Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (ArizonaLEND) Trainee Application for 2025 - 2026

Participation in the ArizonaLEND Maternal and Child Health Training Program REQUIRES all trainees to attend seminars every Friday from 1:00 pm - 4:15 pm throughout the fall and spring semesters following the University of Arizona Academic Calendar. Additionally, you may need to complete clinical observations in Tucson, Flagstaff, Yuma, Nogales, Sells and/or other rural sites. The total time commitment for the two semesters is a minimum of 300 hours. In addition, long-term trainees are required to attend a three-day *Leadership Intensive* Workshop and one-day Orientation from **Tuesday,** **August 12, 2025, through Friday, August 15, 2025**; a *Global Leadership* workshop held on **Saturday,** **September 27, 2025**; and a *Parent & Professional Partnerships* workshop held on **Saturday, January 24, 2026.**

Applicant Name:

Academic Degrees/Credentials Achieved:

Current Address:

City/State: Zip Code:

Primary Email:

Secondary Email:

Cell Phone: Message Phone:

Permanent Address (include city, state & zip code):

***Write a 2 to 4 paragraph essay in response to the following questions:***

1. How did you learn about The University of Arizona LEND (ArizonaLEND) and why are you interested in participating in this Maternal and Child Health Training Program?
2. If financial support is unavailable (due to federal budget cuts) for program participation, would you continue to be interested in LEND?
3. What life experiences have influenced your decision to pursue a career working with infants, young children and/or adolescents with disabilities and their families?
4. What are the personal and professional qualities you use to define or describe leadership?

***Additional Questions:***

1. Discipline of study and level (e.g., master’s, doctorate, post doctorate, resident):

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1. Do you receive any financial support (e.g., loans (federal or other), tuition and fees, scholarship, stipend)? If so, what type?
2. Are you employed by The University of Arizona? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No

In what capacity are you employed by the U of A? What is your FTE (full-time equivalency)?

1. If you are not an employee of The University of Arizona, what is your current place of employment; current job position / title?

Personal Relationship with Disabilities:

*Is the candidate a …..(*Check all that apply)

* Person with a disability
* Person with a special health care need
* Parent of a person with a disability
* Parent of a person with a special health care need
* Family member of a person with a disability
* Family member of a person with a special health care need

This application along with an unofficial copy of your transcripts and two (2) letters of recommendation are to be received by **March 31, 2025**. Please email your application and corresponding documents to Dr. Andrew Gardner, ArizonaLEND Training Director, [awgardner@arizona.edu](mailto:awgardner@arizona.edu). Documents can be sent as you complete and acquire them.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Gardner or Dr. McGrath, ArizonaLEND Director [ermcgra@arizona.edu](mailto:ermcgra@arizona.edu) .