



A decorative background featuring a pair of scissors with red handles and silver blades, positioned diagonally across the right side of the slide. The scissors are cutting through a white rectangular piece of paper. On the paper, the word 'EDUCATIONALLY' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. The background is a gradient of light blue and white, with a subtle pattern of radiating lines emanating from the scissors.

National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs

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National Institutes of Health

NIH is made up of **27 Institutes and Centers**, each with a specific research and research training agenda, focusing on particular diseases or body systems

INSTITUTES

CENTERS

NIH NATIONAL
CANCER
INSTITUTE

NIH National Institute of
Biomedical Imaging
and Bioengineering

NIH National Heart, Lung,
and Blood Institute

NIH National Human Genome
Research Institute

NIH National Institute
on Aging

NIH National Institute
on Alcohol Abuse
and Alcoholism

NIH National Institute on
Deafness and
Hearing Loss

NIH National Eye Institute

NIH National Institute of
Allergy and
Infectious Diseases

NIH National Institute of Dental
and Craniofacial Research

NIH National Institute of
Arthritis and Musculoskeletal
and Skin Diseases

NIH National Institute
on Minority Health
and Health Disparities

NIH U.S. National Library of Medicine

NIH National Institute
of Mental Health

NIH National Institute
on Drug Abuse

NIH National Institute of
Diabetes and Digestive
and Kidney Diseases

NIH National Institute of
Neurological Sciences

NIH National Institute
of Mental Health

NIH National Institute of
Environmental Health Sciences

Unified Goal:
**Support the training and
career development of the
biomedical research workforce**

NIH Fogarty
International Center

NIH Technology

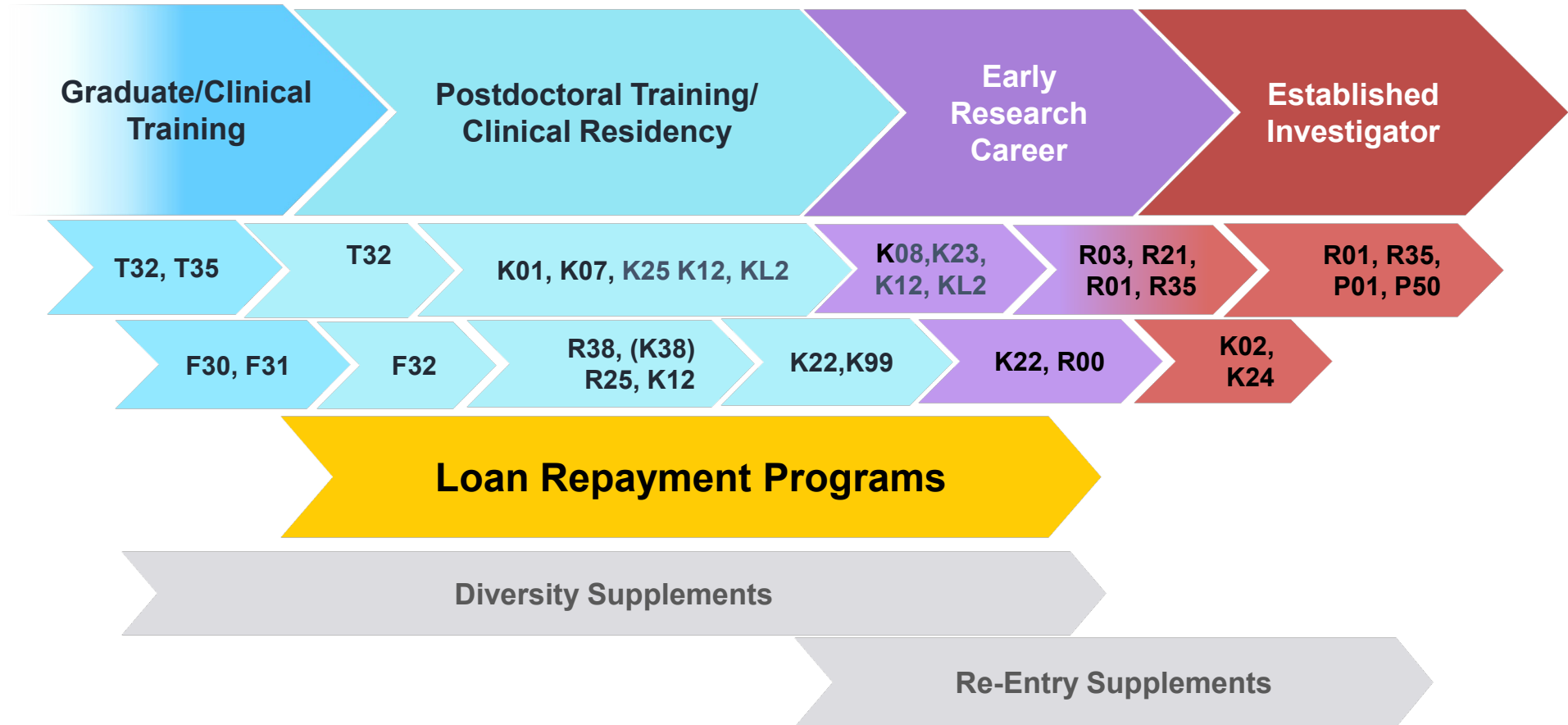
NIH Complementary and
Integrative Health

