

# NIH Loan Repayment Programs

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## **Objective**

 Inform researchers about the benefits of the LRPs and the online application process

## Agenda

- Description of the Programs and Eligibility Requirements
- Overview of Application Components
  - Research Activities and Personal Statement
  - Recommendations
  - Loan Information
- Application Timeline & Checklist
- Wrap Up & Resources
- Q&A



# **GOT DEBT???**







# The NIH LRPs Can Help!



## **ABOUT THE LRPS**

NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) represent a <u>vital component</u> in our nation's effort to keep health professionals like YOU in research careers.

**YOU:** Commit to 2 years of research at a non-profit institution, using domestic, non-profit research funding

NIH: Repays up to \$35,000/year of your qualified educational debt <u>and</u> covers resulting federal taxes (39%)

Outcome: Lower financial burden and an increase the nation's biomedical research scientist workforce

## **5 EXTRAMURAL NIH LRPS**

#### FOR INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING RESEARCH AT NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS



 Patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects or materials of human origin (including cognitive phenomenon) on the causes and consequences of disease in humans

# Pediatric Research

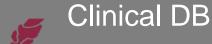
- Research related to diseases or disorders in children
- Basic research allowed

# Health Disparities Research

- Research focusing on minority and other health disparity populations
- · Basic, clinical, social and behavioral research allowed
- Applications reviewed by NIMHD

# Contraception & Infertility Research

- Research focusing on conditions impacting ability to conceive or bear children and provide new or improved methods of preventing pregnancy
- Applications reviewed by Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD



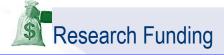
- Same as Clinical Research LRP
- Available to clinical researchers from verifiable disadvantaged backgrounds
- Reviewed by NIMHD

# **EXTRAMURAL LRP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**



M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent

**Exception: Contraception & Infertility Research LRP** 



Domestic nonprofit, university, or government organization; **NIH grant support NOT required** 



U.S. Citizen or permanent resident



At least 20% of applicant's annual base income

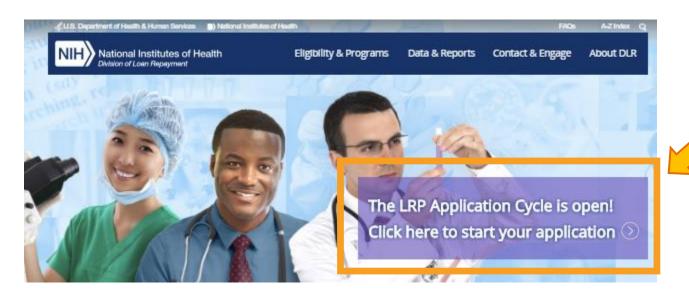


At least 20 hours/week



# **LRP Application Portal**







#### **Essential First Steps**

#### Registration

Before starting an application, prospective applicants must register for an LRP login account using one of the methods provided on the portal page. Registration must be completed during the open application period. Please review the Application Periods. Registration completed at other times will be invalidated.

#### Type of Award

The LRPs have two broad types of awards: First awards, called New Awards, and subsequent awards, called Renewal Awards.

New Award: If a prospective applicant has never received an LRP award, apply for a New Award.

Renewal Award: If a prospective applicant has received at least one prior LRP award, apply for a Renewal Award.



#### **LOGIN**



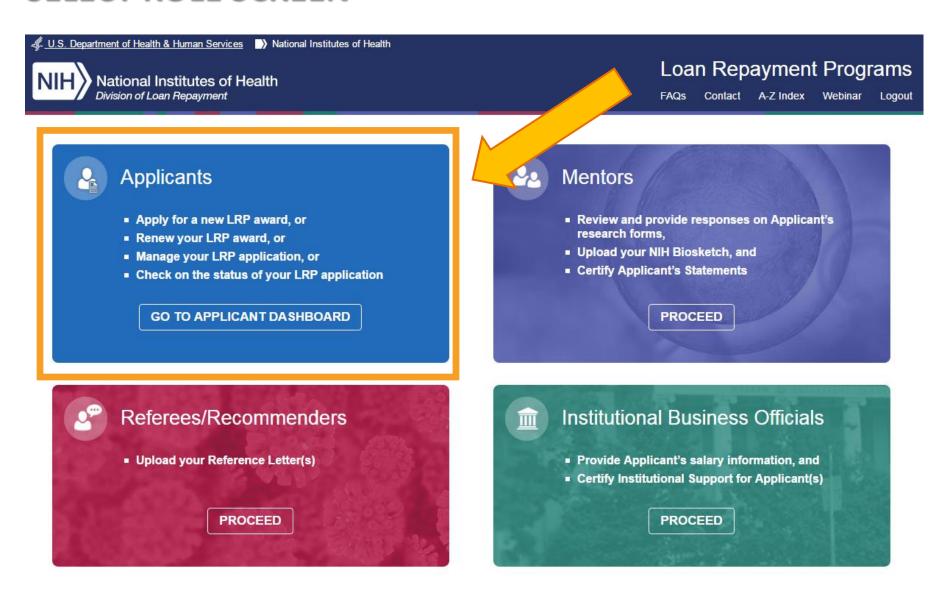




Because the system is new, all users (applicants, mentors, referees/recommenders and IBOs) will need to log in via one of these portals:

- 1. Commons ID
- 2. NIH ID
- 3. Open ID (Google account)

#### **SELECT ROLE SCREEN**



# ROLE OF COLLEAGUES IN APPLICATION PROCESS

#### **Primary Mentor**

- Will supervise awardee proposed career development and research experience
- Will provide a letter of recommendation, their biosketch, and 1 additional biosketch (where necessary)
- Expected to work collaboratively with the development of LRP application
- Independent applicants will not list a primary mentor in their application

