

NIH Loan Repayment Program NIMHD L32, L60, L70 Awards

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Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Agenda

- 1) LRP Eligibility and Program Overview
- 2) NIMHD LRP Objectives and Award Focus
- 3) NIMHD's LRP Application Review



NIH Eligibility and Program Overview



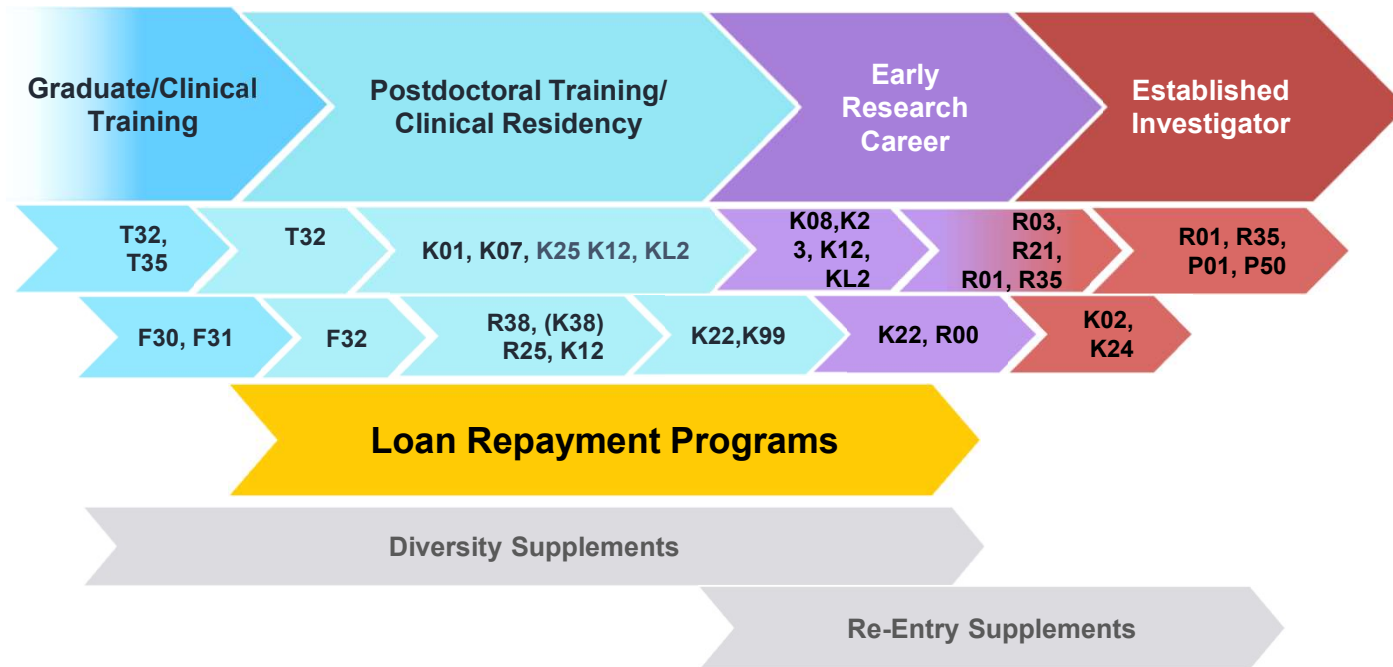


NIH Loan Repayment Programs: Supporting the Next Generation of Researchers

Health Disparities Research Institute
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Division of Loan Repayment

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:







Applicants: Commit to perform research for 2 years

NIH: Repays up to **\$100,000** of awardee's 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 (L30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 (L40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research related to diseases or disorders in children• Basic research allowed
 Health Disparities Research (L60)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research focusing on minority and other health disparity populations• Basic, clinical, social and behavioral research allowed
 Contraception & Infertility Research (L50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 (L32)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Same as Clinical Research LRP• Available to clinical researchers from verifiable disadvantaged backgrounds• Applications reviewed by NIMHD
 REACH (L70)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research in Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health for 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



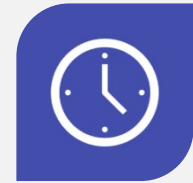
EDUCATION
DOCTORAL DEGREE
(FEW EXCEPTIONS)



**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

Steps to take before applying



KNOW THE DEADLINES AND TIMELINES



DECIDE WHICH LRP TO APPLY FOR



DETERMINE IF YOU QUALIFY



OBTAIN A COMMONS ID



USE LRP WEBSITE RESOURCES

Connect with an LRP Program Officer

LRP IC Contact

Extramural
IC Mission & Priorities

**Extramural
*IC Contact List***

Intramural
IC Coordinators Contact List

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Login with eRA Credentials

Username:

Alert: In preparation for the use of the new biosketch and other support templates for due dates on or after May 25, 2022, NIH is encouraging applicants to start using the new templates for their applications. It is important to remember to flatten all pdfs before upload.

