

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR SELF-ADVOCATES

Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

Thank you for your interest in becoming a trainee in the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program. LEND helps create future leaders in the disability community. LEND is a one-year program for trainees from different disciplines, like psychology and special education, and includes family members and self-advocates. LEND training includes classroom-based topical discussions, leadership projects, mentoring, clinical/community observations, and other activities. More information about LEND can be seen on our website www.cds.udel.edu/LEND.

LEND training requires a minimum of 400 hours and will take place from September 2020 through August 2021. Most trainees spend 5-10 hours per week from September through July on LEND activities. Most activities take place during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 9 AM – 5:30 PM). Trainees receive an \$11,000 stipend for participating in the full, year-long program. The stipend is paid on a monthly basis.

For this first round of including self-advocates in LEND training, we are looking for candidates who could participate this year as a trainee and then potentially serve as a future faculty member for the LEND Self-Advocate Discipline.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

-Please answer all questions thoroughly.

-The completed application can be emailed to skaznica@udel.edu

-Audio or video submissions are also accepted.

-If you need to submit your answers in a different way, please contact LEND Coordinator Stephanie Kaznica at skaznica@udel.edu or 302.831.3206.



6. Give an example of how you have worked with a team or on a group project.

7. What challenges do you envision that might impact your ability to participate in a program like this? What supports would allow you to be more successful?

8. What do you think are some of the most important things that professionals, like doctors or teachers, should know about working with people with disabilities and their families?

9. Describe previous experiences where you have mentored others and/or held leadership positions.

10. This program requires you to participate in a variety of activities. Please indicate your willingness to engage in each of these by checking **YES** or **NO**.

ACTIVITIES	YES	NO
Orientation in September in Newark, Delaware, or a virtual option.		
Attend classroom-based topical discussions 2-3 times per month for 3 1/2 hours each session , on Friday afternoons.		
Attend a 1-2 hour weekly meeting with a faculty mentor, usually during regular work hours (Monday-Friday, 9am - 5:30pm)		
Participate in clinical / community observations and projects, usually during regular work hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5:30pm).		
Participate in LEND meetings by adding comments and asking questions.		
Complete an individual leadership project (approximately 60 hours of time) and group projects.		
Share about your LEND experiences in a journal.		
Keep track of your documents and training experiences.		
Complete at least 400 hours of training time during the program.		

11. If you answered NO to participating in any of the activities listed above, please explain below:



Please submit this application and, if needed, any other materials such as video responses to the LEND Coordinator at SKaznica@udel.edu or call with questions 302-831-3206.

Thank you for applying to become a LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) Trainee!