#### **Research Supervisor**

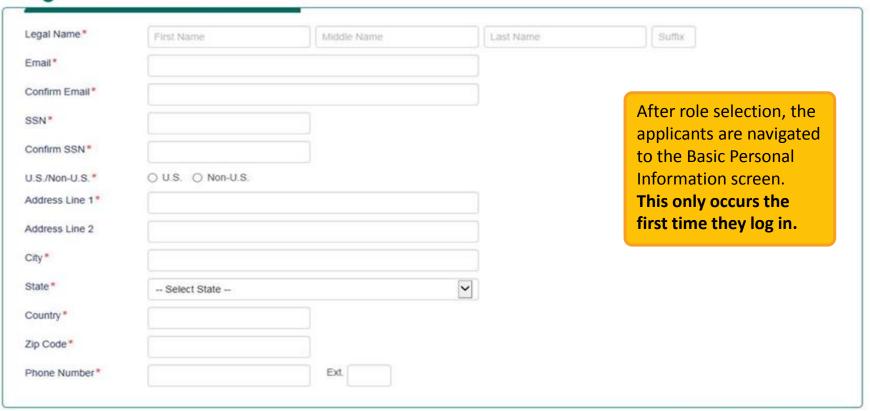
 Required to submit a quarterly verification of service during your LRP award period (ALL applicants must indicate a research supervisor in the application)

#### **Institutional Business Official**

 Required to certify an applicant's protected research time, funding, citizenship status and submit this information prior to Nov 15<sup>th</sup> application deadline

#### **BASIC PERSONAL INFORMATION**

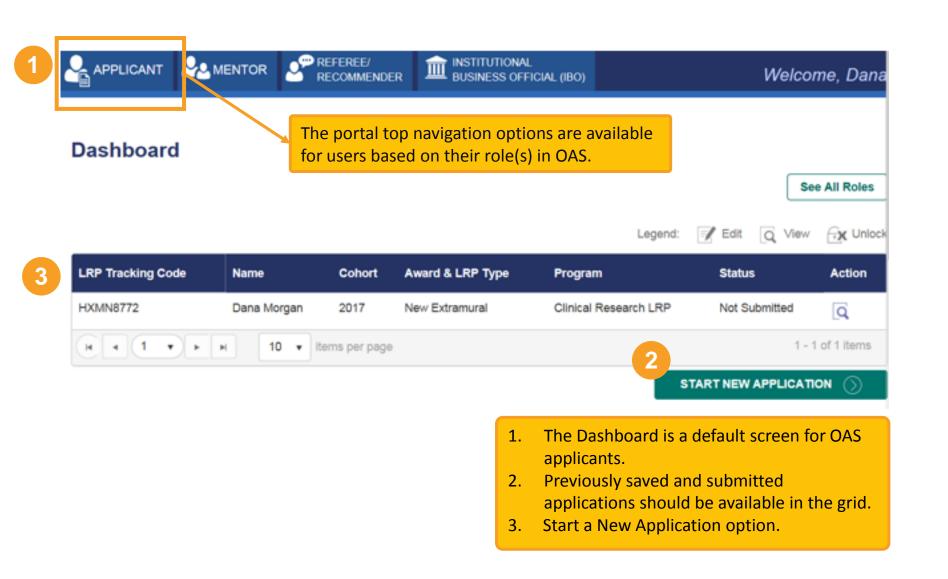




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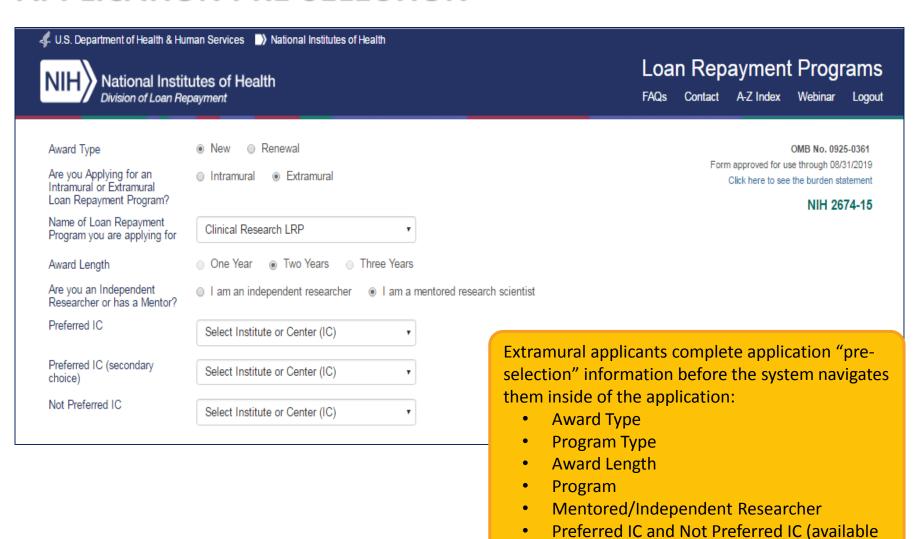
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#### **APPLICANT DASHBOARD**