NIH Translational Sciences

NIH Clinical Center
America's Research Hospital

NIH Center for
Scientific Review

Role of LRPs as an Important Career Path and Funding Option



<https://researchtraining.nih.gov>

About the NIH LRPs

NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a **vital component** in our nation's effort to keep health professionals in research careers

Here's how it works:

YOU: Commit to perform research for 2 years



NIH: Repays up to **\$100,000** of your qualified educational debt and covers resulting Federal tax (39%)



Outcome: Increase in nation's stock of biomedical research scientists

Extramural LRP Subcategories

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

Pediatric Research

- Research related to diseases or disorders in children
- Basic research allowed

Health Disparities Research

- Research focusing on minority and other health disparity populations
- Basic, clinical, social and behavioral research allowed

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 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD

Clinical Disadvantaged Backgrounds

- Same as Clinical Research LRP
- Available to clinical researchers from verifiable disadvantaged backgrounds
- Applications reviewed by NIMHD

Research in Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health (REACH)

- Available beginning September 2021 to recruit and retain researchers pursuing major opportunities or gaps in emerging areas of human health
- NIH ICs determine gap/emerging areas of research priority areas

Basic LRP Eligibility Criteria



CITIZENSHIP

U.S. CITIZEN, NATIONAL, OR
PERMANENT RESIDENT



EDUCATION

DOCTORAL DEGREE
(FEW EXCEPTIONS)



