Thank you for your interest in the SRCD U.S. Federal Policy Fellowship. Please use the following Statement of Interest template for your application and be sure to follow the instructions listed below.

**Please address the following questions in each section of your Statement of Interest:**

1. *Background and Qualifications*

* Please describe howyour training background and experience in child development would make you a strong candidate for the fellowship (e.g., consider coursework including research methods courses, training, professional experience related to the application of research to policy or practice).

1. *Research Expertise*

* What are your current areas of research, primary questions of interest, and methodologies used to address the questions?

1. *Commitment to DEI* 
   * What does it mean for you to have a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in your developmental science career? This could take many forms including how research is conducted, how research is translated into policy and practice, and how it should inform conversations or considerations about factors that influence child development.
2. *Policy Interests*

* Why are you interested in working on policy issues relevant to child development and what types of experiences have contributed to this interest? What types of knowledge and skills do you hope to develop through the fellowship?

1. *Career Aspirations*

* What are your career goals and how would the fellowship and the specific placement experience (i.e., Executive or Congressional) support your career goals? *For Mid-career applicants:* How will the fellowship build on your career experiences to date and inform your work in the future?

**Formatting Guidelines:**

* Your total word count must not exceed 1,280 words (this number includes the title and the section headers). Please list the word count at the bottom of the last page of the Statement of Interest and delete the instructions page.
* Use Times New Roman 12-point font
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* Include your last name in the header at the top of the page

**All application materials are due on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 11:59pm Eastern.**

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