



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 LRPs 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.

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

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

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NIH Office of Extramural Research	@NIH_OER
NIH Funding Alerts	@NIHforFunding
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National Institutes of Health	http://www.facebook.com/nih.gov
NIH Directory of Newsletters & Networks	http://www.nih.gov/Subscriptions.htm

Contact Information

To join, learn more, or find an Ambassador at your institution, please contact the LRP at Lrp@nih.gov