The Loan Repayment Program is a vital component in our nation's effort to keep health professionals in research careers.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

APPLICANTS
Commit to perform research for 2 years

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
Repays up to $100,000 of your educational debt

DESIRED OUTCOME
Increase nation's stock of biomedical research scientists

Eligibility Criteria

CITIZENSHIP
United States Citizen, National, or Permanent Resident

EDUCATION
Doctoral degree from an accredited institution. Some exceptions may apply.

LOAN DEBT
Qualified educational loan debt must be at least 20% of annual base income

FUNDING SOURCE
Domestic nonprofit research support. NIH grant is NOT REQUIRED.

RESEARCH TIME
At least 20 hours/week of qualified research during LRP award period

LRP BY THE NUMBERS

53% Success Rate
Among LRP applications over the past five program cycles

24 NIH Institutes/Centers
Participate in the Extramural Loan Repayment Program

Over $90 Million
In total funding dollars for more than 1,300 LRP awards each year
Know the Deadlines and Timelines
NIH accepts LRP applications annually from September 1 to mid-November

Decide which subcategory is right for you
Learn about each of the six subcategories under the Extramural Research LRP

Determine if you qualify
Review all five basic eligibility requirements for the Extramural Research LRP

Obtain a Commons ID
Consult with your research institution and review the eRA Commons website FAQs

Use LRP Website Resources
Watch the webinars, review the Extramural LRP FAQs, and contact the LRP Information Center

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