The National Leadership Consortium in Sensory Disabilities (NLCSD) is a Collaborative Agreement funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs and awarded to Salus University. NLCSD’s primary purpose is to increase the number of **highly skilled doctoral scholars** who will become leaders in administration, higher education, policy and education in order to **significantly improve the interventions, services, and outcomes for children with sensory disabilities** (deafness/hard of hearing, deafblindness, blindness/visual impairment), ages birth to 21.

Applications for the first of two cohorts of the National Leadership Consortium in Sensory Disabilities (NLCSD) will be accepted in early 2015 for scholars to begin their studies in Fall, 2015. The consortium consists of multiple universities with doctoral programs that have an emphasis in one or more sensory impairment areas: blind/visually impaired, deaf/hard of hearing, and deafblindness.

**Benefits of being an NLCSD Scholar:**
- Full support (tuition and fees) at Consortium universities, for up to 4 years
- Annual stipend award $24,000 while matriculated
- Participation in an Enrichment Program that includes a course that runs through the academic year and is delivered via distance technology and face-to-face meetings
- Mentorship by Consortium faculty from universities across the country and across disability areas
- Travel to and attendance at 1 – 2 required NLCSD meetings per year.

**NLCSD Scholars will be required to:**
- Be admitted to a Consortium university as well as NLCSD
- Be first time doctoral students
- Be enrolled as a full time student at their home university
- Maintain an on-campus presence
- Work no more than 20 hours/week in a position that is directly related to individual programs of study
- Upon program completion, fulfill the service obligation requirement as outlined by OSEP.

More information can be found at [www.nlcsdproject.org](http://www.nlcsdproject.org)