

TO: Interested Students & Professionals

FROM: Janet Willis, MPH, RD

TOPIC: Va-LEND Application Process

Enclosed are a brochure and an application form for the Va-LEND Program at Virginia Commonwealth University. Please complete the form provided. The application may be downloaded from our website at <http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/Va-LEND.htm>. In addition, please submit the following:

1. original college/university transcript(s),
2. a resume/vitae, and
3. two letters of reference. One of the two letters must be from a recent faculty member or an employer who can speak to your leadership ability and/or potential.

The application deadline is **June 1st**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the faculty member for the program from your discipline (see brochure) or me at (804) 828-0073.

Please return information to:

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Thank you for your interest in the program.

Enclosure

**Virginia Leadership Education
in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (Va-LEND)**

Application Form

A. General Information.

Date _____

Name

Daytime Phone Number

Street Address

Evening Phone Number

City/State/Zip

Fax Number

Email

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Name of college or university in which you are currently enrolled:

Profession: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

Educational Background (most recently completed degree)

Institution	Major	Degree/Year

Are you interested in applying for the Autism Fellow position?*

☐ YES

☐ NO

* Applicants must be in the field of pediatrics or psychology (including school psychologists with an Ed.S degree or above) Please refer to the Va-LEND website for additional information at

<http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/valend>.

B. Responses to Target Questions. Please develop one or two paragraphs to respond to the following questions. Your answers should be limited to the space provided.

1. What are the characteristics of effective leadership?

2. What life experiences have influenced your decision to follow a career path in childhood developmental disabilities?

3. Where do you see yourself along this career path in (5/10) years?