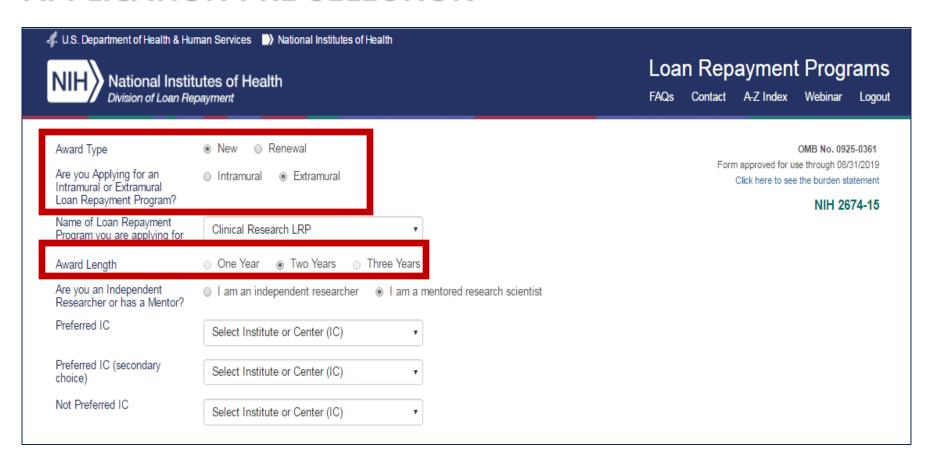
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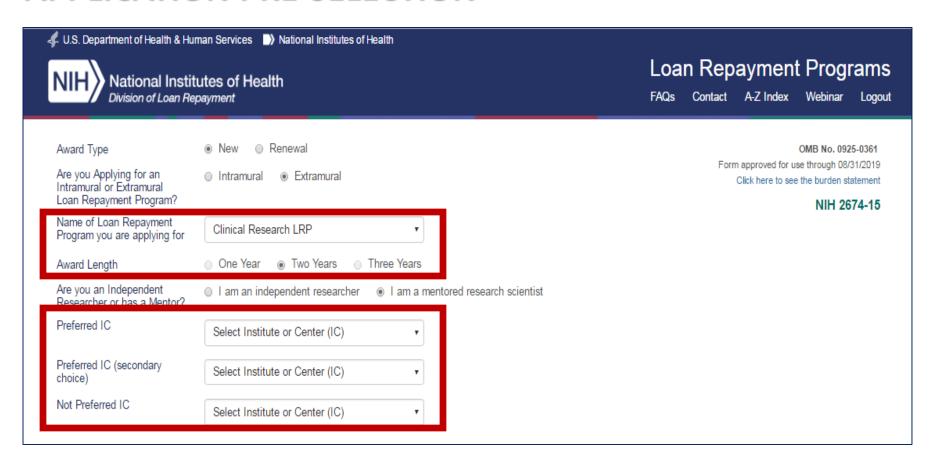
- 1. Read the **published LRP notices** (see <u>www.lrp.nih.gov</u>)
- 2. Review the mission and priorities for the NIH Institutes and Centers that you are interested in reviewing your application and reach out to the appropriate NIH Program Officer/LRP Liaison to discuss their IC's priorities!
- 3. Talk to your mentors and recommenders
- 4. Make sure you have an eRA Commons ID
- 5. Contact your lender to get information on your loan amounts

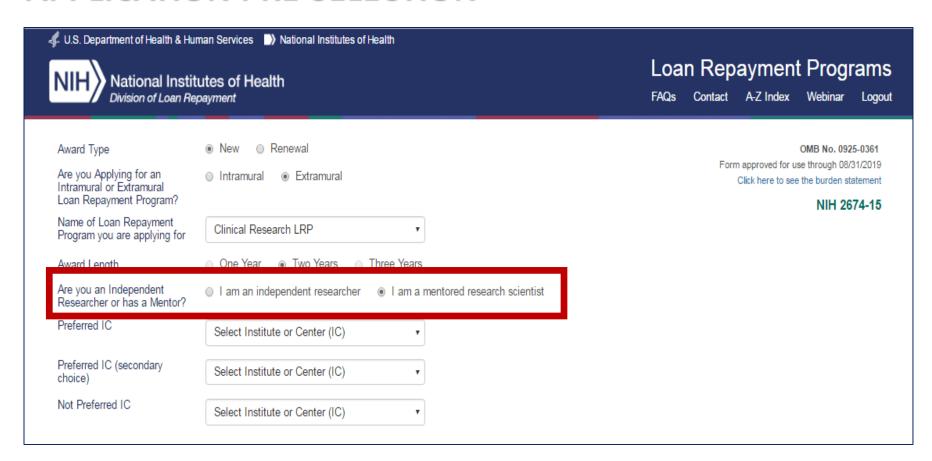


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## **APPLICATION PRE-SELECTION – ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS**

	Eligibility Questions		
1	1) Are you a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident of the U.S.? (if no) Will you be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident of the U.S. by the contract start date?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	2) Do you possess an M.D., Ph.D., Pharm. D., Psy.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.P.M., D.C., N.D., O.D., D.V.M., or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited institution?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	3) Will you conduct qualifying research for an average of at least 20 hours per week over the course of each quarter (3 months) for the entire contract period?	Yes	⊚ No
	4) Do you receive any research funding support or salary from a for-profit institution or organization?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	5) Are you employed for more than 20 hours per week (5/8 or greater) by a U.S. Government agency such as the NIH, CDC, DOD, or the Veteran's Administration?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	6) Are you currently on a fellowship supported in whole or in part by a U.S. Government agency such as the NIH, CDC, DOD, or the Veteran's Administration?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	7) Do you or did you have a judgment lien arising from a federal debt?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	8) Do you owe a service obligation to another program?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	9) Do you have total qualifying educational debt equal to, or in excess of, 20 percent of your institutional base salary? (e.g., more than \$10,000 debt with \$50,000 annual salary)	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	10) Are all of the loans you will be entering on your application from a U.S. government entity, accredited U.S. academic institution, and/or qualified U.S. commercial educational lender?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	11) Have you ever defaulted on an educational loan or are you currently delinquent (more than 90 days past due) on an educational loan?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	12) Are your loans consolidated with another individual, such as a spouse?	⊚ Yes	⊚ No
	13) Are you an individual from a disadvantaged background? Note: You will be asked to certify your disadvantaged background status (link/pop-up) in your application.	⊚ Yes	⊚ No

- Users are also prompted to provide answers to basic eligibility questions
  - Questions dependent on selected LRP
- Statement of understanding (mandatory for all applicants).
- 3. Submit or Cancel completed form options.