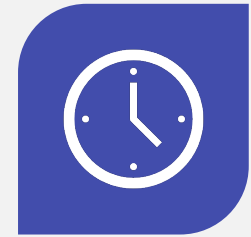
EDUCATIONAL LOAN DEBT

AT LEAST 20% OF
ANNUAL BASE INCOME



RESEARCH FUNDING

DOMESTIC NONPROFIT,
UNIVERSITY, OR
GOVERNMENT;
NIH GRANT SUPPORT
NOT REQUIRED



RESEARCH TIME

AT LEAST 20 HOURS/WEEK
OF QUALIFIED RESEARCH

Qualifying Loans

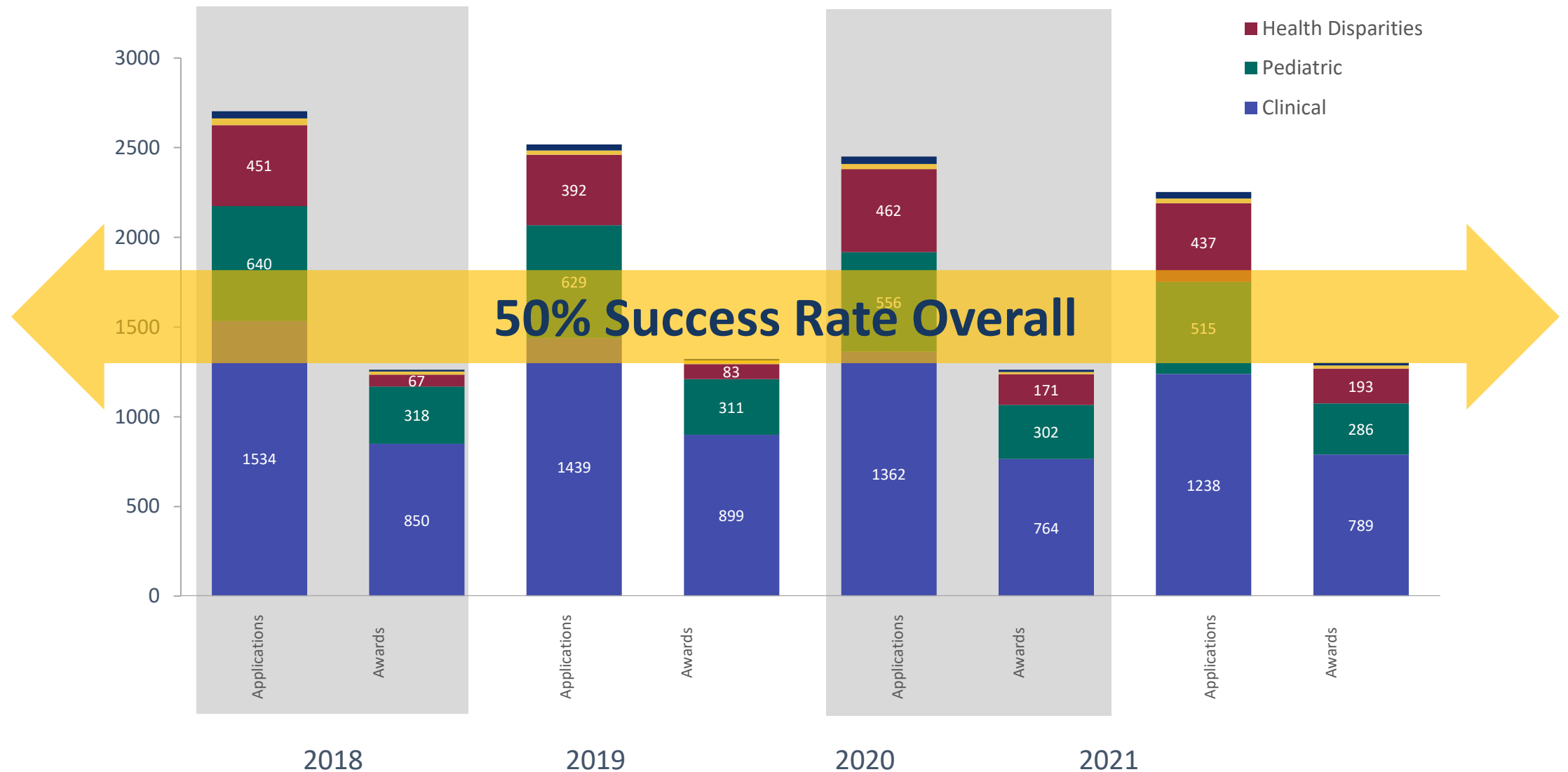
NIH WILL Repay:

- Educational loans from undergraduate degree to first terminal degree
- Educational loans backed by the U.S. government
- Educational loans from accredited U.S. academic institutions and commercial lenders

NIH Will NOT Repay:

- Non-educational loans (e.g. home equity loans)
- PLUS loans to parents
 - EXCEPTION: PLUS loans disbursed to graduate and professional students on or after July 1, 2006, qualify for LRP repayment
- Loans from non-US governments or institutions
- Loans converted to a service obligation, delinquent or in default
- Loans consolidated with another individual (e.g. spouse or child)
- Loans of full-time Federal government employees or VA Fellows

LRP Applications & Awards, 2018-2021



Direct Career and Personal-Related Benefits

- **\$\$\$** -- Relief from the tremendous burden of student loan debt at a vulnerable career decision point
- Ability to pursue career-related passions without as much worry about salary
- Protected research time
- Practice/preparation for applying for other NIH grant mechanisms
- Added boost to career preparedness & increased productivity across career
- **Ego boost you need to show you that you can do this!!** You are conducting work that is important and **FUNDABLE!!**



Interested in Applying?



