



AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Shaping the future of disability

The Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) is proud to present the 6th Annual AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?

The academy seeks participants from UCEDDs, LENDs, and their partner organizations. Past participants have included representatives from all levels in their organizations, particularly individuals who are considering taking on new roles in their organizations. We **strongly** encourage individuals with disabilities, including intellectual and developmental disabilities, to apply.

WHAT IS THE AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?

The AUCD Leadership Academy is a week-long online intensive experience, paired with a year of pre and post interactions designed to enhance the skills of current and emerging leaders from disability networks to build coalitions to improve systems of supports and services. The Leadership Academy seeks participants from UCEDDs, LENDs, and the wider community of disability partners to come together to immerse themselves for a week of study, shared experiences, self-evaluation, and skill development.

Participants will engage with a diverse cohort of learners, academy faculty, and local coaches in the year following the experience. The Academy will focus on the exploration of shared values and commitments to civil and human rights, assessments of personal and leadership strengths, skills in building partnerships to achieve collective impact, and establishing personal and professional leadership goals.

WHERE WILL THE AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY BE LOCATED?

We are currently planning to hold the 2022 AUCD Leadership Academy in person in Atlanta, Georgia. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 infection rates and may change to a virtual format, if needed.

WHEN WILL THE AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TAKE PLACE?

The 2022 AUCD Leadership Academy will take place Sunday, June 19, 2022, through Friday, June 24, 2022. Learning will take place individually, and in small and large group settings from 10:00am to 5:00pm (EST) with multiple breaks scheduled throughout the day. Each day will also begin with an optional guided mindfulness practice beginning at 9:30am.

APPLICANT ACCOMMODATIONS AND SUPPORT

To ensure equal opportunity and access to the AUCD Leadership Academy, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, language translation, and alternative formats to applicants and trainees will be provided. If you have any questions, please send an email to aucdacademy@gsu.edu or call (404) 413-9334. For more information, visit www.cld-gsu.org.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2022 by 5:00pm (EST)

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Completion of this section of the application is voluntary. The AUCD Leadership Academy encourages that you consider providing a response to these questions. No individual applicant selections are made based on this information. By providing this information, you will help us to ensure that participants represent a broad cross-section of demographics. The AUCD Leadership Academy will treat this information as confidential to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other _____ (please identify)

Age: _____

Ethnicity (Please select)

- Hispanic or Latino- a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- Non-Hispanic or Latino

Race and (Please select all that apply)

- White- - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa
- Black or African American- - a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Native American or American Indian- a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific islands.
- Asian / Pacific Islander- - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, or Vietnam.
- American Indian or Alaska Native - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Other _____

Disability Status

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Do you identify as having an intellectual or developmental disability?

- Yes
 No

Do you identify as having a disability other than an intellectual or developmental disability?

- Yes
 No
 None of the conditions listed above apply to me.
 I do not wish to answer questions regarding disability/health conditions.

Do you identify as having a family member with a disability?

- Yes
 No

Accommodations or Supports

Please list any accommodations or supports that would facilitate your participation in to the AUCD Leadership Academy. Please note any dietary restrictions as well.

Application Instructions

The AUCD Leadership Academy aims to train participants with a diverse range of experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives. Each applicant is required to compose a brief introduction of yourself by providing the information below.

1. Please provide a letter of support from a senior agency or organization representative in which you are currently a) employed or b) where you previously or currently volunteer. We would like to know that your organization supports your participation. Please provide a short statement from your agency or organization clearly stating their support of you throughout this training program. This statement must be received, along with the application by the application deadline (250 words in length).
2. Please submit your resume or curriculum vitae. The resume or vitae should include your educational history along with any certificates obtained.
3. Please attach a biographical statement (250 words in length).

In a separate document, please provide responses to the following prompts. Each response should not be more than 250 words in length.

1. Describe your leadership roles and experiences (formal and informal).
2. What are your personal and professional goals (short and long term)? How will being involved in the AUCD Leadership Academy help you to achieve those goals? Please include information about your experience with organizations, communities, and persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
3. Why are you interested in applying to the AUCD Leadership Academy?
4. How do you expect the AUCD Leadership Academy to influence your work?

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Submit completed application and documents to aucdacademy@gsu.edu or fax to (404) 413-1012 by **March 1, 2022 by 5:00pm (EST)**