

demonstrates that the LRP applicant is satisfying the terms and conditions of the PCL,

- Public Health Service Scholarship Program,
- National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program,
- Armed Forces (Army, Navy, or Air Force) Professions Scholarship Program,
- Indian Health Service Scholarship Program,
- National Research Service Award Program—a current recipient of a postdoctoral National Research Service Award support from an individual postdoctoral fellowship (F32) or an institutional research training grant (T32) will not be eligible for loan repayment during the second year of NRSA support without a formal deferral of the NRSA service obligation (*see* <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-109.html>). Concurrent repayment of service obligations is prohibited. Participation in an NIH LRP is only permissible by first satisfying the NRSA service obligation, which is satisfied either by completing the second year of NRSA support or by requesting a deferral of the NRSA service obligation. (Note—first year NRSA recipients are eligible to apply for and receive NIH loan repayment. Second year NRSA recipients can apply to participate in the ECR-LRP, but can only receive loan repayment during the second year if an extension of time is obtained to satisfy the NRSA service obligation. If an extension is not obtained, loan repayment will commence after the completion of the NRSA service obligation. LRP payments are NOT retroactive.);

(4) Full-time employees of Federal Government agencies;

(5) Recipients of NIH Intramural Research Training Awards (IRTA) or Cancer Research Training Awards (CRTA);

(6) Individuals conducting research for which funding is precluded by Federal law, regulations or HHS/NIH policy, or that does not comply with applicable Federal, State, and local law regarding the conduct of the research (e.g., applicable human subject protection regulations);

Individuals with ineligible loans, which include loans that have been consolidated with a loan of another individual (including spouses and children), or loans that are not educational, such as home equity loans;

(8) Individuals with existing service obligations to Federal, State, or other entities may not apply for the ECR-LRP, unless and until the existing service obligation is discharged or deferred for the length of program participation; and

(9) Individuals that have a Federal judgment lien against their property arising from a Federal debt may not apply for the ECR-LRP until the judgment has been paid in full or otherwise satisfied.

### Application Procedures

Applications must be submitted electronically to the Office of Loan Repayment (OLR). The NIH LRP Web site is [www.lrp.nih.gov](http://www.lrp.nih.gov). The site has an Applicant Information Bulletin with the current deadlines, sources for assistance, and additional details regarding application procedures.

Application materials from the applicant, the supervisor/mentor, recommenders, and institutional officials must be submitted prior to the application deadline.

The following information must be provided by the applicant:

1. *Applicant Information Statement.*
2. *Biosketch.*

3. *Personal Statement*, which includes a discussion of career goals and academic objectives.

4. *Description of Research Activities*, which describes the current or proposed research project including the specific responsibilities and role of the applicant in conducting the research. The research supervisor or mentor will be asked to concur in the research project description provided by the applicant.

5. *Contact Information for Three Recommenders* (one of whom is identified as research supervisor or mentor).

6. *Contact Information for Institution* Official able to serve as the Institutional Contact and verify an applicant's employment/research appointment and research funding status.

7. *On-line Certification.*

8. *Loan information*, which includes the current account statement(s), and promissory note(s) or disclosure statement(s), obtained from lending institution(s), submitted via facsimile to (866) 849-4046.

9. *Notice of Grant/Award* (or PHS Form Number 2271 for T32 recipients) if applying based on NIH support.

10. *Certification of Disadvantaged Background*, which verifies the applicant's disadvantaged status and consists of one of the following: (a) Written statement from the applicant's former health professions school(s) that indicates that the applicant qualified for Federal disadvantaged assistance during attendance; (b) documentation that the applicant received financial aid from either Health Professions Student Loans (HPSL) or the Loans for Disadvantaged Students Program; or (c) documentation that the applicant received a scholarship

from the HHS under the Scholarship for Individuals with Exceptional Financial Need.

The following information must be provided by the Research Supervisor/Mentor and submitted electronically via the NIH-LRP Web site:

1. *Recommendation.*
2. *Biosketch.*
3. *Assessment of the Research Activities Statement* submitted by the applicant.
4. *Description of the Research Environment.* (Please provide detailed information about the lab where the applicant is or will be conducting research, including funding, lab space, and major areas under investigation.)
5. *Training or Mentoring Plan.* (Includes a detailed discussion of the training and/or mentoring plan, as well as the research methods and scientific techniques to be taught.)

6. *Biosketch of other pertinent staff members* involved in training or mentoring the applicant.

Recommenders must submit their recommendations electronically.

Institutional Contacts must electronically submit a certification, via the NIH-LRP Web site, that (a) assures the applicant will be provided the necessary time and resources to engage in the research project for two years from the date a Loan Repayment Program Contract is executed; (b) assures that the applicant is or will be engaged in qualifying research for 50 percent of his/her time, i.e., not less than 20 hours per week; (c) certifies that the funding foundation, professional society, or institution is considered to be non-profit as provided under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 501) or is a U.S. or other government entity (Federal, State or local), and (d) provides the applicant's institutional base salary.

### Review Process

Applications that are received and complete by the deadline will undergo peer review by a Special Emphasis Panel (SEP). The reviewers will use the review criteria in assessing and rating each application.

### Review Criteria

a. Potential of the applicant to pursue a career in clinical research.

- Appropriateness of the applicant's previous training and experience to prepare him/her for a clinical research career.

- Suitability of the applicant's proposed clinical research activities in the two-year loan repayment period to foster a research career.

- Assessment of the applicant's commitment to a research career as