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Predoctoral Visitor Nomination Form

Waisman Center Postdoctoral Program in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research

Nominator (full name, title, and institution):

Nominee

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Email (for communication regarding this nomination):

Phone Number (for communication regarding this nomination):

Institution of Doctoral Program:

Location of Institution (city, state, country):

Field of Concentration:

Anticipated Year of Completion of Doctoral Degree:

Qualifying criteria for economically disadvantaged background or underrepresented racial/ethnic group (select all that apply):

McNair students: students who participated in a Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program; OR

Students from the following racial/ethnic groups:

African American or Black

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Hispanic/Latinx

Cambodian, Vietnamese, Laotian, or Hmong

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; OR

Students who participated in one of the following Federal TRIO programs:

Upward Bound

Talent Search

Educational Opportunities Centers

Student Support Services

People program

Other comparable program: (name of program)

Additional Nomination Materials

Contact information for one mentor/advisor willing to provide a letter of support (full name, title, institution, and email address):

Attach to this form:

1. A brief personal statement from the student (1-2 pages)
2. The student's Curriculum Vitae
3. Official or unofficial transcript of graduate coursework showing courses and grades

Predoctoral Visitor Nomination Form Instructions

Waisman Center Postdoctoral Program in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research

Background

The Waisman center is seeking nominations for predoctoral trainees from underrepresented groups to visit our center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The goal of this visit is to learn about our NIH-funded postdoctoral training program on research in intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). During the 2-day visit, the trainee would learn about research at the center, meet with investigators, share a meal with current postdoctoral fellows, and tour campus and Madison.

The trainee must be: 1) a PhD student in the last two years of their doctoral program; 2) engaged in research and training on IDD; and 3) from an economically disadvantaged background or underrepresented racial/ethnic group as defined below.

Waisman Center Postdoctoral Program in IDD Research

The Waisman center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is dedicated to advancing knowledge about human development, developmental disabilities, and neurodegenerative diseases through research, training, services, and outreach.

Postdoctoral fellows work with faculty who are engaged in social-affective, communication, and biobehavioral research as applied to individuals with a variety of types of IDD (e.g., autism, fragile X syndrome, Down syndrome, and cerebral palsy). This research uses sophisticated statistical approaches, longitudinal designs, brain imaging methods, GWAS, social genomics, and psychobiology, among other approaches to data collection and analysis.

Click here to learn more about the [postdoctoral program](#) and [research](#) at the Waisman Center.

To complete the nomination form:

Complete all **Nominator** and **Nominee** details.

- The criteria included for economically disadvantaged backgrounds and underrepresented ethnic/minority groups are based on those defined by the UW-Madison College of Letters & Science in their handbook on Advanced Opportunity Fellowships, which can be found at <https://kb.wisc.edu/lis/page.php?id=108211>.

Additional Nomination Materials

The mentor/advisor willing to provide a letter of support can be the nominator if the nominator also has that relationship to the student. In that case, please include the letter in the attachments to the form.

Attach all required documents to the form. The brief personal statement (1 to 2 pages) from the student should summarize the following points:

1. Current research interests in the area of intellectual and developmental disabilities
2. Future career plans

Submit the complete nomination, with all attachments, to schafer@waisman.wisc.edu.

Any questions about the program or the nomination process can be directed to slhartley@wisc.edu.