Alert: Do you know when you will be required to use two factor authentication to login to eRA modules? The approach and deadline to transition to two-factor authentication is changing. To ensure the security of your eRA account, we are phasing in the requirement to use two-factor authentication (using Login.gov or a qualified InCommon Federated account). All scientific account holders should take action now to ensure continued access to their accounts, while administrative account holders will be required to move to two-factor authentication in early 2022. Learn more about when you need to make the transition and what steps you should take when using [Login.gov](#) or [InCommon Federated accounts](#).

Alert: If you are experiencing an issue with logging into the system, please reset your password through "Forgot Password" and delete the temporary internet files and cookies in your web browser. Close all web browser windows and open a new browser window. If you

LRP Application is now in ASSIST

LRP Application – Major Sections



Colleague Section

- Mentor (if mentored), Supervisor, and Institutional Business Official (IBO)
 - Once completed, an email will go out to your mentor to submit their recommendation letter and an email will also go out to your IBO to verify your employment.
 - Reference letter submission instructions are included in the welcome email, instruction guide, and the Referee section of the LRP website

Research Information

- A reminder that the LRP is not an application for research funding, but rather, it is a loan relief award for funded researchers.
 - Consult the LRP instruction guide for research documents details

Loan Information *(new applicants only)*

- Lender and servicer information, loan number, total loan amounts, loan status (e.g., in repayment/forbearance)
 - Include all student loans (Federal and Private) as the total loan debt is used to determine the award amount

What are Reviewers Looking For?

Evaluate an applicant's *potential to succeed* in a research career by rating:

- Applicant's previous **training and research experience**
- Applicant's **commitment to a research career**
- **Strength and quality** of letters of recommendation
- **Quality and appropriateness** of the research environment
- Research progress (*for Renewal applications only*)



THESE TIPS APPLY TO ANY FELLOWSHIP, GRANT, ETC.

Most Common Mistakes...

More Obvious Reasons:

- Not contacting Program Officer prior to application (a clear understanding of IC mission/priorities is essential to submitting a well-crafted application)
- Rushed preparation (i.e., careless mistakes in the application)
- Questionable research commitment and weak research plan
- Failure to adequately describe the mentoring and training/career development plan, research timelines
- Slim publication record
- Lukewarm recommendation letters
- **Not applying**



Important Notes!

- An individual receiving research or salary support from a **for-profit source is ineligible** to receive an LRP award
- Applicants do not propose new research goals in an LRP application. In the research section, applicants should discuss **current** research plans
- LRPs are **NOT** a research grant

LRP Resources



LRP Website

NIH National Institutes of Health
Division of Loan Repayment

Eligibility & Programs | Data & Reports | Contact & Engage | About DLR

NIH Celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Health Disparities Research & Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds LRPs

APPLY | AWARD | RENEW

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

Supporting Scientific Discovery

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers. The escalating costs of advanced education and training in medicine and clinical specialties are forcing some scientists to abandon their research careers for higher-paying private industry or private practice careers. The LRPs counteract that financial pressure by repaying up to \$50,000 annually of a researcher's qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research. Since tomorrow's medical breakthroughs will be made by investigators starting in their research careers today, the LRPs represent an important investment by NIH in the future of health discovery and the wellbeing of the Nation.

Application Periods and Documentation Deadlines

Extramural New & Renewal Awards	Intramural New & Renewal Awards
Online Application Period Sep 1, 2021 - Nov 18, 2021	Online Application Period Jan 3, 2022 - Mar 15, 2022
Supporting Documentation Period Sep 1, 2021 - Nov 18, 2021	Supporting Documentation Period Jan 3, 2022 - Mar 15, 2022

Intramural ACGME New Awards
Online Application Period Jan 3, 2022 - Apr 15, 2022
Supporting Documentation Period Jan 3, 2022 - Apr 15, 2022

Contact Us
(866) 949-4247
lrp@nih.gov

Download LRP Application Instruction Guide

Application Process Interactive Roadmap

Repayment Calculator
Use this tool to get an award estimate.

