Letter of Interest (LOI) Instructions for MNLEND Applicants

Each applicant is asked to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) with their MNLEND application. Your total statement **should not be more than 3 pages**. It should be double-spaced and use a standard 11-12 size font and 1-inch margins.

Information to include in your statement of interest:

1. First briefly introduce yourself by describing your studies, employment, research, and/or community experiences that prepared you to be an emerging leader in disability-related fields. Clearly state your reason(s) for pursuing the Minnesota Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities (MNLEND) fellowship training program.
   Next, answer the additional questions succinctly:

2. What qualities do you think you have that show your specific leadership potential? How do you envision the MNLEND training could help you improve your leadership skills?

3. What do you hope to gain from participating in an interdisciplinary training program focused on serving people of all ages with neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDD) and their families? Please comment on the importance of LEND's interdisciplinary opportunities for you, and how the training fits into your larger professional and personal goals.

4. Training goals for the MNLEND program include focus in 12 Maternal & Child Health Leadership Competencies. **The 12 MCH leadership competencies are: 1) MCH Knowledge Base/Context 2) Self-reflection; (3) Ethics; (4) Critical thinking; (5) Communication; (6) Negotiation & conflict resolution; (7) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility; (8) Honoring Lived Experience; (9) Teaching, Coaching, and Mentoring; 10) Interdisciplinary/interprofessional team building; (11) Systems Approach; and (12) Policy.** In about ½ a page of the total 3 maximum pages, explain which one of these MCH competencies is the most important for why you are seeking to join MNLEND.
   Please save your Letter of Interest (LOI) in either a PDF or Word doc format: Apply and Upload your LOI to the MNLEND Application system.