



Family Trainee Application

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

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TO: Interested Family Members of Individual(s) with Autism or Other Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

FROM: Kruti Acharya, IL LEND Program Director

SUBJECT: 2018-2019 IL LEND Fellowship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 IL LEND Fellowship Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Enclosed please find program information and an application form. Adults with developmental disabilities, parents and/or siblings of individuals with developmental disabilities, and individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. To learn more about IL LEND visit www.illinoislend.org

Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed 2018-2019 Family Trainee application, including cover page
- ☐ Résumé/CV (informal is acceptable)
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation. Letters must be signed.
- ☐ High School or College Transcript
- ☐ Interview with one or more members of the review committee (*Selected applicants only*)

Please return application materials **by February 15, 2018** to:

Regina Meza
Project Coordinator, IL LEND Program
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1640 West Roosevelt Road, MC 626
Chicago, Illinois 60608

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For further information about LEND or for assistance completing this application, please contact Regina Meza, Project Coordinator, at 312-996-8905 or rmeza3@uic.edu

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What is LEND?

The Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Interdisciplinary Training Program is a 1 year training program that incorporates both didactic and experiential learning in clinical and community-based settings. This program prepares future leaders who will serve children with disabilities (with a focus on autism) and their families through coordinated, culturally competent, and family-centered care, as well as through public health services and policy systems change. LEND is based at the University of Illinois at Chicago but partners with other institutions including the University of Chicago, Southern Illinois University, and Rush University.

Training Activities

The LEND training develops competency in the following 7 domains: (1) leadership (2) public health (3) interdisciplinary clinical training and practice (4) cultural competence (5) family centered care (6) emerging issues and (7) research. Learning experiences include core didactic seminars, interdisciplinary group activities, systems and policy trainings, clinical screenings, care coordination, a research or leadership project, and faculty mentoring. Sessions take place over 2 semesters starting **August 2018** and ending **May 2019**.

Program Requirements

Fellows in the LEND program are required to complete a minimum of 300 hours of didactic, advanced clinical, community, and interdisciplinary leadership training. The following activities are integral components of the LEND training program:

- A mandatory LEND Orientation held on **August 24, 2018** (8am to 4pm)
- Weekly seminars (Thursdays from 4 to 7pm)
- Bi-weekly Clinical sessions (Fridays from 1 to 4pm)
- Monthly meetings with your training coordinator
- Development of a Tailored Leadership Plan (TLP) to structure your LEND time and select personal goals
- Participation in clinical and community training including multiple visits outside of class time
- Development of a policy project and final LEND project
- A mandatory poster presentation of final LEND project at the end of the year Open House held on **May 2, 2019** (10am to 4pm)

I have read and understand the requirements as listed on this application

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____



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IL LEND Fellow Application 2018-2019 ***Family Trainee***

Instructions: This is a fillable application form. Enter your information directly into each field.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Address (if different from Local): _____

Home Phone: _____

Day Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

What is the best way to contact you?

☐ Home Phone

☐ Day Phone

☐ Cell Phone

☐ Email

Demographic Information

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Not Hispanic/Latino

Race: ☐ Black or African American ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native ☐ Asian

☐ White ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ More than one

Are you legally eligible for employment in the U.S.? Yes No

Languages Spoken: _____

Current Education (if applicable)

Current Degree Program:

College/University: _____ GPA: _____

Program(s) of Study: _____

Advisor: _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Anticipated Degree: ☐ M.A. ☐ M.S. ☐ M.Ed. ☐ M.S.W. ☐ Ph.D. ☐ Other: _____

Prior Education (if applicable)

Name of School: _____ GPA: _____

Program/s of Study: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Degree Earned: ☐ B.A. ☐ B.S. ☐ B.Ed. ☐ B.S.W. ☐ Other: _____

Name of School: _____ GPA: _____

Program/s of Study: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Degree Earned: ☐ M.A. ☐ M.S. ☐ M.Ed. ☐ M.S.W. ☐ Other: _____

Employment (if applicable)

Current Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Start Date: _____ Hours/Week: _____

Position Responsibilities:

Family Affiliation

Relationship to family member affected by ASD and/or an ND: _____

Diagnosis of Family Member: _____

Age of Family Member: _____ Age When Diagnosed: _____

Are you the primary caregiver? Yes No

Family Trainee Application Questions

Directions: Please type your answers to the questions (you also may video or audio record your answers and send them in electronically). Each question can be answered in one or two paragraphs, but you may give longer answers if you wish.

1. Describe your personal involvement with individuals with disabilities and their families and in what way it has affected you (*You may consider including being an advocate, resource, volunteer, emotional support, primary caregiver, secondary caregiver, etc.*).

2. Family discipline trainees are in a unique position to share their experiences and opinions in LEND. As a family member of a person with a disability, what experience/knowledge do you think you would offer to the program and your fellow trainees? What do you anticipate as potential challenges?

3. What aspect of the LEND Program is of the most interest to you? Why?

4. Please check the following areas in which you have experience:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family/professional collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Intervention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FSP (Individualized Family Service Plane) | <input type="checkbox"/> Transition Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IEP (Individualized Education Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid Waiver Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ISP (Individual Service Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ITP (Individual Transition Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss and Change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FSS (Family Support Services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent-to-Parent Support or |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | Sibling-to-Sibling Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistive Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy |
5. How did you hear about the IL LEND program?
6. If accepted into the program, which of our training sites would you attend?
- ☐ University of Illinois at Chicago
 - ☐ University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - ☐ Southern Illinois University- Carbondale
 - ☐ Easter Seals Peoria

Thank you for your application!
Deadline: February 15, 2018!