

**Learning for Early Careers in Addiction & Diversity**

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LEAD PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**All applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- 1) Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., M.D., DrPH, or equivalent) in medicine, social or behavioral sciences, nursing, public health, health economics, or related fields.
- 2) Assistant professor, assistant research scientist, or postdoctoral fellow at a medical school that has a track record of NIH funding, or at a national research university as defined by the Carnegie Foundation classification as "Research Universities" with "Very High" (RU/VH) or "High" (RU/H) Research Activity.

The applicant must hold an academic appointment that focuses on conducting research rather than an academic appointment that focuses primarily on teaching. Early career research scientists at non-university affiliated research institutions will also be considered, but the institution should have a strong track record of NIH funding.

- 3) Racial/ethnic minority background that is underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences (i.e., African American, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islanders) is preferred, but individuals from racial/ethnic minority groups that are not underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences will also be considered.
- 4) Evidence of an established program of research in the field of drug abuse and addictions as demonstrated by peer reviewed publications in the field of drug abuse and addictions, and/or intramural grant support as either a principal investigator or co-investigator, and/or extramural grant support as a co-investigator in the field of drug abuse and the addictions. (Applicants who were a principal investigator on a K award, R03, R21, R34, R01, or a component leader of a center grant will not be considered.)
- 5) All applicants must be eligible to accept an appointment as a trainee in the eRA Commons xTrain system for the duration of involvement in the program.
- 6) Approval of the scholar's home institution to participate in the LEAD program.

Acceptance into LEAD:

Offers to participate in the LEAD program are contingent upon availability of funding.



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LEAD PROGRAM APPLICATION

All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria listed on the last page of the application

Personal Information

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Middle initial: _____

Degrees obtained: _____

Contact Information

Street address: _____

City & state: _____

Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Preferred email: _____

Home Institution

Current position title: _____

Department: _____

University/Institution: _____

Street address: _____

City & state: _____

Zip code: _____

Office phone: _____

Office fax: _____

Please indicate your preferred mailing address: _____ Home _____ Office

NIH, the sponsor of our program, requires us to report summary statistics on the Gender, Ethnicity, Disadvantaged background, and Disability status of all applicants.

Gender: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Disadvantaged Background:

Do you consider yourself to come from a disadvantaged background, which is defined as "individuals who come from a family with an annual income below established low-income thresholds and/or who come from a social, cultural, or educational environment such as that found in certain rural or inner-city environments that have demonstrably and recently directly inhibited the

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individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a research career”?

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

_____ **Decline to Answer**

Disability Status:

Do you consider yourself to have one or more disabilities that match the NIH definition as “having a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities”?

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

_____ **Decline to Answer**

Please list past research mentoring programs in which you have participated:

Please list any research mentoring programs in which you are currently participating:

How did you hear about the program? _____

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REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Statement of research program
3. Quantitative and qualitative research methods experience
4. Department chair support letter and three recommendation letters

1. Curriculum Vitae (Word document or PDF format)

Please attach a current CV when you e-mail your application to the Program. The CV must include the following information:

- Graduate or professional schools attended, including institution name, location, years attended, major discipline(s) studied and degree received
- Postgraduate training, including institution name, location, years attended, major discipline(s) studied and degree received
- Honors and awards, including scholarships
- Publications
- Conference presentations
- List of funded research awards, which include title, PI name, start date, end date, funding agency, direct cost of award, and role on the grant (see examples below)
 1. R21 DA12345 (PI: Jane Smith, Ph.D.)
9/01/09-8/31/14
NIH/NIDA
STI/ HIV and Substance Use Prevention in Latino communities
\$250,000 direct/yrs 1-2
Role: Co-Investigator
 2. Innovative Grant Award (PI: John Doe, Ph.D.)
6/1/09 – 5/31/10
UCSF Intramural Award
Understanding adolescent risk behavior in the context of neighborhood
\$25,000 direct/yr 1
Role: Principal Investigator
 3. M.A.C. Fund (PI: Jane Doe, Ph.D.)
8/1/08 – 7/31/09
Research Grant
Emotional regulation and the impact on risk behaviors
\$75,000 direct/yr
Role: Principal Investigator
- Previous employment, including job title, years worked in the position and type of work performed

2. Statement of Research Program

4-page statement of research interests must include:

- Title
- Program of research that you hope to be doing for the next 5 years, which should include the following: (2 pages)
 - Overall goal of your program of research (1 paragraph)



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- Significance of the research (1-2 paragraphs), including its theoretical foundations
- Your previous work relevant to this area (2-4 paragraphs)
- How do you envision participating in the Learning for Early Careers in Addiction and Diversity (LEAD) Program?
- *How does this program fit* into your research program and attainment of long-term goals? (1 page)
- Please describe a significant, innovative, and rigorous independent pilot research study that you would conduct with the UCSF subcontract of up to \$25,000.00. Be sure to include your research questions and the theoretical foundation you are considering for those questions and the proposed study. (1 page) The research project should be relevant to clinical trials drug abuse treatment research.

3. Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods Experience

- Please describe your previous training with *quantitative* research methods, software and analysis. Please also describe any additional skills that you would like to develop in this area. (1 page limit)
- Please describe your previous training with *qualitative* research methods, software and analysis. Please also describe any additional skills that you would like to develop in this area. (1 page limit)

4. Support Letter and Recommendation Letters

- **Support letter from departmental chair:**

Letter from the department chair where the applicant holds a primary academic appointment (or the CEO or equivalent of a non-university affiliated research institution or research organization if the applicant is a research scientist) stating that if the applicant is accepted into this program: (a) he/she will be released for four weeks each summer for three consecutive summers to attend the summer program at UCSF and (b) he/she will have 25% release time during the academic years in between the summer program sessions (i.e., September through May) to complete their UCSF pilot study and draft a grant proposal. The letter should state the applicant's current academic appointment or job title and describe the extent to which the academic appointment or job title focuses on conducting scientific research.

Please have the departmental chair send the letter of support to Kayla Adem at the address listed below.

- **Three recommendation letters on your behalf:**

Please have the recommenders send letters of recommendation to Kayla Adem at the address listed below. Letters of recommendation should address the applicant's potential to obtain independent NIH funding in the field of drug abuse and addictions research.

For any questions, concerns, or issues submitting this form, please contact:

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