About the LRPs

NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) represent a **vital component** of our nation's efforts to keep health professionals in research careers.

**Here’s how it works:**

**YOU:** Commit to perform research for 2 years

**NIH:** Repays up to $50,000/year of your **qualified educational** debt & covers resulting Federal taxes (39%)

**Outcome:** Increase in nation’s stock of biomedical research scientists
5 Extramural NIH LRPs:
For individuals conducting research at non-profit Institutions

- **Clinical Research**
  - Patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects or materials of human origin (including cognitive phenomenon) on the causes and consequences of disease in humans
  - Accepted and reviewed by all participating NIH ICs

- **Pediatric Research**
  - Research related to diseases or disorders in children
  - Basic research allowed
  - Accepted and reviewed by all participating NIH ICs

- **Health Disparities Research**
  - Research focusing on minority and other health disparity populations
  - Basic, clinical, social and behavioral research allowed
  - Now accepted and reviewed by all participating NIH ICs

- **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 solely by Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD

- **Clinical Research DB**
  - Same as Clinical Research LRP
  - Available to clinical researchers from verifiable disadvantaged backgrounds
  - Applications reviewed solely by NIMHD
Application Cycle Timeline

- September 1 – November 15: Application Cycle Open
- November 15: Application, IBO and Colleague Deadline
- Jan – May: Application Review
- May: IC Initial Selections
- May – July: Financial Vetting and Verifications
- Mid-July – August: Final Funding Decisions/Applicant Notifications
- November: First Lender Payments
Basic LRP Eligibility Criteria

Extramural

Doctoral Degree
M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent
*Exception: Contraception & Infertility Research LRP

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

Citizenship
U.S. Citizen or permanent resident

Educational Loan Debt
At least 20 percent of applicant’s annual income

Research Time
At least 20 hours/week
Important for FY 2019

- LRP award increased to a maximum of $50,000/year (award amount depends on awardee debt level)
- Health Disparities Research LRP participation expanded to all NIH ICs participating in the LRP
- NIH eRA Commons ID required to submit a completed LRP application (can start the application without one, however)
- **Same deadline** for online application and colleague and institutional support documentation
  \[=\text{November 15}^{\text{th}}, 2019\]
BEFORE You Start Your Application

The following are things that you can do now to be ahead of the curve:

1. Read LRP website and published notices to determine which NIH LRP and IC is the right for you
2. Talk to an NIH LRP Program Officer/Liaison at the NIH Institute and Center that you would like to review your application
3. Talk to your mentor, potential recommenders and your institutional business official regarding your interest in applying for an LRP award
4. Contact your lender to get specific loan information (including account numbers, amounts owed and promissory notes)
5. Make sure you have an eRA Commons ID
Common Mistakes to Avoid

The following can weaken an applicant’s competitiveness:

- Not contacting a program officer WELL BEFORE submitting application
- Weak or lukewarm recommendation letters (kiss of death…)
- Questionable research commitment
- Mediocre research plan
- Rushed application (i.e., mistakes, misspellings)
- Inadequate research environment

**Slim publication record**

- If your record is slim, **NEVER** state, “I have a slim publication record, but”; Reviewers can tell by your CV; focus on identifying steps to improve
- Include publication plans in your research plan (shows you’re thinking about how to increase)
- Also, your mentor can help here by discussing in their recommendation how they will help you in this area

National Institutes of Health
Office of Extramural Research
RESOURCES

LRP Website

LRP Data Dashboard

Contact and Engage

Contact

LRP Information Center

Toll free: (866) 322-5430
Fax: (866) 849-4789
Email: info@nih.gov
Mailing address: 6011 Executive Blvd, Suite 209, Bethesda, MD 20892

LRP IC Contact

Extramural Contact

Download the 2017 Application Instruction Handbook

Repayment Calculator

Application Process

Interactive Roadmap

Application Process

OnLine Application Period

Deadline:

