**Leadership Development Program Mentor Application**

The purpose of the ILOTA Leadership Development Program (LDP) is to give students and new practitioners the tools and training to become strong leaders within the profession. We believe that the ILOTA LDP will support the profession’s efforts to attain the goals set out in Vision 2025, and to ensure that occupation therapy is influential in changing policies, environments, and complex systems that impact the health, well-being, and quality of life of the people, populations and communities occupational therapy serves.

Mentors are an essential element of the LDP as these individuals will assist mentees in the program build the foundation of skills they will need to lead the profession in attaining its vision. Members interested in being a mentor in the LDP can apply by completing the following. Send your application and reference letter, along with your resume or CV to John Dudzik at dudzikj@uindy.edu by August 9, 2021.

 **Name:** **Date:**

**Email address**: **Phone number**:

**ILOTA Membership Number**:

**Choose two areas of interest from the following list. Speak to these areas of interest as you complete the sections of your statement.**

* Non-profit leadership
* Entrepreneurship- Starting and running a business or private practice
* Department leadership in healthcare or education systems
* Policy and advocacy
* Leadership in large systems – making systems changes
* Social justice – Community accessibility, environmental change, accessibility
* Innovative practice development
* Increasing diversity in the field of occupational therapy

**Please include in your application:**

1. A personalletter of interest (no more than 4 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font) which describes **why you see yourself as mentor to those seeking to be leaders within our profession.** Speak to the areas of interests you indicated aboveas you address the following:
	1. Explanation of your accomplishments, including any activities that demonstrate your abilities to lead and mentor others in their professional growth.
	2. A brief description of areas of clinical practice/interest including years of as a practicing clinician.
	3. Description of how your participation in this program will enable you to assist fellow practitioners in advancing their skills as leaders, support in them in achieving their goals, and promote their leadership development.
	4. Description of your mentoring philosophy that includes examples of past and current experiences in which you demonstrated effective mentoring and leadership. Please include details describing how you were able to successfully guide others, citing any challenges and achievements that may have occurred.
	5. Explanation of how you will carry out a structured mentoring relationship that includes what you can offer to a mentoring partnership and your availability as a mentor.
2. A reference letter from someone who has first-hand knowledge of your leadership ability.
	1. The reference letter should provide a strong recommendation, as it accounts for approximately one-third of the total score in the selection process.
	2. Individuals providing the letter of reference may be professional colleagues, supervisors, professors, existing AOTA or ILOTA association leaders.
	3. Reference letters should specifically address why you are an appropriate candidate for the program including aspects of your personal character, leadership qualities and experience that would enable you to mentor clinicians in this program.
3. A current resume or curriculum vitae.