

1. Persons who are not United States citizens, nationals, or permanent residents;

2. Any individual who has a Federal judgment lien against his/her property arising from a Federal debt is barred from receiving Federal funds until the judgment is paid in full or satisfied;

3. Any individual who owes an obligation of health professional service to the Federal Government, a State, or other entity, unless deferrals or extensions are granted for the length of their Extramural Loan Repayment Program service obligation. The following are examples of programs with service obligations that disqualify an applicant from consideration, unless a deferral for the length of participation in the Pediatric Research Loan Repayment Program is obtained:

Armed Forces (Army, Navy, or Air Force) Professions Scholarship Program,
Exceptional Financial Need (EFN) Scholarship Program,
Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students (FADHPS),
Indian Health Service (IHS) Scholarship Program,
National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program,
National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP),
Physicians Shortage Area Scholarship Program,
Primary Care Loan (PCL) Program,
Public Health Service (PHS) Scholarship Program, and
National Research Service Award (NRSA) Program—a recipient of postdoctoral National Research Service Award support from an individual postdoctoral fellowship (F32) or an institutional research training grant (T32) is eligible for loan repayment. NRSA recipients incur a service obligation of 12 months for their first year of NRSA support. This obligation is usually repaid in the second year of the NRSA award. Note: NRSA service and loan repayment service obligations cannot be concurrently satisfied. There are two options for NRSA LRP recipients: (1) Defer receipt of LRP payments in the 2nd year of NRSA support to fulfill their obligation; or (2) request an extension of time to fulfill the NRSA service obligation in order to satisfy the LRP service obligation while also receiving loan repayment.

4. Full-time employees of Federal Government agencies;

5. Current 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); and

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

Selection Process

Upon receipt, applications for the Pediatric Research Loan Repayment Program will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness by the NIH Office of Loan Repayment. Incomplete or ineligible applications will not be processed for review. Applications that are complete and eligible will be referred to the appropriate NIH Institute or Center for peer review by the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR). In evaluating the application, reviewers will be directed to consider the following components as they relate to the likelihood that the applicant will continue in a pediatric research career:

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

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

- Suitability of the applicant's proposed pediatric 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 reflected by the personal statement of long-term career goals and the plan outlined to achieve those goals.

- Strength of recommendations attesting to the applicant's potential for a research career.

b. Quality of the overall environment to prepare the applicant for a pediatric research career.

- Availability of appropriate scientific colleagues to achieve and/or enhance the applicant's research independence.

- Quality and appropriateness of institutional resources and facilities.

The following information is furnished by the applicant or others on behalf of the applicant (forms are completed electronically at the NIH LRP Web site, www.lrp.nih.gov):

Applicants electronically transmit the following to the NIH Office of Loan Repayment:

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. Identification of three Recommenders (one of whom is identified as research supervisor or mentor).

6. Identification of Institutional Contact.

7. On-line Certification.

8. 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. If applying based on NIH support, Notice of Grant/Award (or PHS Form Number 2271 for T32 recipients).

Research supervisors or mentors electronically transmit the following to the NIH Office of Loan Repayment:

1. Recommendation.

2. Biosketch.

3. Assessment of the Research Activities Statement submitted by the applicant.

4. Description of the Research Environment, which provides 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, which includes a detailed discussion of the training or mentoring plan, including a discussion of the research methods and scientific techniques to be taught. This document is completed by the research supervisor or mentor and is submitted for all applicants (except for applicants with an NIH R01 or equivalent grant).

6. Biosketch of a laboratory staff member if involved in training or mentoring the applicant.

The other two Recommenders electronically transmit recommendations to the NIH Office of Loan Repayment.

Institutional Contacts electronically transmit the following to the NIH Office of Loan Repayment:

A certification that: (a) Assures that 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