



Call for Applications

Strengthening the Evidence Base for Culturally Relevant Interventions in Early Childhood Care and Education

June 12 - 13, 2020 | St. Louis, Missouri, USA

The Society for Research in Child Development invites applications to participate in the 2020 Special Topic Workshop: *Strengthening the Evidence Base for Culturally Relevant Interventions in Early Childhood Care and Education* to be held in St. Louis, Missouri from June 12 - 13, 2020.

Applications accepted: mid-October 2019

Application Deadline: November 13, 2019

Organizers: Gilda Morelli, Nandita Chaudhary, Heidi Keller, Martin Packer, Barbara Rogoff, and Tom Weisner.

The workshop will focus on interventions that are intended to improve the health, language, play, and caregiver relationship of children from communities living with limited resources, commonly labelled as poverty. It will address issues surrounding how the best interests of these children, who are from diverse cultural, ethnic, economic, and linguistic backgrounds, are served by these interventions. It will also address the theoretical and methodological assumptions underlying the global proliferation of interventions.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide a collaborative platform for scholars to engage in productive dialogue about the strongest ways to conceptualize, design, implement and evaluate programs to serve diverse populations -- ways that are culturally sensitive and responsive to community strengths and needs. The success of the workshop rests on the robust participation of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers who have experience and expertise in issues related to interventions and to cultural aspects of human development, and who are able to offer different disciplinary and regional perspectives on these issues. The aim is to delineate ways to make use of cultural and developmental research and expertise to help with efforts to improve the well-being of children, families, and communities around the world.



2020 SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOP

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOP

The workshop organizers will use your answers to this application to gauge how your experience and expertise could contribute to constructive conversation in the workshop on topics such as the science and ethics of interventions; community involvement in interventions; cultural aspects of children's learning in informal and formal settings; children's care and attachment relationships; and language development.

SRCD membership is not required to apply; however, we encourage you to [take advantage of the benefits of membership](#): *Members in the Society are offered a significant discount on conference registration in addition to eligibility for a variety of Society resources and initiatives.*

What You Will Need to Submit an Application:

1. Personal Information:

- a. Enter your complete, formal name (e.g., Samuel T. Jones; H. Harrison Smith-Barton). Please do not enter your name in all upper-case letters or all lower-case letters.
- b. Enter your institutional affiliation and your role in that institution. Please also indicate other relevant affiliations.
- c. Provide the best way to contact you using email, Skype, WhatsApp or other means.
- d. Indicate the highest degree you have obtained in your profession and in what year the degree was obtained.
- e. Enter the country in which you currently reside.
- f. Provide a high resolution (at least 300 dpi) headshot or professional photo. The photo may be in color or black and white and uploaded as either a JPEG (.jpg) or PNG (.png) file format.

2. Relevant Experience and Expertise:

- a. In what country or community have you worked? Please specify whether this work involved carrying out research on interventions, participating in interventions relevant to early childhood development, carrying out research on child development, or something else.
- b. In 150 words or less, detail your experience and expertise related to early childhood development, care, education, and/or interventions in an abstract that could be used to introduce your work to this workshop.

3. Funding to Attend the Workshop:

All workshop participants are expected to cover costs related to workshop attendance including conference fees, transportation, lodging, and food. Workshop organizers are seeking funding to help defray workshop costs for attendees who otherwise would not be able to attend the workshop. As these funds will be limited, funding priority will be given to participants traveling from Africa, the Indian subcontinent, and Latin America or other under-resourced settings (including in the U.S., Canada, Europe, etc.), who have little or no institutional assistance for conference participation.

Please indicate if you would like to be considered for funding if the organizers are successful in obtaining a small grant to support attendance. We ask that you submit your request only if you absolutely need financial assistance to be able to attend. There is currently no guarantee of funding.

Questions? Please contact the Meetings Team at programoffice@srcd.org.