



Application process open for the 2022 Summer Research Institute on Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect, Funded by the NICHD and hosted by the University of Rochester and the University of Minnesota.

We are now accepting applications for the 2022 NICHD funded [TRANSFORM 2022 Summer Research Institute \(SRI\) on Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect](#) at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, August 14-19, 2022. This immersive program provides a supportive and creative space for junior faculty to nurture their community partnerships and prepare them as the next generation of transdisciplinary researchers. The program includes an opening dinner, four days of interactive programming, and a closing picnic with departure Thursday evening or Friday morning. We seek teams that are passionate about preventing child abuse and neglect and engaging with their local, state and national partners. The University of Minnesota partnered with [Mt. Hope Family Center](#), the [Laboratory of Interpersonal Violence](#), and the [Susan B. Anthony Center](#) at the University of Rochester, to convene national and internationally recognized experts in the field of child maltreatment to help new investigators develop proposals for federal funding. We are planning an in-person event but will pivot to a virtual platform pending Centers for Disease Control protocols in the face of another COVID-19 surge. Due to the intensive nature of the Institute with small work groups and individual mentorship, we will not use a hybrid model.

Applications are due April 22nd. Acceptance letters will be sent on May 16th along with travel and lodging details. We will host the SRI scholars and community partners at the [Courtyard Rochester Downtown](#) on the historic East Avenue, within easy walking distance to restaurants, cultural activities, and music venues. The SRI will take place at [Rochester Brainery](#), a woman-owned business. It has bright interiors and a welcoming space in which to learn, think, conceptualize, write, and share your next grant. Venues meet accommodation needs.

Application

An NICHD P50 (P50-HD096698) is funding the SRI with additional supports from the University of Minnesota and the University of Rochester. Applications may be submitted [here](#) on the SRI website. Applicants must be early career faculty within 8 years of their first professional position upon completing a Ph.D., M.D., J.D., or Ed.D. in a related field (e.g. law, criminology, psychology, sociology, etc.) or within 3 years of completing post-doctorate programs. We welcome applicants from underrepresented scholars and partners. Applicants must apply together with a community partner (e.g., child welfare professionals, court-based providers), who can also commit to attending the in-person Institute. To tend to your personal and professional needs back home, we have built in later start times (9 a.m.) with periodic breaks

throughout the day to check-in with families and home institutions. SRI faculty are comprised of transdisciplinary scientists who will discuss: developmental psychology frameworks regarding child abuse and neglect, community-based participatory research, acquiring and merging data sources, human subject requirements when recruiting vulnerable populations, scientific team leadership and grant management. Our target scholars are new researchers interested in examining their approach to child abuse and neglect prevention within interdisciplinary contexts. SRI faculty represent a cross section of disciplines from the University of Minnesota and University of Rochester and are noted on the SRI website. We will invite additional speakers and mentors as resources for accepted applicants. For the proposal, please limit the statement to three pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1 inch margins. The statement should include attention to specific aims, background, innovation, approach, and potential policy implications. Within the approach section, please identify your community partner, the length of the relationship, and how the community partner is involved in the creation, implementation, and analysis of the project.

Due to the intensity and team-science nature of the SRI, participation is limited to 6 scholars and 6 community partners. There is no tuition costs for either the scholars or their partners. Travel, meals and lodging costs, as well as training efforts are covered for both the scholar and their partners. Additional community partners may attend at their own expense for travel and lodging; meals will be provided. Preference will be given to academic-based applicants seeking to create partnerships to facilitate a societal impact on preventing and reducing child abuse and neglect. More details are available on the [SRI website](#) along with the application requirements. Pilot grants created during the SRI are eligible to submit for pilot funding post-SRI.

Key Dates

Application Deadline: April 22, 2022

Notifications of Acceptance Begins: May 16, 2022

Frequently Asked Questions:

What if I am only able to attend for some of the days?

We encourage all attendees to commit to attending the entire SRI for maximum benefit. Accommodation requests can be considered on a case-by-case basis.

What costs/ expenses will I be responsible for?

Travel stipends will be given for airfare/train fare. Lodging is covered from 8/14-8/19, breakfast is included each morning and lunch will be provided during conference days. There will be an opening and closing dinner provided. Attendees are responsible for three-nights of their own dinner and any additional items purchased during the visit.

Will there be an option to attend virtually?

There will *not* be an option to attend virtually. The SRI is an opportunity to collaborate and work face-to-face with community partners and key stakeholders in the field of child welfare.

Will there be breaks throughout the day?

Yes. The days will run between 9am and 4pm EST. Throughout the day there will be time for breaks so that attendees can check in with their homebased-job and family.

Will there be access to WiFi?

Yes, both the hotel and event spaces have high-speed internet which will be made available to all attendees.

Will there be transportation available during the SRI?

Yes, travel to and from the airport will be provided. The hotel offers a shuttle which can bring attendees within a three-mile radius of the hotel. Downtown Rochester is also walking-friendly.

What if I am nursing and need to pump?

The event space has private areas and access to a refrigerator.