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The NIH Loan Repayment Program (LRP) 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?

The Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Ambassadors are current and past LRP award recipients that want to assist DLR in informing and educating prospective LRP applicants about the program. Mentors, supervisors, and institutional business officials 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 investigators with whom you work every day.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM?

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