



# Vermont Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities

## What does VT LEND do?

VT LEND is part a national Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) which includes 60 LEND programs.

VT LEND trains professionals, self-advocates and family members to become leaders and systems change agents in the areas of leadership, disabilities, interprofessional practice, cultural competence & systems change.

## VT LEND Training Activities

- Successful completion of 2 UVM graduate classes (tuition paid for by VT LEND)
- Participation in Leadership Discussions
- Participation in Mentorship Meetings
- Create a Leadership Goal Plan
- Attend Legislative & Policy Trainings
- Attend National AUCD Conference in Washington, DC
- Required Internship Experience (50-60 hours)

## Program Eligibility

- Since VT LEND is a federal grant, trainees and fellows must be US citizens or legal permanent residents, as determined by federal funders
- If you are receiving a different federal stipend, graduate student stipend, graduate student stipend or SSI, please contact VT LEND as the LEND stipend could impact other benefits.

## Program Details

- 300-hour program that lasts one academic year (September-May)
- Attendance at AUCD conference in Washington, DC
- Includes 50-60 hours of a required internship experience
- Completion of 2 graduate online & asynchronous courses/6 credits (tuition paid for by VT LEND, trainees/fellows responsible for student fee)

## Program Stipend

All VT LEND trainees & fellows receive a small monthly stipend\* for the duration of the program.

\*Stipend could be impacted by other income sources.

## Questions?

Please email our Educational Coach, Bidur Dahal at

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