**Graduate-Level Trainee Applications are being accepted for the**

**2023-2024 West Virginia University LEND Training Program**

**What is LEND?**

**L**eadership **E**ducation in **N**eurodevelopmental **D**isabilities (**LEND**) programs prepare trainees to be leaders in the field of disabilities. WVU LEND is a one-year training program that includes learning through experiences and core learning objectives.

*LEND provides opportunities for Graduate Trainees to:*

* *Become leaders in the fields of disability education, research, advocacy, and policy*
* *Collaborate on multidisciplinary teams*
* *Increase rural community cultural competency*
* *Advocate for inclusive environments and systems change*

To learn more about WVU LEND and specific program requirements, visit <http://lend.cedwvu.org/>

**Who should apply?**

Students enrolled in graduate programs who want to engage in didactic and reflexive learning through clinical experiences, self-reflection, research, leadership seminars, inclusivity expansion, and community involvement.

Past LEND cohorts have included graduate students from many programs, including:

Social Work Speech Pathology Audiology Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy Psychology Medicine Education

Coaching and Sports Counseling Public Health Nutritional Food Science

Research Health Administration Human Resources Occupational Health

Fully remote participation may be possible for approved applicants.

**How to apply:**

1. Complete Attached Application
2. Submit two (2) Recommendation Forms (attached) completed by individuals who can provide feedback on your potential to emerge from the LEND program as a leader.
3. Submission of an up-to-date resume or CV is suggested, but not required.
4. Mail, email, or fax completed application to:

 LEND Program

 West Virginia University

 Center for Excellence in Disability

 959 Hartman Run Rd.

 Morgantown, WV 26505

 Email: LEND@hsc.wvu.edu

 Fax number: (304) 293-7294

1. If selected to move forward, you will be contacted for an interview with the review committee. Full program requirements will be reviewed during this meeting.

**\*\* Completed applications due by March 17, 2023 \*\***

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959 Hartman Run Road Morgantown, WV 26505-8334

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[www.cedwvu.org](http://www.cedwvu.org/)

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**WVU LEND 2023-2024 Graduate-Level Trainee Application**

*If you have questions or need assistance completing this application, please call (304) 293-4692 or email* *LEND@hsc.wvu.edu*

**Applicant Name: Date of Birth:**

**Graduate Program of Study: Status (1st year, etc.):**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Home Phone: Cell Phone:**

**Please indicate the best way to contact you.**

Home Phone: Cell Phone Call: Cell Phone Text Message: Email:

**Are you a US citizen?** Yes No

**How did you learn about the LEND Program?**

**Please provide a short answer response to the following questions.**

**What has been your prior personal experience within the field of disabilities? Your response may include details about volunteer work, research, course work, clinical experiences, and/or family or community interactions with individuals who identify as having a disability.**

If you don’t have any experience within the disability field, please share why you are interested in the LEND Program and what you would like to learn.

**Describe your past experiences being a leader. What additional leadership experiences and skills would you like to gain from your participation in the LEND program?**

**How does the LEND program align with your chosen program of study?**

**WVU LEND 2023-2024 Graduate-Level Trainee Recommendation Form**

*Responses can be typed and submitted or this form can be printed and hand-written.*

*If you have questions or need assistance completing this recommendation,*

*please call (304) 293-4692 or email* *LEND@hsc.wvu.edu*

**This form is to be completed by reference and returned to applicant for submission.**

**Applicant Name:**

**Reference Name:**

Profession, Title, or Organization:

**How long have you known the applicant?**

**How do you know the applicant?**

**How well do you know the applicant?**

 *Extremely Well Fairly Well Not Very Well*

**How does the applicant interact with others, including peers and in larger groups?**

**Describe the work ethic, motivation, and personal responsibility you have seen exhibited by the applicant.**

**Please share why you think this applicant would be successful in an advocacy or leadership role.**

**Reference Signature: Date:**

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