

KBHN Annual Outstanding Awards 2023

Outstanding KBHN Leadership Award in Family Engagement in Research Call for Proposal

KBHN National Training Program aims to enhance the training of the next generation of researchers and professionals to develop and implement innovative solutions and services with the potential to improve the lives of children living with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families.

To celebrate the important contributions of individuals with lived or living experience of a neurodevelopmental disability and/or their caregivers in neurodevelopmental disability research, KBHN announces the launch of its first-ever **Outstanding KBHN Leadership Award in Family Engagement in Research**.

SUMMARY

- **Award:** The awardee will receive \$1,500, as well as registration and travel to the 2024 KBHN Conference. A certificate and trophy will be awarded during the 2024 KBHN Conference. The awardee will be featured on the KBHN website, newsletter, and social media.
- **Eligibility:** Individuals with lived or living experience or their caregivers who are contributing to neurodevelopmental disability research from this perspective.
- **Adjudication:** This award will be adjudicated by a committee that includes researchers and family members.
- **Application Deadline:** January 19, 2024
- **Award Notice:** February 30, 2024

Who Can be Nominated?

The individual demonstrates outstanding contributions to neurodevelopmental disability research. Eligible candidates for this award include graduates of the Family Engagement in Research (FER) training programs (e.g., FER Course, FER Leadership Academy) and/or individuals with lived or living experience who are contributing to KBHN projects/committees. Nominees may also have researcher roles, however, this award is intended for individuals with lived or living experience who are contributing to neurodevelopmental disability research from this perspective.

Nomination of the same person is accepted only when they are nominated for a different Outstanding Award category AND they are nominated by different nominators. If a nominee is accepted for more than one Outstanding Award, they will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Who Can Make a Nomination?

Individuals may self-nominate. Nominations will also be accepted from members of the neurodevelopmental disability research community (including researchers, community partners, trainees, individuals with lived or living experience, caregivers, etc.).

A nominator could nominate only one person per Outstanding Award category.

Why Nominate?

- Nomination recognizes, celebrates, and encourages excellence from those who contribute greatly to the KBHN network by showing passion and devotion
- Nominee will receive formal recognition from the KBHN network to showcase their achievements

How to Nominate?

To nominate a member of the neurodevelopmental disability research community or self-nominate, please submit the following to training@kidsbrainhealth.ca:

- The completed application form: [KBHN Leadership Award in Family Engagement in Research- Application Form](#)
- A support letter

Nominations are due by **January 18, 2024**.

Please contact the KBHN training team (training@kidsbrainhealth.ca) for any questions.

About the Kids Brain Health Network

- The Kids Brain Health Network (KBHN) is a national research network established under the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) Program, an initiative of the Canadian government to foster partnerships between universities, industry, government, and not-for-profit organizations with the goal of mobilizing knowledge generated through research in ways that deliver socio-economic benefit to Canada.
- As a national organization, KBHN partners with community groups, non-profit organizations, industry, parents, clinicians, health professionals, and provincial and federal governments to advance evidence-based solutions to improve outcomes for children with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families. KBHN particularly values the voice of families and individuals with lived experience in the research that it funds, as partners in the research itself, in the review process and in mobilizing the knowledge generated.
- As a part of this network, the KBHN National Training Program aims to enhance the training of the next generation of researchers and professionals to undertake interdisciplinary and inclusive research to generate and/or apply new knowledge.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Statement

KBHN is committed to excellence in research and research training. Achieving a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive Canadian research enterprise is essential to creating the excellent, innovative, and impactful research necessary to advance knowledge and understanding, and to respond to local, national, and global challenges in the field of neurodevelopmental disabilities.

With these goals in mind, KBHN is committed to:

- Supporting equitable access to funding opportunities for all members of the research community
- Promoting the integration of equity, diversity and inclusion-related considerations in research design and practices
- Increasing equitable and inclusive participation in the research system, including on research teams
- Collecting the data and conducting the analyses needed to include equity, diversity, and inclusion considerations in decision-making

Through these means, KBHN will work with those involved in the research system to develop the inclusive culture needed for research excellence and to achieve outcomes that are rigorous, relevant, and accessible to the concerned stakeholders in the field of neurodevelopmental disabilities.