



We are seeking applicants for the NICHD funded [TRANSFORM](#) 2023 Summer Research Institute (SRI) on Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, August 1-4, 2023. This four-day immersive program provides a supportive and creative space for current T32 fellows, non-federally funded post doctorates, and junior faculty to **build and nurture** community partnerships and prepare them as the next generation of transdisciplinary researchers.

Applicants can be current T32 fellows, non-federally funded post doctorates, early career faculty or research leadership at a non-profit 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.). If applying from a community-based organization, you must have an academic partner to provide a letter of collaboration. Applications may be submitted [here](#) on the SRI website.

The application deadline is May 26th, 2023. We will provide acceptance letters beginning early June with travel and lodging details.

We seek teams who 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, will convene national and internationally recognized experts in the field of child maltreatment to help new investigators develop proposals for potential pilot funding. We are planning an in-person event. Due to the intensive nature of the Institute with small work groups and individual mentorship, we will not use a hybrid model.

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 daily programming will take place at the University of Rochester campus, located along the landmark Genesee River. The University of Rochester transforms ideas into enterprises that create value and make the world ever better.

Application Details

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 four-day 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, grant management, and more. 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 will be announced in the coming weeks. We will invite additional speakers and mentors as resources for accepted applicants.

For the proposal, please limit your 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 and the length of the relationship. Please note how the community partner is involved in the creation, implementation, and analysis of the project if you are at that stage. If this project is still conceptual, share what you hope to accomplish during the SRI with your partner in attendance. Additionally, please include a letter of support from someone in a leadership position who is familiar with your project.

There is **no** tuition cost 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 applicants seeking to create partnerships to facilitate a societal impact on preventing and reducing child abuse and neglect. Pilot grants created during the SRI are eligible to submit for pilot funding post-SRI.

Please email Catherine_Cerulli@URMC.Rochester.Edu and Veronica_Leva@URMC.Rochester.Edu with any questions.

Key Dates

Application Deadline: May 26, 2023

Notifications of Acceptance Begins: Early June 2023