I understand that completing this questionnaire is not a guarantee of eligibility for the program, and that my eligibility will be further assessed throughout the process.

I understand that the NIH Loan Repayment Programs are competitive, and the submission of an LRP application does not guarantee an award. I understand that only designated agents of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/National Institutes can make commitments for the LRP awards.

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### CRITICAL APPLICATION PROFILE SELECTION

# Please note, loss of application data will occur if you make changes to pre-selection information



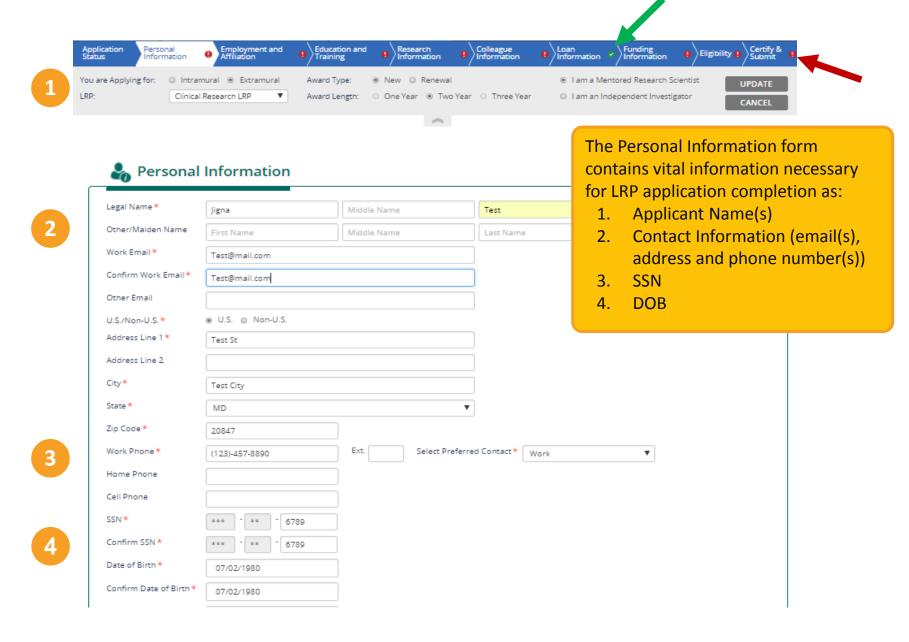




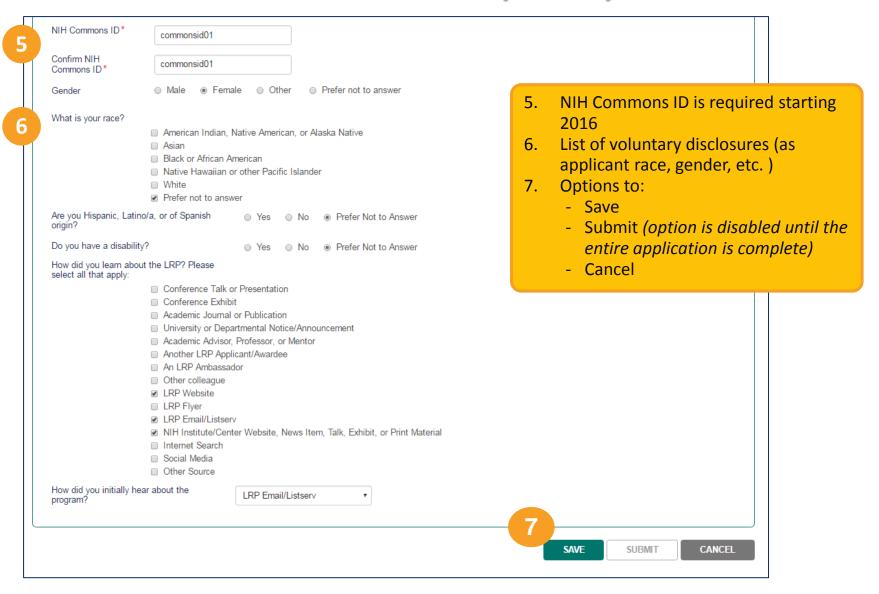
- New vs. Renewal Applicant
- Intramural vs. Extramural Program
- LRP Change (i.e. Health Disparities, Pediatric, etc.)
- Award Length
- Independent vs. Mentored Researcher



