



# LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

## AMBASSADOR FAQs

### Who can be an LRP Ambassador?

Potential Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Ambassadors are current and past loan recipients who want to educate colleagues about the LRPs. Mentors, supervisors, and institutional contacts may also join the Ambassador Program.

### What are the roles and responsibilities of Ambassadors?

The roles and responsibilities of LRP Ambassadors include:

1. Learning about the LRPs and the application process in order to be an informed communicator.
2. Identifying potential eligible applicants to the LRPs within their institutions.
3. Sharing relevant information about the LRPs to these potential applicants in a timely manner through face-to-face encounters, electronic communication, and planned events.
4. Sharing/reporting information on their activities with NIH/DLR staff.

### Why should I become an LRP Ambassador?

For LRP awardees, becoming an Ambassador is a way to “give back” to NIH and to help other young career scientists pursue their dreams. For mentors, supervisors, and institutional contacts, becoming an Ambassador is a way to support the promising young people with whom you work every day. For both groups, being an Ambassador opens new avenues for working effectively with NIH.

### How do I learn more about the Ambassador Program?

Check out the LRP Ambassador [homepage](#).

### Who are potential applicants I should contact?

Focus primarily on post-docs in your department who meet the eligibility requirements. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident of the U.S. by the LRP award start date, and have earned 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. Additional [eligibility requirements](#) about the amount and type of loans apply.

Put together an electronic mailing list of these potential applicants to make it easy to contact them regularly.

### How can I get information to potential LRP applicants?

See the “Sample Outreach Materials” and “Using Social Media as an LRP Ambassador” sections of this toolkit for draft messages that you can quickly email or post on social media.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM?

Check out the <https://www.lrp.nih.gov/ambassador-program> on the LRP website.

### How do I plan an informational event about the LRPs at my institution?

See the “Event Planning Guide” section of this toolkit for suggested procedures, handouts, etc. You can use the slide presentation about the LRPs that is available in the [Resources](#) section of the Ambassador web page at the meeting. Sharing responsibilities for planning, recruiting potential applicants, and presenting with fellow Ambassadors at your institution is a way to lighten the load of preparing an event.

### How do I counsel an applicant?

See the “How to Counsel an LRP Applicant” section of this toolkit for guidance. You can share your own experience as an LRP applicant and awardee, along with information and resources from the NIH Division of Loan Repayment available on the LRP website. Encourage applicants to watch the LRP Technical Assistance webinar, as well.

### How often should I contact potential applicants?

At a minimum, you should contact potential applicants at the beginning of the LRP application period to inform them about application deadlines and your availability as an LRP Ambassador. Ideally, you should contact applicants 2 to 3 times (or more) before and during the application period to share information about LRP application resources and keep them focused on their applications.

### How do I find out about the regional conferences?

Subscribe to the Loan Repayment Program Twitter feed and “like” the Loan Repayment Program page on Facebook to stay current on information about the regional conferences. You can also check the Connect page on the LRP website for information about upcoming regional conferences.

### How do I find other LRP ambassadors at my institution or other institutions?

See the [Directory of Ambassadors](#) on the LRP Ambassador web page for a listing of current LRP ambassadors.

### How do I contact the Division of Loan Repayment for any further questions about the LRPs?

For additional questions about the LRPs and the application process, contact the LRP Information Center.

LRP Information Center

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