CALCULATE

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](#)



LRP AMBASSADOR
LEARN ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR NETWORK
www.lrp.nih.gov

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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^{CF}</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^{CF}</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^{CF}</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^{CF}</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 Application Checks the Status of an Application Submission^{CF}</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>


Upcoming Events

Virtual PreCon Event

NIH Loan Repayment Programs: Supporting the Next Generation of Researchers

Do you (or does someone you know) have student debt? If so, find out how you can get up to \$100,000 repaid towards your student loans with a two-year award from the NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs).

This webinar is designed for students, new researchers, and administrators/mentors who want to learn how biomedical and behavioral scientists with student debt can benefit from this program. In addition, participants will hear first-hand experiences from LRP Ambassadors on planning their grant applications.



#NIHgrantsconf

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Division of Loan Repayment



We're hosting our annual Twitter chat just in time for the LRP application cycle.

Tune in to learn how you could receive up to **\$100,000 in student debt relief.**

You'll hear from Matthew Lockhart (Director, Division of Loan Repayment), Dr. Ericka Boone (@DBRWDirector), and LRP Ambassadors including @phdgprotein86 @laurenbbeach @blacksciblog @ChrisCarrollMD @JrayFalvey. Join us!



Date: September 8, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm EDT

#LRPchat #NIHLRP



National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs

Technical Assistance Webinar
Extramural Loan Repayment Program
October 3, 2022

Key Takeaways

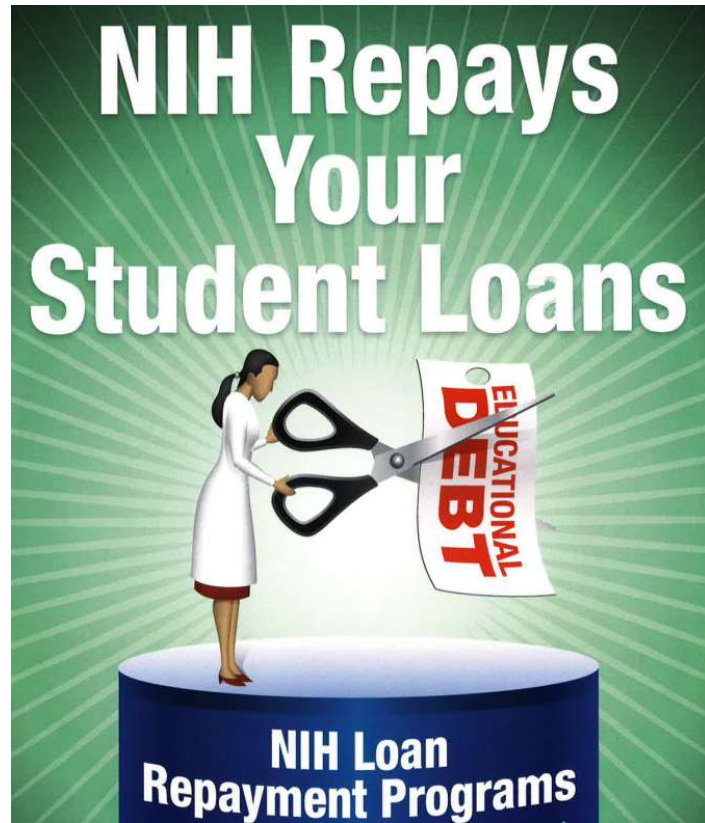
2-year Research Commitment

Up to \$50,000/year

Plan Ahead

LRP Resources

Extramural LRP Applications
Sep 1 to Nov 17, 2022



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NIMHD LRP Objectives and Award Focus



Apply online by 8.p.m. ET on November 17th

<http://www.lrp.nih.gov>

The screenshot shows the NIH Loan Repayment Program website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NIH logo and the text "National Institutes of Health Division of Loan Repayment". To the right of the logo are links for "Eligibility & Programs", "Data & Reports", "Contact & Engage", and "About DLR". Above the navigation bar, there are links for "U.S. Department of Health & Human Services", "National Institutes of Health", "FAQs", and "A-Z Index".

