

San Diego LEND Application Instructions

Application: All applicants must complete the San Diego LEND online application. The application is available online and can be accessed on the San Diego LEND website or by emailing San Diego LEND. Applicants do not have to complete the application in one sitting as the application can be saved and returned to using a code that will be generated and provided to you from the online application.

Letter of reference: All applicants must submit one letter of reference. The letter of reference should be provided using the LEND reference form (fillable PDF) available on the San Diego LEND website. Applicants should complete the top portion of the form, save the document with their name in the title and then email the form to their reference who will complete the remaining pages. The reference can email the completed letter directly to the San Diego LEND program at sandiegolend@health.ucsd.edu.

Statement of Interest: All applicants are required to complete a statement of interest. Applicants will need to have their statements prepared and ready to upload when completing their online application. The prompt for the statement of interest is below.

Please provide a one-page statement of interest that addresses applicant's interest in promoting equitable access to evidence-based care, leadership strengths, experience in the field of autism/developmental disabilities, and the skills and competencies applicant is interested in developing during San Diego LEND training.

For those individuals who identify as neurodivergent and/or those individuals who are family members of a neurodivergent individual, please describe your experience as a neurodivergent individual/family member of a neurodivergent individual. Please include any leadership, community, or advocacy interest or experiences related to autism/developmental disabilities that you may have.

Required Application Materials

1. Online application
2. One letter of reference (using the LEND reference form)
3. Resume/CV (required for practicing professionals and graduate/post-graduate applicants only)
4. A one-page statement of interest

Need additional assistance?

Devynne Diaz, the LEND Administrative Coordinator will be available to support applicants through the submission of application materials. She can be contacted at sandiegolend@health.ucsd.edu.

Family member applicants can contact Rachel Haine-Schlagel, Ph.D., the Family Discipline lead, for assistance and support for all aspects of the application process. She can be contacted at sandiegolend@health.ucsd.edu.

Self-advocate applicants can contact Mary Baker Ericzen, Ph.D., the Self-Advocate Discipline lead, for assistance and support for all aspects of the application process. She can be contacted at sandiegolend@health.ucsd.edu.