

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2020

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.
 - We collaborated with SECP interest network in planning 5th annual Research Colloquium (offered pre-conference); however, due to COVID-19 the event was cancelled. We collaborated with Health & Wellness Interest Network to ensure RIN sponsored webinars would be of high interests to multiple audiences.
 - Additionally, at least one member attended and provided input for the Assembly of Interest Network meetings in October, February, and May.
- Objective 2 – Support students.
 - After determining an error was made in the 2019 RIN student scholarship selection, the Executive Committee worked with Maggie Nygren to ensure the correct scholarship recipients (Magen Rooney, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign; Scots Landes, Syracuse University) were notified and acknowledged by the Association for their scholarship. Ms Rooney and Mr. Landes were also given \$550 stipends (\$1100 dispersed).
 - The RIN funded two scholarships for students for the 2020. The selection was made by the Research Interest Network Executive Committee using an agreed upon rubric and scoring system with at least three reviewers per abstract. The scholarships were awarded to Justine Grenier-Martin (University of Quebec in Montreal) and Kelsey Bush (Ohio State University). Due to cancellation of 2020 Annual Meeting, scholarship recipients received an award letter, but funds were not dispersed. Funds will rollover to 2021 conference.
- Objective 3 – Advance the field.
 - RIN sponsored two webinars (Archived webinars available at <https://www.aidd.org/education/education-archive#.VA2xovldXT0>).

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- *Responsible Conduct of Research with Individuals with ID: Strategies for Ethically Strong Research and IRB Approval*
- *Developing the Road Map to Improve Data on the Health of People with IDD.* Archived webinars available at <https://www.aaid.org/education/education-archive#.VA2xovldXT0>. Federal and State Initiatives to be delivered at Reinventing Quality Conference during which the Roadmap will likely be mentioned.
- Objective 4 - Promote the mission, goals, and principles of AAIDD.
 - *After discussion of the quality and structure of conference abstract, the RIN Executive Committee met with Maggie Nygren to discuss a revised scoring matrix for AAIDD conference proposals with the intent to provide a rubric that enables standardized and concise proposals that are reviewer-friendly. We learned from consulting with Maggie that limitations of the current submission system include the availability of only be one format for all proposal types (i.e., research, practice, policy). We submitted a draft document to the Interest Network leaders and asked them to share with members of their Interest Network and solicit feedback, mindful that one document will serve multiple proposal formats. The proposed draft was discussed at the AAIDD Assembly of Interest Network meeting on Monday, May 11th. Members of the Assembly overall agreed with the approach and provided minor feedback. We are waiting for additional feedback from a member with a policy perspective.*
- Objective 5 – Improve communication.
 - Sent 7 emails to current RIN members 7 times to share upcoming events (e.g., RIN sponsored webinars), share information (e.g., RIN Action Plan), and/or encourage collaboration (e.g., hosted open membership Zoom call in October to discuss AAIDD call for papers).
- The Executive Committee will not change in the upcoming year

<u>Position</u>	<u>2019-2020 & 2020-2021</u>
Chair	Jennifer Jones
Vice-Chair	Jessica Kramer
Secretary	Amie Lulinski
Member	Steve Erickson James Lemanowicz

Funds used

- During the year ending June of 2020, the Research Interest Network spent \$1,100 to provide two scholarships for students to correct the administrative error that occurred at the 2019 conference.

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, 2020.

- Objective 1 – Collaborate with other interest networks. Planned activity is collaborating with SECP

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interest network on the 5th annual Research Colloquium (offered pre-conference). Will continue to explore collaborations with other interest networks.

- Objective 2 – Support students. Planned activity is to provide student scholarships for the annual conference. Will also explore possibility of offering membership scholarships to students and RIN memberships to SECP members. Proposed expenditure: \$1,200 for student research scholarships. Additional expenditures for membership scholarships: up to \$800.
- Objective 3 – Advance the field. Planned activity is offering a webinar to research interest network members and the AAIDD community. Considering other methods as well (three minute thesis, visual abstract). Proposed expenditure: none.
- Objective 4 - Promote the mission, goals, and principles of AAIDD. Planned activity is to continue review of the conference abstract guidelines/rubric and submit proposal to the AAIDD board by August. Proposed expenditure: none.
- Objective 5 – Improve communication. Planned activity is regular communication within the Research Interest Network using the regularly updated membership list. Proposed expenditure: none.