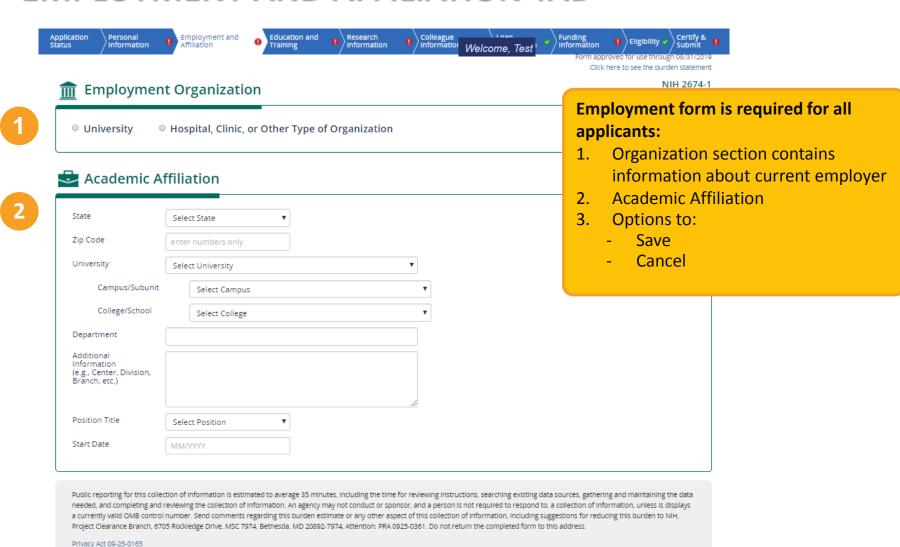
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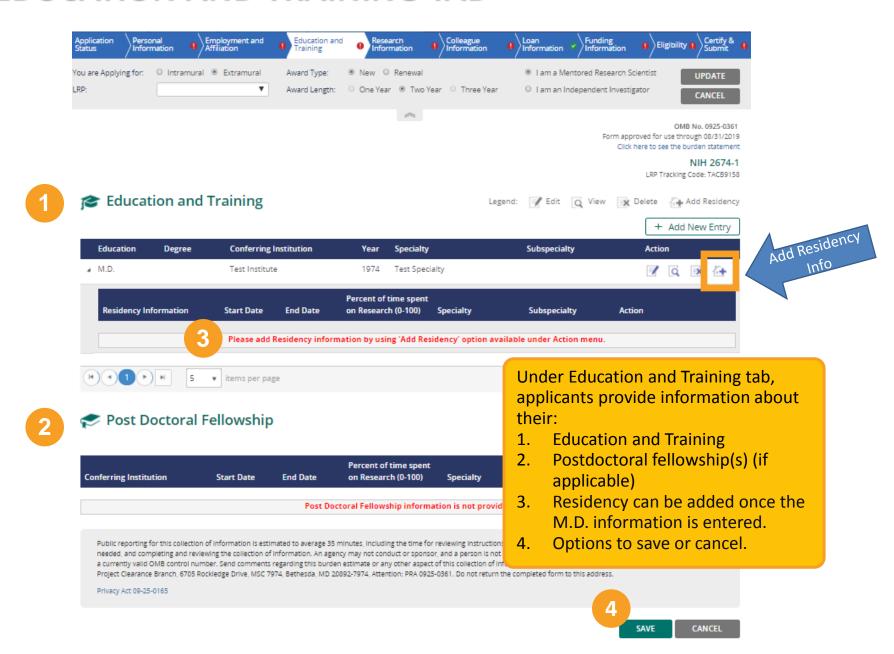


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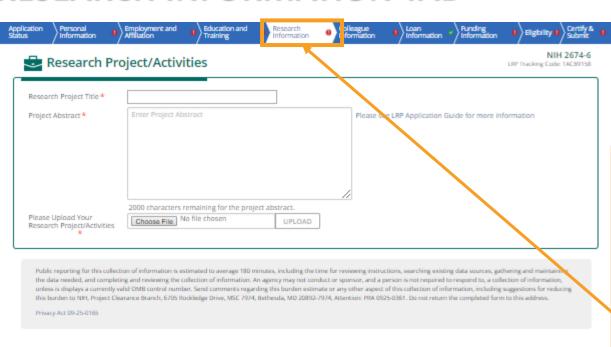


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#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING TAB**



#### **RESEARCH INFORMATION TAB**



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Under "Research Information" tab,

- 1. Research Project/Activities
  - a. Research Project Title
  - b. Project Abstract
  - c. Upload Research Project/Activities
- Upload Career Development Plan (Independent Applicant) Or Training and Mentoring Plan (Mentored Applicant)
- 3. Upload Research Environment
- 4. Upload NIH Biosketch
- 5. Upload Personal Statement
- 6. Upload Research Accomplishments (Renewal Applicants Only)

## **QUESTION....**

 If you were going to build your dream home, what would you need?



A **Blueprint**...BUT...you also need contractor help!

# You're building a RESEARCH CAREER....

- What's your blueprint? Your Application
- Who's it for? Application Reviewers (your application inspectors)
- Who are your helpers? Mentors and other supporters



#### **RESEARCH TAB – MAJOR DOCUMENTS**

#### Research Activities

- Describe planned research activities, specific roles/responsibilities over next 2 years
   include timelines
- Training and Mentoring/Career Development Plan Explain how your activities will foster the development of your research career – include timelines
  - Mentored Applicants: What skills, etc. do you need to acquire along your path to independent researcher? Include plans for training and professional development opportunities; grant workshops/submissions, publications, conference attendance, regular meetings with mentors, etc.)
  - Independent Applicants: What activities/areas of improvement are helpful to you at this phase? What are your 'growth steps'? Include developmental activities, such as grant submissions, seminars, scientific meetings, training in the responsible conduct of research, presentations

#### Research Environment

- Why are you where you are? Who or what is important there?
- Personal Statement
  - Brag about yourself, your background and discuss your research goals
  - Include previous research training experience, how you developed your scientific interests/accomplishments (root yourself in your work); short/long-term career goals
- Biosketch
- Research Accomplishments (for Renewal Applicants only)



### WHAT ARE REVIEWERS LOOKING FOR?

# Reviewers evaluate an applicant's *potential to succeed* in a research career by rating:

- Applicant's previous training and research experience
- Applicant's commitment to a research career
- Strength and quality of letters of recommendation
- Quality and appropriateness of the research environment
- Research progress (for Renewal Applicants only)



