

Letter of Interest Instructions

Each MN LEND applicant is asked to submit a letter of interest with the application. In no more than 5 pages double-spaced (11-12 size font and 1-inch margins), briefly provide information about your academic background & interests, work & community experiences, and your reasons for pursuing a MNLEND Fellowship. In addition, please answer the following questions succinctly:

1. What does leadership mean to you? What qualities do you think speak to your leadership potential? What areas of leadership do you hope to develop over the LEND year? How might you see yourself using these leadership qualities and tools as you continue down your post-LEND path?
2. What do you hope to gain from participating in an interdisciplinary program focused serving children with neuro-developmental disabilities and their families? Please comment on the importance of interdisciplinary opportunities to you as well as how working with children with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families integrates into your goals.
3. Related to leadership in and beyond your role as a professional, what is your vision for yourself five years from now?
4. One of the aspects of the LEND year will be to work on a project that might focus in the areas of advocacy, clinical work, policy, and/or research. Please share your thoughts on which area/areas you would consider pursuing (realizing that they might change during your LEND experience).
5. Goals for the MNLEND program include: (1) helping develop your knowledge base and skills in the Maternal Child Health field (<http://leadership.mchtraining.net>), (2) extending your abilities to self-reflect on values and beliefs (3) growing in the areas of ethics and professionalism, (4) further developing your critical thinking (5) the continuing development of clear communication (6) skills in negotiation and conflict resolution (7) cultural competency (8) family-centered care (9) developing others through teaching learning (10) interdisciplinary team building (11) working with community systems and (12) policy and advocacy. In about 1 page of the total 5 pages, please discuss a few of these goals most important to why you want to pursue this LEND experience.

Please save your Letter of Intent in PDF format prior to uploading it in the application system.