The main banner features a background image of three healthcare professionals: a woman in green scrubs and a blue hairnet looking through a microscope, a man in a blue shirt and tie with a stethoscope, and a man in a white lab coat holding a test tube. Overlaid on this image is a purple call-to-action box that reads: "The LRP Application Cycle is open! Click here to start your application" with a right-pointing arrow icon.

Below the banner is a horizontal menu with three colored buttons: a pink button labeled "APPLY" with a person and document icon, a teal button labeled "AWARD" with a person and gear icon, and a purple button labeled "RENEW" with a person and refresh icon.

At the bottom of the page is a dark blue navigation bar with five white icons and corresponding text: "Research Supervisors/Mentors" (people icon), "Referees/Recommenders" (people and speech bubbles icon), "Institutional Business Officials" (classical building icon), "For NIH Employees" (ID card icon), and "LRP Ambassador Program" (ambassador icon).



NIMHD LRP Office Hours and Questions

- Check the New NIMHD LRP or NIH LRP websites
- NIMHD Questions: nimhd_lrp_programs@mail.nih.gov
- Book An Office Hours Appointment with NIMHD Staff through NIMHD LRP Website

The screenshot shows the NIMHD Loan Repayment Program (LRP) website. On the left is a navigation menu with links such as 'Information and News', 'Basic Research', 'Interest Areas', 'Centers', 'Endowment (REP)', 'Community-Based Priority Research (CBPR)', 'Business Innovation / Small Business', 'Priority Transfer Program (TR)', 'Student Investigator-Research Project', 'Conferences', and 'Student Career'. The main content area features the title 'NIMHD Loan Repayment Program (LRP)' and a prominent orange banner stating 'Application Period: Sept. 1 - Nov. 17, 2022'. Below the banner is a photograph of four diverse individuals (three women and one man) looking at a laptop screen together. The text below the photo explains that NIMHD participates in NIH's Extramural Loan Repayment Program (LRP), which is designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research careers. It provides financial support for educational debt due to the escalating costs of advanced education and training. The text also states that the LRP repays up to \$50,000 per year of an investigator's eligible educational debt, and that loans from college-, graduate-, and doctorate-level education are eligible for repayment. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Contact' section listing Lcdr Michael Banyas, NIMHD, with the email nimhd_lrp_programs@mail.nih.gov. Below that is a 'Learn More' section with links to a '2021 Technical Assistance Webinar', 'NIH Division of Loan Repayment', 'LRP Ambassador Program', 'Tips for a Stronger LRP Application (PDF, 111 KB)', 'Research in Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health (REACH)', and 'RePORTER'. At the bottom of the 'Learn More' section, there are links for 'Details: Using RePORTER and Matchmaker Web Tools Throughout the Grants Process (PDF, 2 MB)'.

