Project I LEAD
(Innovative Leadership Education Advancing Diversity)

Project I LEAD will prepare future Special Education faculty to conduct research and train future teachers in effective instructional practices with ELs with disabilities, including advanced research methodology, consultation, and educational systems change.

Accepted students receive:

- Full tuition
- Competitive stipend
- Health insurance
- Financial support to attend professional conferences
- Numerous research and publication opportunities
- Mentorship and training opportunities with national and international experts in working with English Learners
- Applied fieldwork in local schools PreK-8
- Training opportunities working with children with disabilities in Mexico

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We strongly encourage applications from persons with disabilities, and those from underserved/under-represented groups.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can I work full time during the program?
A. We understand the financial impact undertaking postgraduate work. However, the doctoral program is rigorous and requires a considerable time commitment during the typical work day but some students pick up some additional work (e.g. during summer) to supplement the monthly stipend.

Q. Is physical residency required during the program?
A. Physical residency is required, there is not an online option for the doctoral program of study.

Q. Do you need to bilingual to be considered for the program?
A. Applicants who are bilingual will be prioritized; however, applicants with experiences working with students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Q. Will funding be available for applicants for Fall 2021 entry?
A. Yes, we are admitting students in 2021!

Q. What is the service obligation following graduation?
A. 2 years of related employment in higher education, research, policy for every year of funding.

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