

# AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Shaping the future of disability

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities and  
the Center for Leadership in Disability at Georgia State University  
announce the third annual **AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia.**



## ABOUT THE AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY at Georgia State University

The AUCD Leadership Academy is seeking 24 participants from UCEDDs, LENDs, and their disability partners to join its fourth cohort for a year of exploration. The academy is grounded by a week together of study, shared experiences, self-reflection, and skill development. While the cohort will meet in Atlanta, the in-person experience will be guided by activities completed in advance. Participants will also continue to engage with their cohort, academy staff, local coaches, and national allies in the year following the experience.



## WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF THE AUCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?

The goal of the AUCD Leadership Academy is to enhance the skills of current and emerging leaders from the disability network to build coalitions and improve systems of supports and services. Some highlights include:

- A focus on shared values and commitments to civil and human rights;
- Assessment of personal and organizational strengths;
- Building partnerships to achieve collective impact;
- Support for participants' resilience and integrity in sustaining their commitments to solving complex social issues; and
- Creation of a community of leaders and advocates that recognizes and honors differences and diversity.

The 2019 Academy included 24 emerging leaders with and without disabilities from 17 states and territories, representing UCEDDs, LENDs, and disability organizations

*"One of the most supportive learning environments that I have experienced...and by creating this environment, bringing out the best in me...and most likely others...THANK YOU."*

*"The week was powerful. I am glad that the conversations that were begun during the week did not end there."*

*"My commitment has been renewed, I have more courage to lead, I now accept that my work is personal, and I feel very connected to a bigger movement. I wish everyone could have this experience."*

Please visit (<http://cld-gsu.org>) for more information

Online applications available on November 1, 2019  
Application deadline is March 2, 2020  
Notification by March 31, 2020

# AUCD Leadership Academy

## ACTIVITIES

### 3 Pre-webinars

- (1) Academy Overview
- (2) Strengths-based Leadership
- (3) Courage & Renewal

May & June  
(60 min each)

### Leadership Academy in Atlanta

- (1) Develop participants' self-awareness of leadership strengths
- (2) Provide a forum for discerning professional and organization values, vision, and core commitments
- (3) Support participants' resilience and integrity to sustain a commitment to solving complex social issues
- (4) Create a community of leaders and advocates that recognizes and honors differences and diversity

Last week in June

### 4 Learning Ally Circle Calls

2-hour group leadership calls scheduled by the Center for Leadership in Disability (CLD)

August, October,  
February & April

### 6 Coaching Meetings

August: Coaching Webinar  
 By October: Meeting 1 - Schedule contacts and commitments  
 By December: Observation 1  
 By February: Meeting 2  
 By April: Observation 2  
 By June: Meetings 3 & 4 (wrap-up)

Determined by  
Trainee

### 3 Post-webinars

The topics are developed based on conversations that take place during the week in Atlanta. Past topics have included...

- (1) Leadership Coaching
- (2) Self-Care at Work
- (3) Claiming a Disability at Work

August, October &  
January  
(60 min each)

### AUCD Conference Reunion

November  
(optional)

