

Learning for Early Careers in Addiction & Diversity

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ABOUT THE LEAD PROGRAM

The **Learning for Early Careers in Addiction and Diversity (LEAD) Program** provides training to early-career research scientists from racial/ethnic minority groups that are underrepresented in the drug abuse research field.

The LEAD Program uses the NIDA Clinical Trials Network (CTN) as a platform for training early-career investigators. This 3-year training program is based at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and visiting scholars spend three summers in a 4-week intensive program at UCSF. During the academic year, scholars work with their primary mentor to collaborate on drug abuse treatment research conducted in the CTN, develop a professional research network, and conduct a pilot study that will serve as a preliminary study for subsequent NIH funding. The program provides travel and housing funds for scholars, as well as pilot study funding. The 2019 summer program begins on June 24th and ends July 19th. Learn more about the program at <https://psych.ucsf.edu/lead/summerprogram>.

The application deadline is January 31, 2019.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Doctoral-level professionals who are in the early phase of their research career and who have not yet received a K award or an investigator initiated R award from NIH.

The following criteria are preferred:

1. Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., M.D.) in medicine, social or behavioral sciences, nursing, public health, health economics, or related fields.
2. Assistant professor, assistant research scientist, or equivalent with an academic appointment at a medical school, national research university (i.e., Carnegie Foundation classification as a research university-with high or very high research activity), or research institute. Postdoctoral fellow enrolled in an NIH T32 training program or equivalent are also eligible.
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)
4. Evidence of an established program of research in the field of drug abuse and addictions as demonstrated by peer reviewed publications, and/or intramural grant support as either a principal investigator or co-investigator, and/or extramural grant support as a co-investigator.
5. Approval of the scholar's home institution to participate in the LEAD program.

SELECTION CRITERIA & HOW TO APPLY**Selection will be based on the following factors:**

- Strength of letters of recommendation, fit with the goals of the LEAD Program, and the match between a prospective candidate's research interests and the research interests of the potential mentor at one of the universities affiliated with a NIDA Clinical Trials Network (CTN) Node.

To apply, please visit <https://psych.ucsf.edu/lead/apply> or contact kayla.adem@ucsf.edu for an application packet.