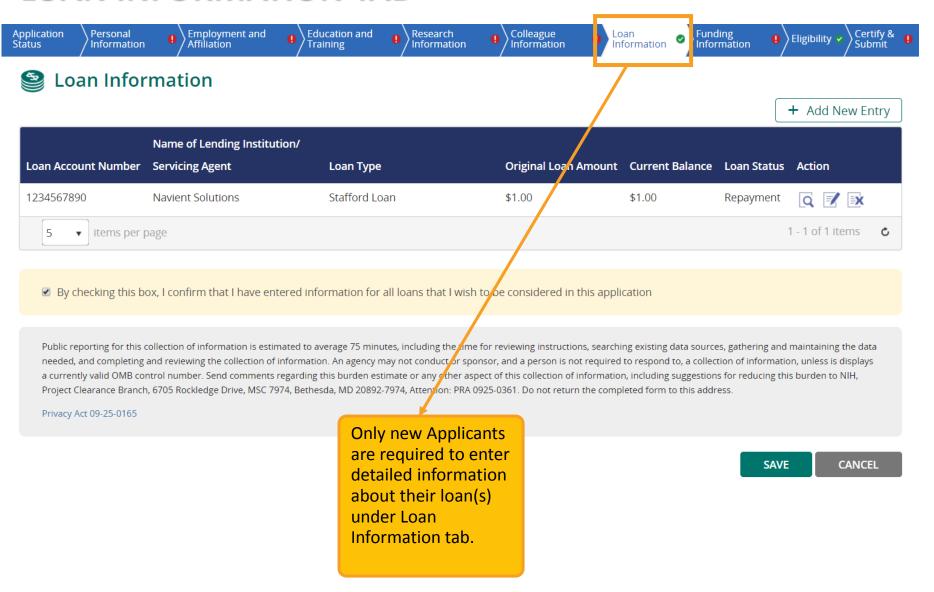
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Please ensure you have already spoke to the individual you are listing below:

- 1. Research Supervisor
- 2. Primary Mentor-Mentored Applicants Only
- 3. Institutional Business Official
- 4. Save (Email notification will be sent to stakeholders in 24 hours automatically)

#### **LOAN INFORMATION TAB**



## **QUALIFYING LOANS**

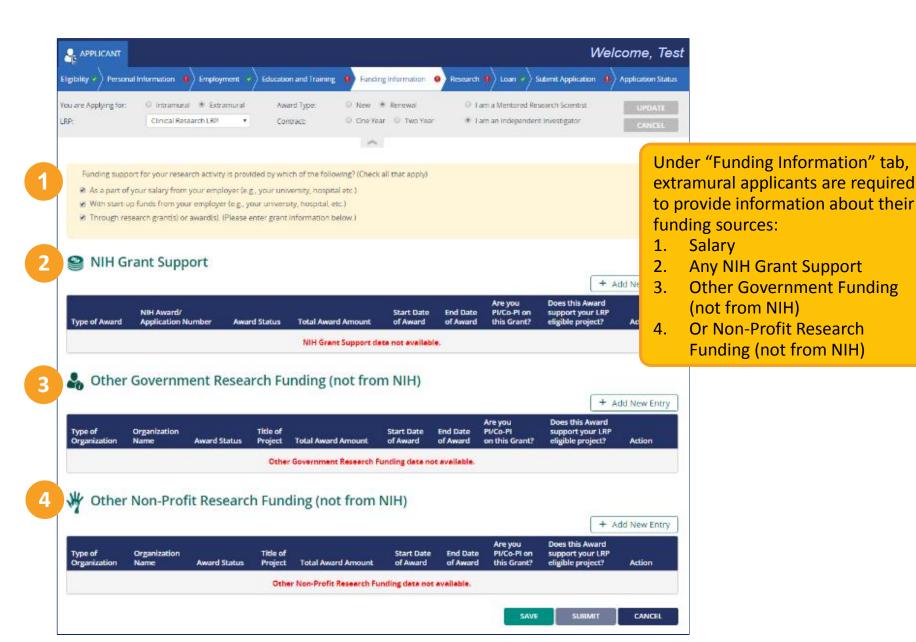
#### NIH WILL Repay:

- Educational loans backed by the U.S. government
- Educational loans from accredited U.S. academic institutions and commercial lenders

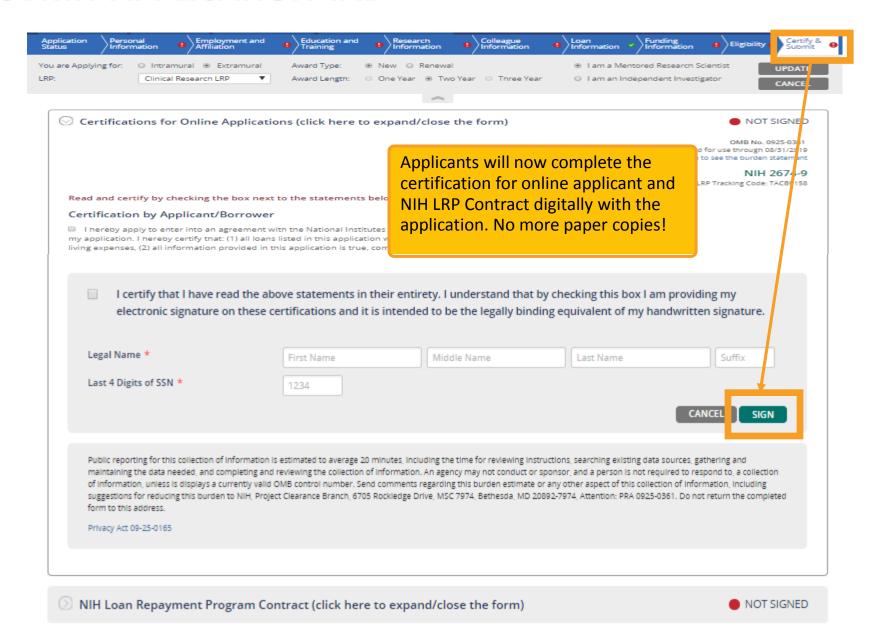
#### NIH Will <u>NOT</u> Repay:

- Non-educational loans (e.g. home equity loans)
- PLUS loans to parents
  - <u>EXCEPTION</u>: PLUS loans disbursed to graduate and professional students on or after July 1, 2006, qualify for LRP repayment
- Loans from non-US governments or institutions
- Loans converted to a service obligation, delinquent or in default
- Loans consolidated with another individual (e.g. spouse or child)
- Loans of full-time Federal government employees or VA Fellows

