The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) Ambassador Program is a network of former and current LRP awardees that promote the NIH LRPs within the extramural scientific community. The NIH LRPs are a vital component of our nation’s efforts to recruit and retain promising investigators in research careers, and LRP Ambassadors play an integral role in this process. LRP Ambassadors serve as a personalized link/connection between the Division of Loan Repayment (DLR) and potential applicants at their home institutions by providing advice and encouragement regarding the LRP application process, their experiences, and more.

WHO CAN BE AN LRP AMBASSADOR?
LRP Ambassadors are current and past LRP award recipients that assist DLR in informing and educating prospective LRP applicants about the program. Mentors, supervisors, and institutional business officials are welcome to join the Ambassador Program.

WHAT ARE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN LRP AMBASSADOR?
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 current and former 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 investigators with whom they work every day.

HOW DO I BECOME AN LRP AMBASSADOR?
Becoming an LRP Ambassador is easy. Visit: https://www.lrp.nih.gov/sign-become-lrp-ambassador or scan the QR code below to apply. Once you’re approved, you will be given access to the password-protected Ambassador Portal that contains documents that will help you succeed as an Ambassador.