Diversity Fellowship
2021-22

JFK Partners, Colorado’s University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDD) and Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Program is offering a part-time Diversity Fellowship to begin Aug, 2021.

The training emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to assessment, intervention, research, family support, service coordination, and community integration to meet the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. Goals of the program include development of disciplinary and interdisciplinary expertise, as well as skills in the areas of consultation, leadership, and research.

Diversity Fellows will select one of two training tracks consistent with previous preparation and individual goals: a) **Health Professional Diversity Fellowship Applicants** must also meet the educational requirements for their discipline as used throughout the UCEDD; or b) **Advocacy Diversity Fellowship Applicants** must either be a Self-Advocate or family member (parent/guardian, sibling, or spouse/partner) of a person with a disability. For family advocates, some post-college education is preferred. For persons with a developmental disability, some college experience is preferred. The trainee attends courses offered by JFK Partners and is expected to pursue a research project or scholarly activity in developmental disabilities. JFK Partners is committed to the recruitment of culturally diverse individuals. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants and all other qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria: 1) be of underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds; 2) have limited English proficiency; 3) be from underserved rural or urban areas; 4) have a disability; or, 5) identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender. Only candidates with US citizenship can be considered.

**Program Description:** This 12-hour per week fellowship includes attendance of courses offered by JFK Partners, community experiences, and completion of a scholarly project in community-based activities, organizations, policy or programs. The project is to address challenging issues experienced by people with developmental disabilities and their families and should address issues of underrepresented or underserved communities. Applicants must be available to take daytime seminars on Tuesdays and
have regular availability for other meetings or assignments at the Anschutz Medical Campus and in the community.

Support: A stipend for Diversity Fellows is available and will be discussed during the interview process. This fellowship position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding.

Application:
The application requires the submission of the following documents:

1. Cover Letter/Statement of Interest - Please include answers to the following questions:
   - Describe why a Diversity Fellowship at JFK Partners interests you and which track you are interested in pursuing. (Health Professional or Advocacy).
   - Describe any past experiences related to creating systems change on behalf of persons from diverse backgrounds who have intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.
   - Describe how this advanced training fits with your future professional plans.

2. Resume or CV

3. Three (3) letters of recommendation from references familiar with your interests and work relevant to this fellowship.

The application deadline is March 15, 2021. Please send materials to: Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, at Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu. You may also mail your application to: Christine Cook, JFK Partners, 13121 East 17th Avenue, C234, Aurora, Colorado 80045.

Please contact Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, with any questions.
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