

Wisconsin Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (WI LEND) Program

Application Form

Waisman Center, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, UW-Madison

You can fill out this form electronically and save as a file on your computer. Make sure to save your work!

If you need assistance completing this application, please contact Julie Schears by email (jaschears@wisc.edu).

Name:

Date of application:

Local Address:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone(s):

Email(s):

I am applying under the following LEND discipline
(choose **one** from dropdown menu below):

I am applying to participate in LEND at
the following training site:

- UW-Madison (main WI LEND site)
- UW-Milwaukee (WI LEND Milwaukee-Link site)

If you are a degree-seeking student, please fill
in the section below:

University:

Program Level:

- Masters level graduate student
- Doctoral level graduate student
- Post-doctoral fellow
- Other (please specify):

Anticipated graduation date (MO/YR):

Are you a US Citizen or permanent resident?

Yes No Prefer not to say

(Per federal grant rules, trainees must be citizens or permanent residents to be paid a stipend using WILEND funds. You can participate without being a citizen or permanent resident but we will not be able to provide a stipend)

LEND aims to engage and educate a diverse cohort of trainees.

OPTIONAL:

Ethnicity (check one): *Hispanic* is an ethnic category for people whose origins are in the Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America or who identify with a Spanish-speaking culture. Individuals who are Hispanic may be of any race.

Hispanic Non-Hispanic Unrecorded

Race (check one):

White refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Black or African American refers to people having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

American Indian and Alaskan Native refer to people having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment. Tribe:

Asian refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent (e.g. Asian Indian).

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

More than one race includes individuals who identify with two or more racial designations.

Unrecorded is included for individuals who are unable to identify with the categories.

Languages spoken other than English:

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WI LEND aims to advance the leadership and professional practice skills of its trainees. In the following sections (“training” and “experience”), provide information about prior training and experience that best demonstrates your commitment to learning and leadership development related to improving the lives of children with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families.

Training (list most relevant disability and leadership course work, workshops, and/or trainings completed):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Experience (include all relevant paid and unpaid experiences):

Estimate number of total hours, or years of lived experience:

Please describe the experiences (use more space as needed):

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Commitment to Participate in WI LEND Follow-up and Evaluation Processes:

WI LEND is a special training program funded by the federal Maternal & Child Health Bureau of the Department of Health & Human Services (MCHB/DHHS) to prepare trainees who are parents of children with developmental disabilities, self-advocates, or students/graduates from disciplines including audiology, genetic counseling, medicine, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, public health, social work, special education and speech/language pathology for leadership and advanced professional practice in order to improve the lives of children with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families.

The measure of the WI LEND Program is based on the work done by the program graduates. Therefore, participants are asked to complete trainee surveys after completion of the program. The professional development of each individual will be tracked for over 10 years to note leadership activities and accomplishments.

By entering my name in the Student/Applicant Signature line below, I confirm that if I enter the WI LEND Program I am willing to participate in the 10-year evaluation and follow-up process, including completing the program follow-up forms sent to me after I have finished the program.

Student/Applicant Signature: _____

Date:

Application Checklist

Please be sure to submit all of the following:

- ✓ This completed application
- ✓ A curriculum vitae or resume
- ✓ A recommendation form from someone who can speak to your leadership potential and commitment to improving the lives of children with developmental disabilities and their families (applicants currently enrolled in a graduate degree program should include a letter of reference from a faculty member)
- ✓ Official academic transcripts (all applicants regardless of discipline should submit copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts for current or previous enrollment as a college student)

Make sure to save this form now! It can be sent as an email attachment, or printed and included with other mailed paperwork.

If you wish to **email** your completed application and curriculum vitae or resume, **please email to:**
LEND@waisman.wisc.edu.

All transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other paperwork sent by mail should be addressed to:

**WI LEND Program
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