

### 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 2-year training program is based at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and visiting scholars will spend three summers in a 4-week intensive program at UCSF. During the academic year, scholars will work with their primary mentor to collaborate on drug abuse treatment research conducted in the CTN, develop a professional social 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 up to \$25,000 of funding to conduct each pilot study. Prospective scholars can reside in any city or metropolitan area where a CTN Node is located. The 2017 4-week summer program will begin June 26, 2017. Learn more about the program at <http://psych.ucsf.edu/lead/summerprogram>.

**The application submission deadline is now February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

We are recruiting doctoral-level professionals who are in the early phase of their research careers and who have not yet received a K award or an independent 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. The institution should have a track record of NIH funding.
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 in the field of drug abuse and addictions, and/or intramural grant support as either a principal investigator or co-investigator, and/or extramural grant support as a co-investigator.
5. Reside in the same city or metropolitan area where a NIDA CTN Node is located. (For a list of CTN Nodes, see <https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/organization/cctn/ctn/network-organization/nodes>)

### SELECTION CRITERIA & HOW TO APPLY

#### Selection will be based on the following factors:

- Academic training and achievement during graduate and post graduate academic careers, and scholarship in the addictions field.
- 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 <http://psych.ucsf.edu/lead/apply> or contact [rebecca.cook@ucsf.edu](mailto:rebecca.cook@ucsf.edu) for an application packet.