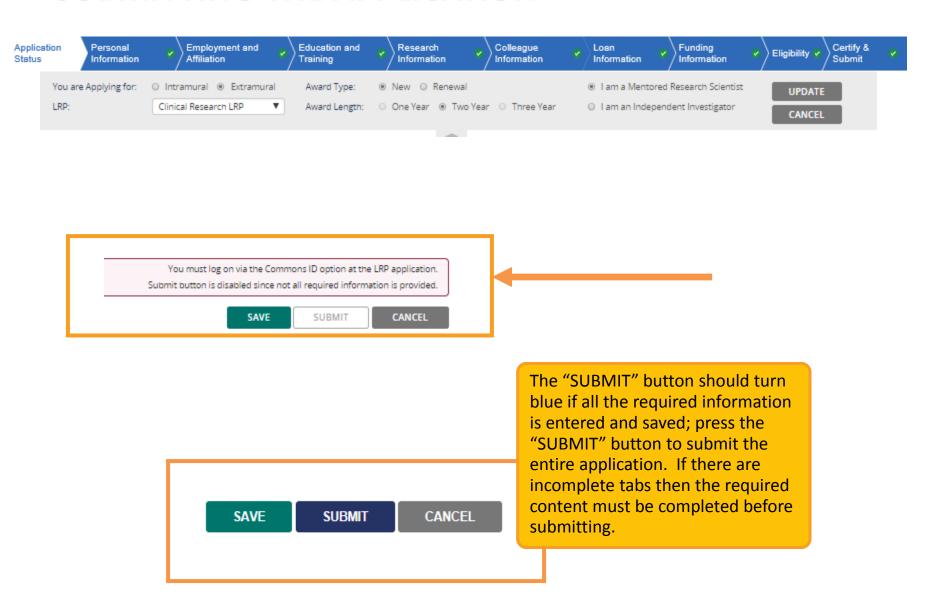
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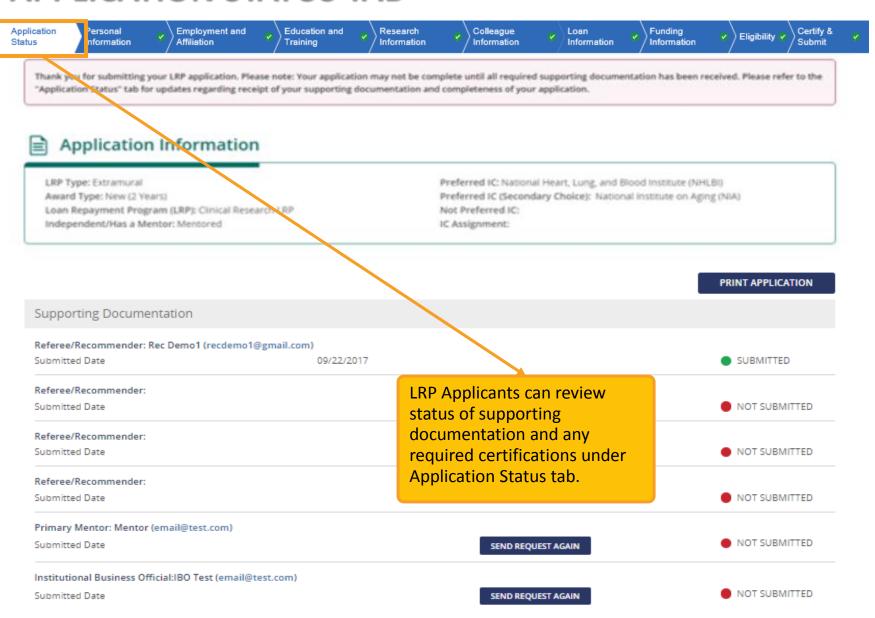