I'm thinking about applying. What steps should I take?



KNOW THE DEADLINES AND TIMELINES



DECIDE WHICH LRP TO APPLY FOR



DETERMINE IF YOU QUALIFY



OBTAIN A COMMONS ID



USE LRP WEBSITE RESOURCES

LRP Website

www.lrp.nih.gov

The screenshot displays the NIH LRP website homepage. At the top, a dark blue navigation bar contains the NIH logo and the text "National Institutes of Health Division of Loan Repayment" on the left, and links for "Eligibility & Programs", "Data & Reports", "Contact & Engage", and "About DLR" on the right. Above this bar, smaller text links to "U.S. Department of Health & Human Services", "National Institutes of Health", "FAQs", and "A-Z Index" are visible. The main banner features a photograph of three diverse scientists (a woman in scrubs and a hairnet, a man in a blue shirt and tie, and a man in a white lab coat) against a background of faint molecular structures. A semi-transparent purple box over the banner contains the text: "The NIH LRP is REACHing Out to Fund Investigators Engaged in Innovative Areas of Research ➔". Below the banner is a row of three colored buttons: a pink "APPLY" button with a person icon, a teal "AWARD" button with a person and gear icon, and a purple "RENEW" button with a person and star icon. The bottom of the page is a dark blue footer with five white icons and their corresponding labels: "Research Supervisors / Mentors" (people icon), "Referees / Recommenders" (person and speech bubble icon), "Institutional Business Officials" (classical building icon), "For NIH Employees" (person in a box icon), and "LRP Ambassador Program" (shield icon).

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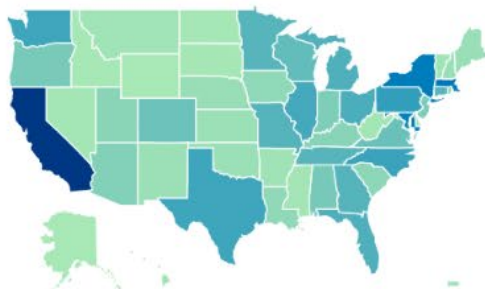
APPLY AWARD RENEW

Research Supervisors / Mentors Referees / Recommenders Institutional Business Officials For NIH Employees LRP Ambassador Program

Matchmaker Tool

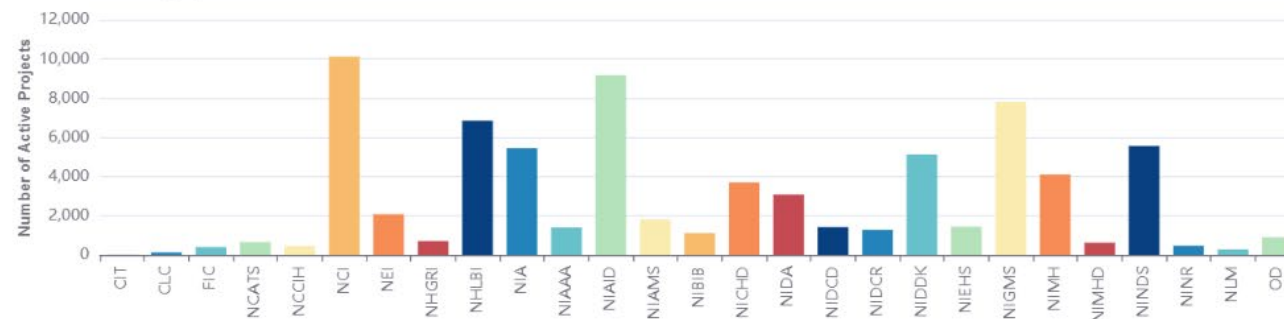
Active Funding by State

Select a state to view projects



Active Projects by Institute/Center

Select a bar to view projects for an Institute/Center



Advanced Projects Search

Search using specific criteria to find **NIH projects** and **funding information**.

