

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Pediatric Audiology Supplemental Training Grant, 2016-2021



Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs are funded for five-year cycles on a competitive basis under the federal Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support (CARES) Act and administered by the U.S. Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCHB). Audiology has been a core discipline in LEND since its inception, and in 2016 MCHB announced a funding opportunity for a "pediatric audiology supplement" with a focus on children who have autism or other developmental disabilities.

Special Program Features:

- Seminar on hearing loss and developmental disabilities
- Practicum experiences at the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities
- Clinical rotations at UNC Hospitals and the Children's Cochlear Implant Center at UNC
- Mentored project on a topic related to pediatric audiology
- Funding to attend the annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) conference



Specialized clinical and educational opportunities:

Trainees are mentored by experienced pediatric audiologists who work with children who have hearing loss in combination with a variety of complex needs. They also learn from experts on autism and other developmental disabilities that occur in children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Special focus on the diagnosis and management of autism, intellectual disabilities, and other developmental challenges affecting some children with sensorineural hearing loss.

Stipend: \$15,000 for one year.

Application information:

Students must first be accepted into the AuD program at UNC-Chapel Hill. For more information contact:

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