#### **SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION**





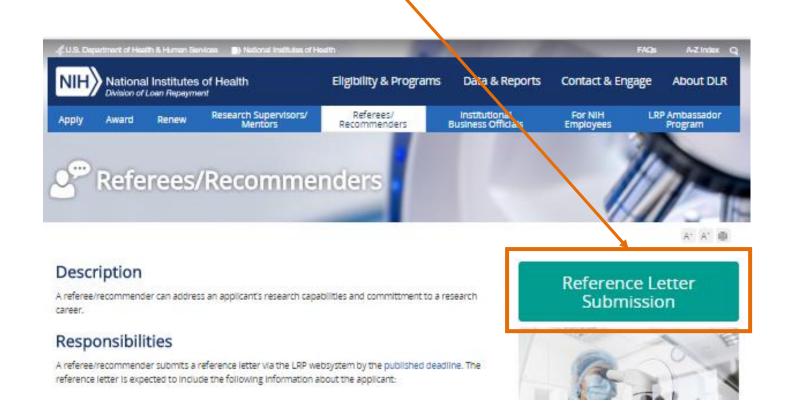
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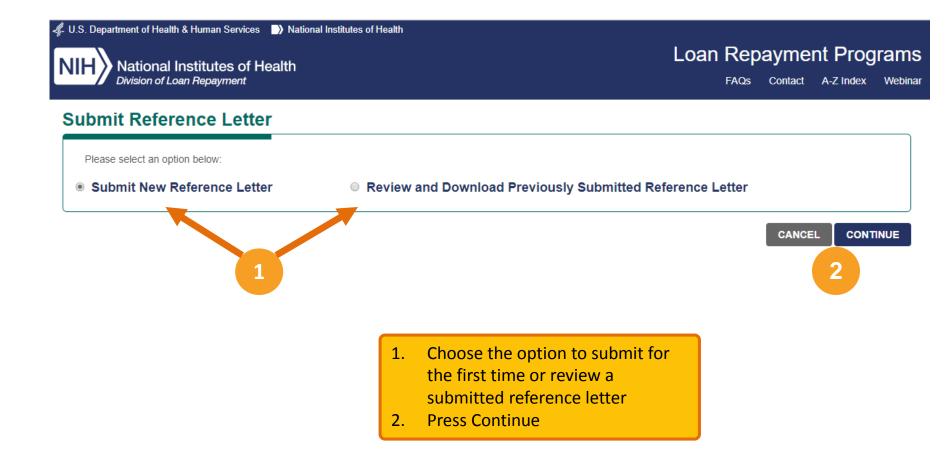
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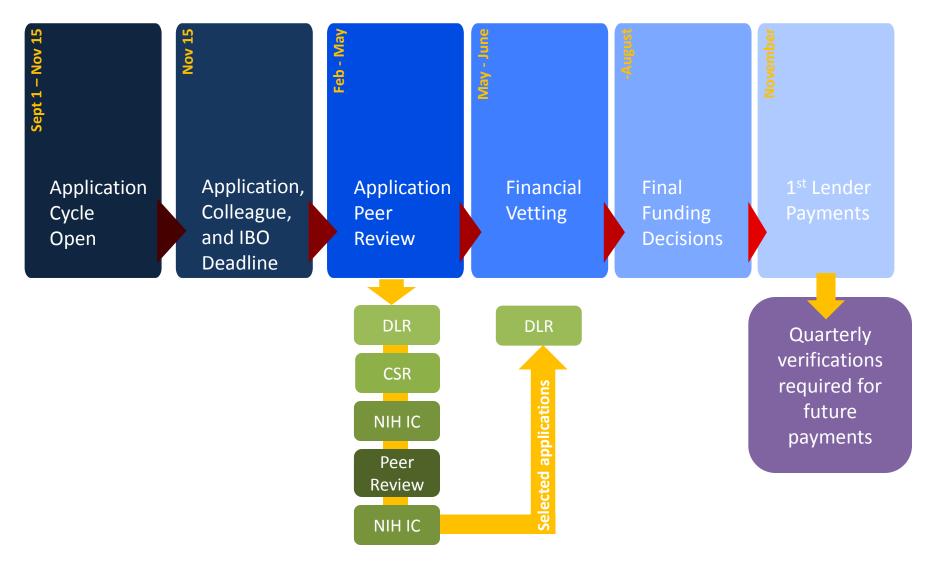
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- Referee will enter your application tracking code
- Referee information
- 3. Copy and paste the recommendation letter content
- 4. Complete certification
- Submit the referee letter

Referee will see the confirmation screen. Both referee and the applicant will receive confirmation email as well in 24 hours.

# **Extramural LRP Application Cycle Timeline**



## **Applicant Checklist**

Before Submitting the Application
☐ Read all published notices for the LRPs
☐ Review the NIH LRP 'Tips for Writing a Competitive LRP Application' document
☐ Contact NIH Program Officers and LRP Liaisons to discuss their IC's mission and research priorities, and your status as either a mentored or independent applicant
☐ Talk to your mentor (if applicable), recommenders, and institutional business official regarding your application
☐ Ensure you have an eRA Commons ID and know the password
☐ Contact your lenders to get information on your loan amounts
☐ Develop a timeline for completion and start early
☐ Carefully review your application before submitting
After Submitting the Application
☐ Ensure all online forms are complete including forms from your mentor, recommenders and institutional business official
☐ Keep track of your application status via your 'Application Status' page in the applicant portal
☐ Keep your e-mail address current
☐ Contact the LRP Information Center if you need to make major updates (e.g. change your institution or research project) as soon as possible

# RESOURCES



#### **LRP** Website



#### Supporting Scientific Discovery

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified neather professionals into blomedical or biobenavioral research careers. The escalating costs of advanced education and training in medicine and clinical specialists are forcing some scientists to abandon their research careers for higher-paying private industry or private practice careers.

The LRPs counteract that financial pressure by repaying up to \$35,000 annually of a researcher's qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research. Since tomorrow's medical breakthroughs will be made by investigators starting in their research careers today, the LRPs represent an important investment by NIH in the future of health discovery and the wellbeing of the Nation.

#### **Application Periods and Documentation Deadlines**

Extramural New & Renewal Awards

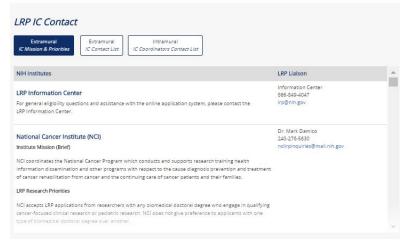
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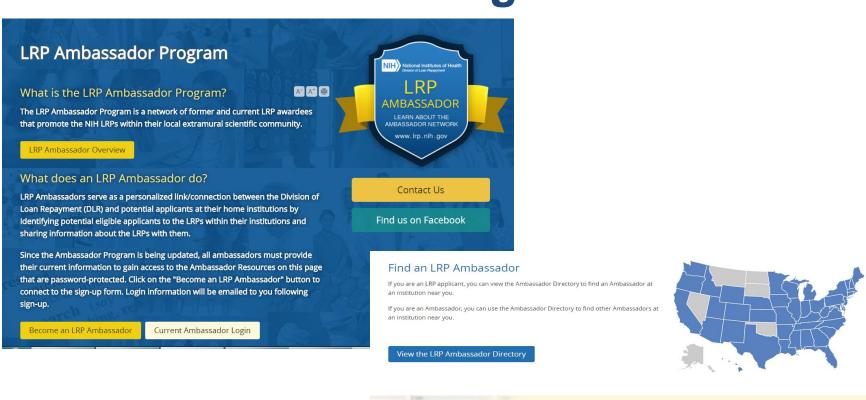
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## LRP Ambassador Program





# Q&A TIME!!!



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