- May 1, 2017

- Sept 1, 2016, Oct 1, 2016

- June 21, 2016

- Sept 1, 2016 - Jan 15, 2017

- April 1, 2017

- Dec 31, 2016

- Jan 15, 2017

Loan Repayment Calculator

Application Period

Documentate Period

Contract and Certification Documentation Period

Program Overview

Number of Applicants: 16,728
Number of Awards: 5,961
Number of Recipients: 5%
Number of High Risk Recipients: 38
Number of Low Risk Recipients: 96
Number of Recipients: 36
Number of Total Awards: 5,961
Number of High Risk Awards: 38
Number of Low Risk Awards: 96
Number of Total Awards: 5,961

LRP Ambassador Program

What is the LRP Ambassador Program?

The LRP Ambassador Program is a network of former and current LRP recipients that promote the LRP within local academic and professional communities.

What does an LRP Ambassador do?

LRP Ambassadors serve as a personalized introduction between the Division of Intramural Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and their local academic and professional communities.

LRP Ambassador Resources

For more information, please visit the LRP Ambassador Resources page on the LRP Information Center website.

Find an LRP Ambassador

If you are interested, you can find an LRP Ambassador by filling out the form on the LRP Ambassador Resources page.

View the LRP Ambassador Directory

Find an LRP Ambassador

Contact Us

Find us on Facebook

Site Map

Contact LRP Information Center

For assistance with questions and assistance with the online application system, please contact the LRP Information Center.

LRP Information Center

Contact Information Center:

Toll-free: (866) 322-5430
Email: info@nih.gov

Office of Extramural Research

NIH National Institutes of Health

Contact LRP Information Center

Find an LRP Ambassador

If you are interested, you can find an LRP Ambassador by filling out the form on the LRP Ambassador Resources page.

View the LRP Ambassador Directory

Find an LRP Ambassador

Contact LRP Information Center

For assistance with questions and assistance with the online application system, please contact the LRP Information Center.

LRP Information Center

Contact Information Center:

Toll-free: (866) 322-5430
Email: info@nih.gov

Office of Extramural Research

NIH National Institutes of Health

Contact LRP Information Center

Find an LRP Ambassador

If you are interested, you can find an LRP Ambassador by filling out the form on the LRP Ambassador Resources page.

View the LRP Ambassador Directory

Find an LRP Ambassador

Contact LRP Information Center

For assistance with questions and assistance with the online application system, please contact the LRP Information Center.

LRP Information Center

Contact Information Center:

Toll-free: (866) 322-5430
Email: info@nih.gov

Office of Extramural Research

NIH National Institutes of Health

Contact LRP Information Center

Find an LRP Ambassador

If you are interested, you can find an LRP Ambassador by filling out the form on the LRP Ambassador Resources page.

View the LRP Ambassador Directory

Find an LRP Ambassador

Contact LRP Information Center

For assistance with questions and assistance with the online application system, please contact the LRP Information Center.

LRP Information Center

Contact Information Center:

Toll-free: (866) 322-5430
Email: info@nih.gov

Office of Extramural Research

NIH National Institutes of Health

Contact LRP Information Center

Find an LRP Ambassador

If you are interested, you can find an LRP Ambassador by filling out the form on the LRP Ambassador Resources page.
Summary

- 5 Extramural LRPs
- All NIH ICs now participating in the HDR-LRP
- Educational loan repayment maximum up to $100K over 2 yrs
  - Depending on debt level
- Coverage of most Federal taxes resulting from the NIH LRP
- 2 year initial contracts
  - 1 or 2 year competitive renewals
- Approximately 1,500 researchers funded yearly
- ~50% application success rate overall

**Applications Deadline - Nov 15, 2019**
**Apply for your eRA Commons ID!**
Contact LRP

Website:  www.lrp.nih.gov
Phone:  866-849-4047 (9am-5pm, EST)
Email Inquiries:  lrp@nih.gov

Twitter:  @NIH_LRP
Facebook:  www.facebook.com/nihlrp