a voice for this demographic group of women in cervical cancer research, iCURE was the perfect gateway.

## My favorite traditions/holidays...

Christmas is my favorite holiday! I love when my mom decorates the whole house, we put up the Christmas tree, and play The Temptations Christmas album. Since grade school, we have made it tradition to cook crab legs, shrimp, and lobster for Christmas with a big pan of peach cobbler for dessert.

## My hometown is...

Born in Kansas City, Kansas; grew up in Houston, Texas

## In my spare time, I enjoy...

Singing, dancing, going to church, listening to old-school music, roller skating, and traveling with my family.

## A few of my favorite things...

Food: seafood, Movie: Roll Bounce, Singer: Charlie Wilson