[Get Started >](#)

Publications Search

Find publications associated with extramural or intramural funded projects using PubMed IDs (PMID) or PubMed Central IDs (PMC ID).

[Get Started >](#)

Matchmaker

Enter abstracts or other scientific text to find potential Program Officials, ICs, and review panels for your research. ?

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Connect with an LRP Program Officer

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IC Mission & Priorities

Extramural
IC Contact List

Intramural
IC Coordinators Contact List

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LRP Ambassador Network

LRP Ambassador Program

What is the LRP Ambassador Program?

The LRP Ambassador Program is a network of former and current LRP awardees that promote the NIH LRPs within their local extramural scientific community.

[LRP Ambassador Overview](#)

What does an LRP Ambassador do?

LRP Ambassadors serve as a personalized link/connection between the Division of Loan Repayment (DLR) and potential applicants at their home institutions by identifying potential eligible applicants to the LRPs within their institutions and sharing information about the LRPs with them.

Since the Ambassador Program is being updated, all ambassadors must provide their current information to gain access to the Ambassador Resources on this page that are password-protected. Click on the "Become an LRP Ambassador" button to connect to the sign-up form. Login information will be emailed to you following sign-up.

[Become an LRP Ambassador](#) [Current Ambassador Login](#)



[Contact Us](#)

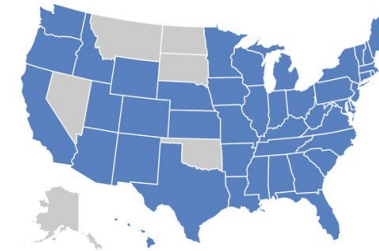
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Find an LRP Ambassador

If you are an LRP applicant, you can view the Ambassador Directory to find an Ambassador at an institution near you.

If you are an Ambassador, you can use the Ambassador Directory to find other Ambassadors at an institution near you.

[View the LRP Ambassador Directory](#)








LRP Ambassador Resources

LRP Ambassadors can access resources here to better understand their role and to effectively conduct outreach to potential applicants. Resources includes a toolkit that provides an overview of the LRP Ambassador Program and a wide array of tools: a presentation about the LRPs; and information about how to order print materials. This section of the page is password-protected for Ambassadors only.

[View Resources](#)



LRP Video Tutorials

Loan Repayment Program (LRP)				
Title/Description	Video	Length	Date Posted	
<p>Loan Repayment Program – Extramural Application Submission</p> <p><i>This video focuses on the steps an LRP applicant will take to submit an extramural loan repayment application to NIH.</i></p> <p>Anchor link to distribute for video: https://era.nih.gov/era-training/era-videos.htm#lrp-assist</p>	 <p>Transcript</p>	11:52	08/09/2021	
<p>Loan Repayment Program – Submission of a Reference Letter</p> <p><i>This video demonstrates how a referee or recommender submits a reference letter to NIH on behalf of an LRP applicant.</i></p> <p>Anchor link to distribute for video: https://era.nih.gov/era-training/era-videos.htm#lrp-referee</p>	 <p>Transcript</p>	05:17	08/09/2021	
<p>Loan Repayment Program – How the Primary Mentor Submits a Reference Letter</p> <p><i>This video demonstrates how the primary mentor submits a reference letter on behalf of an applicant of a Loan Repayment Program (LRP) award.</i></p> <p>Anchor link to distribute for video: https://era.nih.gov/era-training/era-videos.htm#lrp-mentor</p>	 <p>Transcript</p>	04:06	08/09/2021	
<p>Loan Repayment Program – How the Institutional Business Official Certifies an LRP Applicant</p> <p><i>This video tutorial demonstrates how an Institutional Business Official (IBO) certifies an applicant of a Loan Repayment Program (LRP) award.</i></p> <p>Anchor link to distribute for video: https://era.nih.gov/era-training/era-videos.htm#lrp-ibo</p>	 <p>Transcript</p>	04:29	08/09/2021	
<p>Loan Repayment Program – How an Applicant Checks the Status of an Application Submission</p> <p><i>This video tutorial demonstrates how a Loan Repayment Program (LRP) applicant checks on the status of their application submission through the Status Information screen in eRA Commons. It focuses on the steps an applicant will take to review the status and various components of their LRP application.</i></p> <p>Anchor link to distribute for video: https://era.nih.gov/era-training/era-videos.htm#lrp-status</p>	 <p>Transcript</p>	5:44	08/24/2021	

