



## National Institutes of Health

*Division of Loan Repayment*

### **Ambassador Network**

The **NIH LRP Ambassador Network** serves as a bridge between past and future participants through the sharing of success stories, program experiences and application advice. In addition, the network offers professional development opportunities for alumni.

LRP Ambassadors are uniquely positioned to recommend the Loan Repayment Programs and help ensure that qualified, emerging investigators continue to benefit from these opportunities. Since the network launched in 2010, over 1,500 past and current participants have joined, and LRP has created professional development webinars, hosted networking receptions and offered Ambassadors complimentary registration to the NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration.

#### **Who Can Be LRP Ambassadors?**

Potential LRP Ambassadors are current and past participants who want to educate colleagues about the program. Also, mentors, supervisors and institutional contacts may join the network.

#### **Ambassador Expectations and Time Commitment**

There are a variety of activities associated with the network, and Ambassadors determine their own level of program support and time commitment. One Ambassador may opt to be an informal resource to others at their schools or institutions, while others may choose to be more active – hosting LRP information sessions, participating on conference panels or staffing LRP exhibit booths at professional meetings. Still, others may just wish to keep abreast of LRP events and activities.

#### **Ambassador Activities**

##### *School and Institutional Networking*

During the application cycle, Ambassadors may support potential applicants by responding to e-mail inquiries, sending program announcements to colleagues, posting notices on social networks or hosting LRP information sessions. To support these activities, LRP provides informational flyers, fact sheets, timelines, presentation assistance and promotional materials for distribution.

##### *Professional Meetings*

LRP staff present and exhibit at several professional and society meetings each year. LRP Ambassadors may recommend meetings, help staff exhibit booths or participate on panels.

##### *Success Stories*

The LRP Web site plays a prominent role in educating potential applicants about the programs. Each quarter, the site features a new set of alumni success stories. Ambassadors are also featured on the LRP Facebook page.

#### **Ambassador Benefits**

##### *Professional Development*

LRP offers professional development opportunities through webinars, seminars and receptions. Through these events, Ambassadors connect with NIH training officers as well as peers and potential colleagues across the country. Also, by following the LRP on [Twitter](#) and/or [Facebook](#), Ambassadors are alerted to additional LRP and NIH funding opportunities.

##### *Recognition*

Ambassadors who devote significant time to educating potential applicants about LRP may be eligible for additional support. This may include conference travel and registration assistance. Ambassador activities may also be added to curriculum vitae.

## Career Development Resources

These key resources can help you advance your career and foster your connection to the NIH. Be sure to check these out yourself and recommend them to colleagues as well.

<b>LRP Webinars</b>	
<b>Overview of the Loan Repayment Programs</b> <i>Summary of application process &amp; tips for success</i>	<a href="http://go.usa.gov/aHx">http://go.usa.gov/aHx</a>
<b>Mapping Your Career to the NIH</b> <i>Introduction to NIH training grants, fellowships and career development awards</i>	<a href="http://bit.ly/ftYRkC">http://bit.ly/ftYRkC</a>
<b>NIH LRP Application Tutorial</b> <i>An in-depth look at the LRP application</i>	<a href="http://bit.ly/nihlrptutorial">http://bit.ly/nihlrptutorial</a>

<b>NIH Web Sites, Blogs &amp; Videos</b>	
<b>NIH</b>	<a href="http://www.nih.gov">http://www.nih.gov</a>
<b>NIH Grants</b>	<a href="http://www.grants.nih.gov">http://www.grants.nih.gov</a>
<b>NIH Nexus</b> <i>Blog devoted to NIH grant policies &amp; extramural research activities</i>	<a href="http://nexus.od.nih.gov">http://nexus.od.nih.gov</a>
<b>Grants Process Overview</b> <i>Outline of grant application process</i>	<a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grants_process.htm">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grants_process.htm</a>
<b>RePORT</b> <i>Data on NIH-funded research</i>	<a href="http://www.RePORT.nih.gov">http://www.RePORT.nih.gov</a>
<b>All About Grants Podcasts</b> <i>Insights on grant topics from NIH program officers</i>	<a href="http://grants.nih.gov/podcasts/All_About_Grants">http://grants.nih.gov/podcasts/All_About_Grants</a>
<b>NIH Peer Review Revealed (video)</b>	<a href="http://bit.ly/mCS9S3">http://bit.ly/mCS9S3</a>
<b>NIH Tips for Applicants (video)</b>	<a href="http://bit.ly/iF1o1U">http://bit.ly/iF1o1U</a>

<b>Social Media</b>	
<b>Twitter</b>	
<b>NIH Loan Repayment Programs</b>	@NIH_LRP
<b>NIH Office of Extramural Research</b>	@NIH_OER
<b>NIH Funding Alerts</b>	@NIHforFunding
<b>Facebook</b>	
<b>NIH Loan Repayment Programs</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/nihlrp">http://www.facebook.com/nihlrp</a>
<b>National Institutes of Health</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/nih.gov">http://www.facebook.com/nih.gov</a>
<b>NIH Directory of Newsletters &amp; Networks</b>	<a href="http://www.nih.gov/Subscriptions.htm">http://www.nih.gov/Subscriptions.htm</a>

## Contact Information

To join, learn more, or find an Ambassador at your institution, please contact the LRP at [Irp@nih.gov](mailto:Irp@nih.gov)