# **AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2021**

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfill their purpose. (See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.)

Interest Network: Research Interest Network (RIN)

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### **Annual Report**

For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.

#### Objectives met

• Collaborate with other interest networks (met), support students (met), advance the field (met), promote the mission/goals/principles of AAIDD (met), and improve communication (met).

#### Activities completed

- Objective 1 Collaborate with other interest networks.
  - Planned activity was to collaborate with SECP interest network on the 5th annual Research Colloquium (offered pre-conference). Sponsored 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Colloquium, Monday, June 21 at 5pm (EST)
- Objective 2 Support students.
  - o Planned activity was to provide student scholarships for the annual conference. Provided two student/early career research awards in collaboration with SECP.
- Objective 3 Advance the field.
  - RIN sponsored one webinar (Archived webinars available at https://www.aaidd.org/education/education-archive#.VA2xovldXTo.
    - COVID-19 Outcomes Among People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities by Scott Landes and Katie McDonald (January 27, 2021)
- Objective 4 Promote the mission, goals, and principles of AAIDD.
  - Proposed and developed new conference abstract guidelines and rubric that was adopted by AAIDD in Fall 2020 for 2021 Annual Conference submissions. We also evaluated the new process and provided a summary evaluation to Maggie Nygren, Executive Director.
  - Reviewed and provided input to Maggie Nygren regarding AAIDD & ARC joint statement on Research.
- Objective 5 Improve communication.
  - We held a variety of meetings:
  - o Executive Committee Meetings: July, August, December, February, & April
  - o Open Membership Meetings: August, October, and June
    - COVID-19 Research Meetings: September, October, November, & January
- The Executive Committee has new members, that will serve a 2-year term

Position 2021-22 & 2022-23
Chair Jessica Kramer
Vice-Chair Katherine McDonald
Secretary Steve Erickson
Member Sheida K. Raley
James Lemanowicz

Funds used: During the year ending June of 2021, the Research Interest Network spent \$0.00.

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### **Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies**

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.

The Research Interest Network plans to undertake the following activities, beginning July 1, 2021.

- Objective 1 Collaborate with other interest networks. Planned activity 1: Collaborate with SECP interest network on the 6th annual Research Colloquium (offered pre-conference). Planned activity 2: We will collaborate with SECP leadership to identify at least two additional ways that the RIN can support SECP members (e.g., support proposal development, clarify the review and feedback process for the pre-conference, researcher Q&A).
- Objective 2 Support students. Planned activity is to provide student scholarships for the annual conference. We will partner with SECP and AAIDD to refine the process of identifying the targeted audience for these scholarships/awards. Proposed expenditure: \$1,200 for student research scholarships (\$600 each).
- Objective 3 Advance the field. Planned activity is offering a webinar to research interest network members and the AAIDD community. We will also explore other opportunities to support the dissemination and translation of knowledge to broader audiences (e.g., social media). Proposed expenditure: none.
- Objective 4 Promote the mission, goals, and principles of AAIDD. Planned activity 1: Explore mechanisms to include researchers with IDD in the RIN and/or other AAIDD research-related activities (e.g., conference). Depending on findings, implement and provide financial awards to support inclusion and engagement in the AAIDD conference. Proposed expenditure: \$1,000
- Objective 5 Improve communication. Planned activity is regular communication within the Research Interest Network using the regularly updated membership list. We will explore other formats to enhance networking and sharing between RIN membership (e.g., coffee hour chats, research in progress forums). Proposed expenditure: none.

Funds available as of 6/8/21 to support 2021-22 activities: \$6081

#### 2021 Funds Summary

	01/01/20	2019 Rebates (use first/forfeits first)	\$535.00
	01/01/21	2020 Rebates (use third/forfeits second)	\$ 555.00
		Division Funds (use last/never expire)	\$4,991.04
Ì	TOTAL		\$ 6,081.00