<https://era.nih.gov/help-tutorials/lrp>

Summary

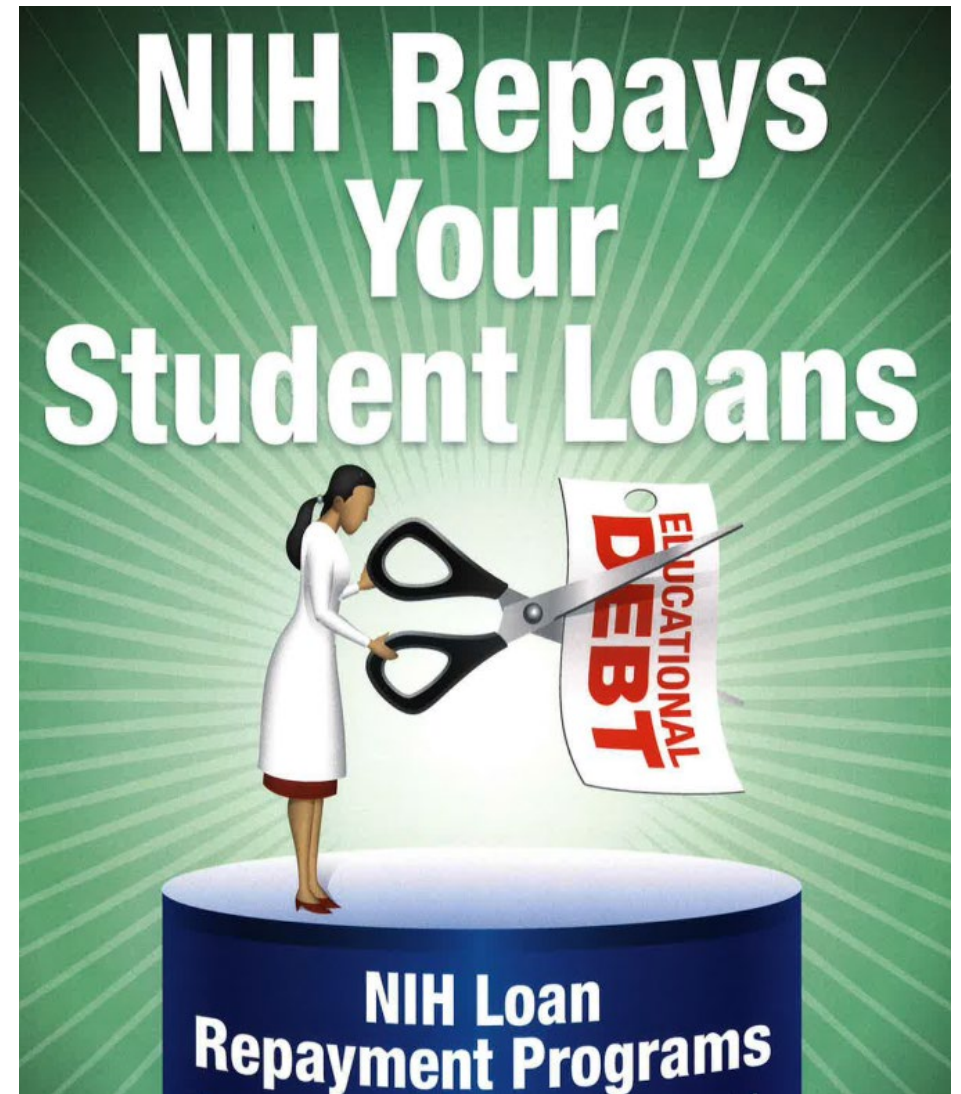
2-year Research Commitment

Up to \$50,000/year

Plan Ahead

50% Success Rate

Extramural LRP Application
Annual: September 1 to mid-November



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