

**National Institutes of Health
Loan Repayment Programs
(LRPs)**

Purpose and Terms

- Recruitment and retention of highly qualified health professionals as clinical or pediatric investigators
- Repayment of up to \$35,000 of the principal and interest of eligible educational loans of clinical or pediatric investigators for each year of research service
- Payment of 39% of loan repayment amount per year toward Federal tax liability
- Contractual agreement whereby awardees agree to engage in clinical or pediatric research for a minimum of 2 years.

History of Intramural LRPs at NIH

- FY1989 – AIDS Research LRP (236/160)
- FY1994 – Clinical Research LRP for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (103/79)
- FY1996 – General LRP (218/208)
- FY1997 – Contraception & Infertility Research LRP* (51/47)

*Extramural and Intramural, all other programs are for NIH Intramural FTEs.
N1 = Number of Contracts & N2 = Number of Participants

NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Programs

- FY2001 Health Disparities Research LRP (28)
- FY2001 Extramural Clinical Research LRP for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (18)
- FY2002 LRP Regarding Clinical Researchers
- FY2002 Pediatric Research LRP
- FY1997 Contraception and Infertility Research LRP (Intramural and Extramural)

Who is eligible to apply?

- Individuals conducting qualifying research as NIH employees or grantees
- U.S. Citizens, nationals, or permanent residents
- Individuals holding a PhD, MD, MD/PhD, DO, DDS, DVM, DMD, DPM, DC, ND, PharmD, or equivalent degree
- Individuals with qualifying educational debt in excess of 20% of their annual salary or compensation

Eligibility (Cont'd)

- Only individuals who are conducting research consistent with Federal regulations governing research supported by Federal funds.
- Applicants must decide themselves to which of the five LRPs they want to apply.
- As required by statute, LRP recipients must agree to perform two years of research service to be awarded an LRP contract.
- The two-year research service begins on the date the LRP contract contract is awarded (no retroactive eligibility).

Eligible Grants

- Postdoctoral National Research Service Award support via a T32 or F32
- Support under an individual or institutional research career development award including the following mechanisms: K01, K07, K08, K12, K22, K23, and K25
- First-time recipient of NIH grant support as the principal investigator of an: R01, R03, R21, U01
- First-time director of subprojects on multicomponent center grants (P series grants, program project grants (P01)), or multicomponent cooperative agreements (U series)

LRP Expenditures in FY 2001 (Contracts Only)

➤ AIDS-LRP	--	\$0.717 M
➤ CR-LRP	--	\$1.200 M
➤ GR-LRP	--	\$2.800 M
➤ CIR-LRP	--	\$0.976 M
➤ HDR-LRP	--	\$1.800 M
➤ ECR-LRP	--	\$1.400 M

Estimated Budget for FY 2002

Includes intramural and extramural LRPs

- \$35 M (Includes \$28 M for the extramural Pediatric and Clinical Research Loan Repayment Programs)

Application Receipt and Review

- OLRS receives all LRP applications electronically (Deadline Date February 28, 2002).

- Applications satisfying basic eligibility criteria are forwarded to ICs supporting the qualifying underlying grants (March 31, 2002).

NCI LRP Application Review

- Goal: To assess the scientific potential of candidates
- Process:
 - Special Emphasis Panels
 - NCI Executive Committee

Application Review Process Cont'd

- Merit of the applications will be scored using the usual NIH scoring system
- Reviewers will vote their individual scores on the basis of their assessment of the “review criteria” (below)
- A brief summary of the review will be prepared by the Scientific Review Administrator. This summary will be provided to the applicant

Review Criteria (Not Weighted)

The Priority Score is based on assessment of:

- A personal statement including discussion of career goals, research and academic plans;
- A description of the current research being conducted in the lab;
- A description the proposed research project including role of the applicant;
- Three recommendations addressing applicant's potential for success in research; and
- A research training plan, if applicable.

Award Criteria

- Priority scores of Loan Repayment Application
- Proximity of applicant to independence in the following order of importance:
 - First time PI of an R01, R21, R03, U01, PI of a subproject on P- series grant

Award Criteria cont'd

- Individual post-doctoral (F32) and K-awardees and trainees on K12 institutional grants engaged in patient-oriented, cancer prevention, control, population science, or basic science directly relevant to cancer prevention)
- Post-doctoral fellows in the T32 Training Programs
- Degree to which career goals focus on commitment to the study of human cancer

Inquiries

To apply or obtain information regarding eligibility requirements and benefits:

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