

## **Announcing the CLD Leadership Institute**

At the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual CLD Conference to be held in Baltimore, MD on October 19 and 20, 2017, the CLD Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is pleased to announce its inaugural CLD Leadership Institute.

**When:** The Leadership Institute will occur on October 18, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM; the day before the CLD conference.

**Where:** Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, MD

**Benefit:** Attendees will hear information on topics pertinent to their careers and leadership development from various experts and leaders in CLD.

**Possible topics:** Establishing a research agenda, building your vita, obtaining funding, learning about strategies for conducting research in local school districts, discussing tips for teaching, and learning about ways to get involved in CLD.

**Cost:** There will be no cost to attend the CLD Leadership Institute (LI) for eligible participants. Lunch for the institute will be “on your own.”

**Who is eligible to attend:** Graduate students and early career faculty are eligible to apply to attend this CLD LI event. Applicants should have an interest in becoming involved in CLD activities. More information about activity options will be made available at the LI.

**Application process:** In the inaugural year of the LI, we are only able to accept 25 attendees because of space limitation. Therefore, we will have an application process to determine interest in and eligibility for participating in the LI. All applications will be considered from graduate students and early career faculty. The first 25 eligible applicants will be invited to attend the inaugural year of the LI. Applications received after the due date will not be considered for the first year.

**CLD conference:** Participants who attend the LI must also register for the CLD conference (one day or full conference), which starts the day after the LI, and are responsible for paying their conference registration fee and hotel expenses. The deadline for registering is July 15. See the CLD website for conference registration and hotel accommodations information.

<http://www.council-for-learning-disabilities.org/2017-annual-conference>

**Next steps:**

1. **Application:** If you are interested in attending the inaugural LI in October 2017, please complete the application **by March 17, 2017**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for 2017. All applications received by March 17, 2017 will be considered. A “wait list” will be started if more than 25 people apply by the due date and are eligible to attend.
2. **Notification:** The Leadership Development Committee will review the applications and the first 25 eligible applicants will be invited to attend the LI by **March 31, 2017**. Applicants will also be notified if they were not part of the first 25 eligible applications and are on the “wait list.”
3. **Information:** For more information contact, Diane P. Bryant at [cldleadershipinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:cldleadershipinstitute@gmail.com)
4. **CLD Leadership Academy:** information will be provided at the LI about the 2018 Leadership Academy Cohort 7.

### **Announcing the CLD Leadership Academy Cohort 7**

**Purpose:** CLD is committed to building the leadership capacity of professionals who are entering the special education field (persons in the first several years of a university position or in the dissertation phase of their PhD program). Participation in the Leadership Academy (LA) provides the opportunity to assume a leadership role at a local, state, and/or national level. Academy Leaders have the opportunity to network and receive mentoring from leaders in the field of learning disabilities.

**Selection process:** A cohort of up to six emerging leaders who demonstrate potential and a passion for leadership in CLD will be selected for Cohort 7. Leadership Academy candidates must be members of CLD. The 7<sup>th</sup> cohort of Academy Leaders will be selected in the spring of 2018 based on their application for the LA, participation in the CLD Leadership Institute, which will be held the day before the fall 2017 CLD conference, and involvement on a CLD committee during the 2017-2018 year. More information about the Leadership Academy will be presented at the 2017 Leadership Institute. Only individuals who attend the LI will be considered for the Leadership Academy Cohort 7.