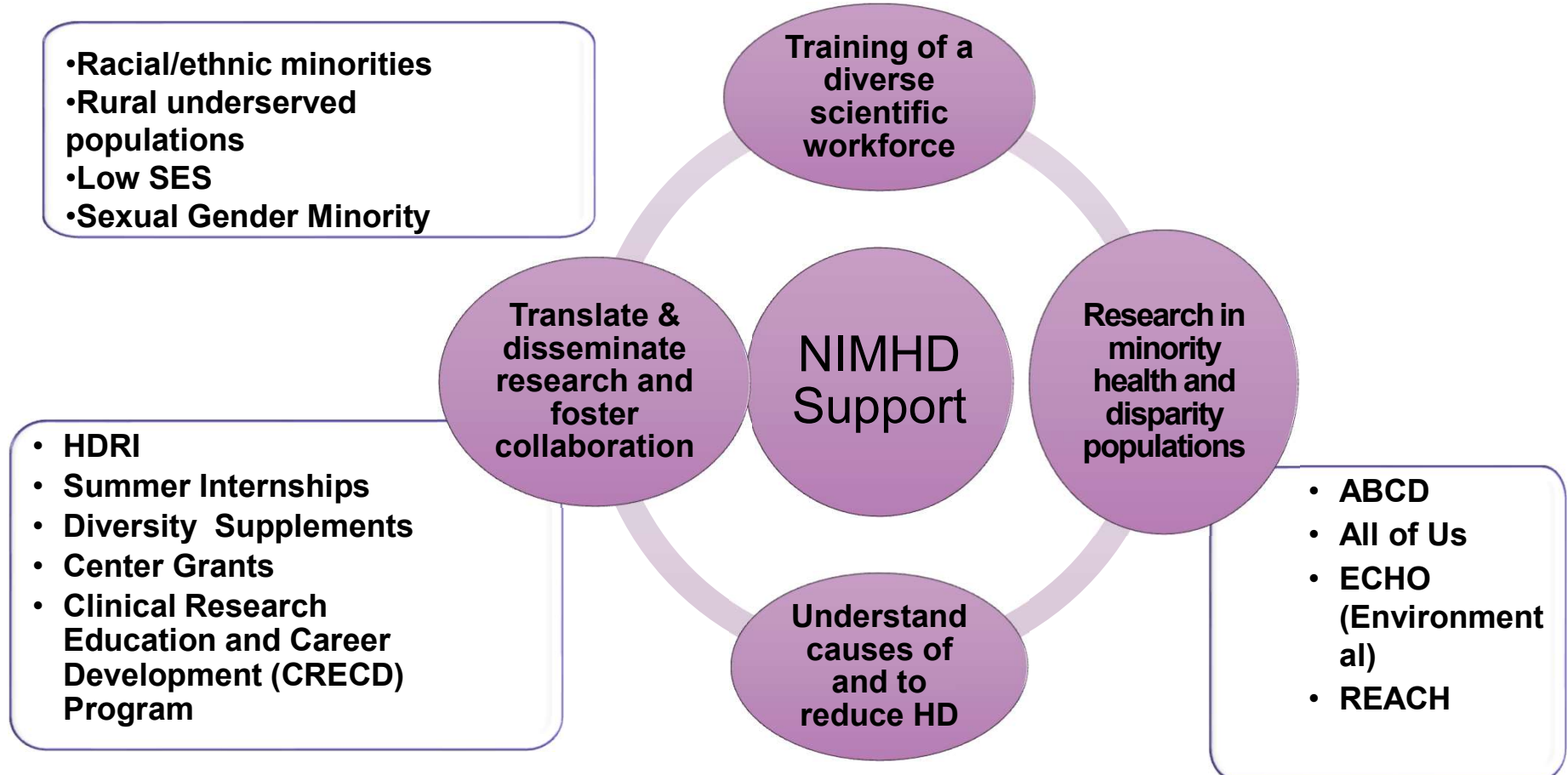


National Institute on Minority Health & Health Disparities (NIMHD)





Vision: The NIMHD envisions an America in which all populations will have an equal opportunity to live long, healthy and productive lives.

Mission:

Lead scientific research to improve minority health and eliminate health disparities.

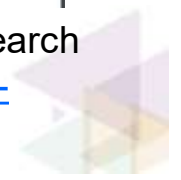


National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Framework

		Levels of Influence*			
		Individual	Interpersonal	Community	Societal
Domains of Influence (Over the Lifecourse)	Biological	Biological Vulnerability and Mechanisms	Caregiver–Child Interaction Family Microbiome	Community Illness Exposure Herd Immunity	Sanitation Immunization Pathogen Exposure
	Behavioral	Health Behaviors Coping Strategies	Family Functioning School/Work Functioning	Community Functioning	Policies and Laws
	Physical/Built Environment	Personal Environment	Household Environment School/Work Environment	Community Environment Community Resources	Societal Structure
	Sociocultural Environment	Sociodemographics Limited English Cultural Identity Response to Discrimination	Social Networks Family/Peer Norms Interpersonal Discrimination	Community Norms Local Structural Discrimination	Social Norms Societal Structural Discrimination
	Health Care System	Insurance Coverage Health Literacy Treatment Preferences	Patient–Clinician Relationship Medical Decision-Making	Availability of Services Safety Net Services	Quality of Care Health Care Policies
Health Outcomes		 Individual Health	 Family/ Organizational Health	 Community Health	 Population Health

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 2018
 *Health Disparity Populations: Race/Ethnicity, Low SES, Rural, Sexual and Gender Minority
 Other Fundamental Characteristics: Sex and Gender, Disability, Geographic Region

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (2017). NIMHD Research Framework. Retrieved from <https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/about/overview/research-framework.html>. Accessed on 09/17/2020.



NIMHD Loan Repayment Program

L32

Clinical
Research for
Individuals from
Disadvantaged
Backgrounds

L60

Extramural
Loan
Repayment
Program for
Health
Disparities

L70

Research in
Emerging Areas
Critical to Human
Health (REACH)

Purpose

Retention/
Recruitment of
qualified health
professionals as
research
investigators to
careers in research

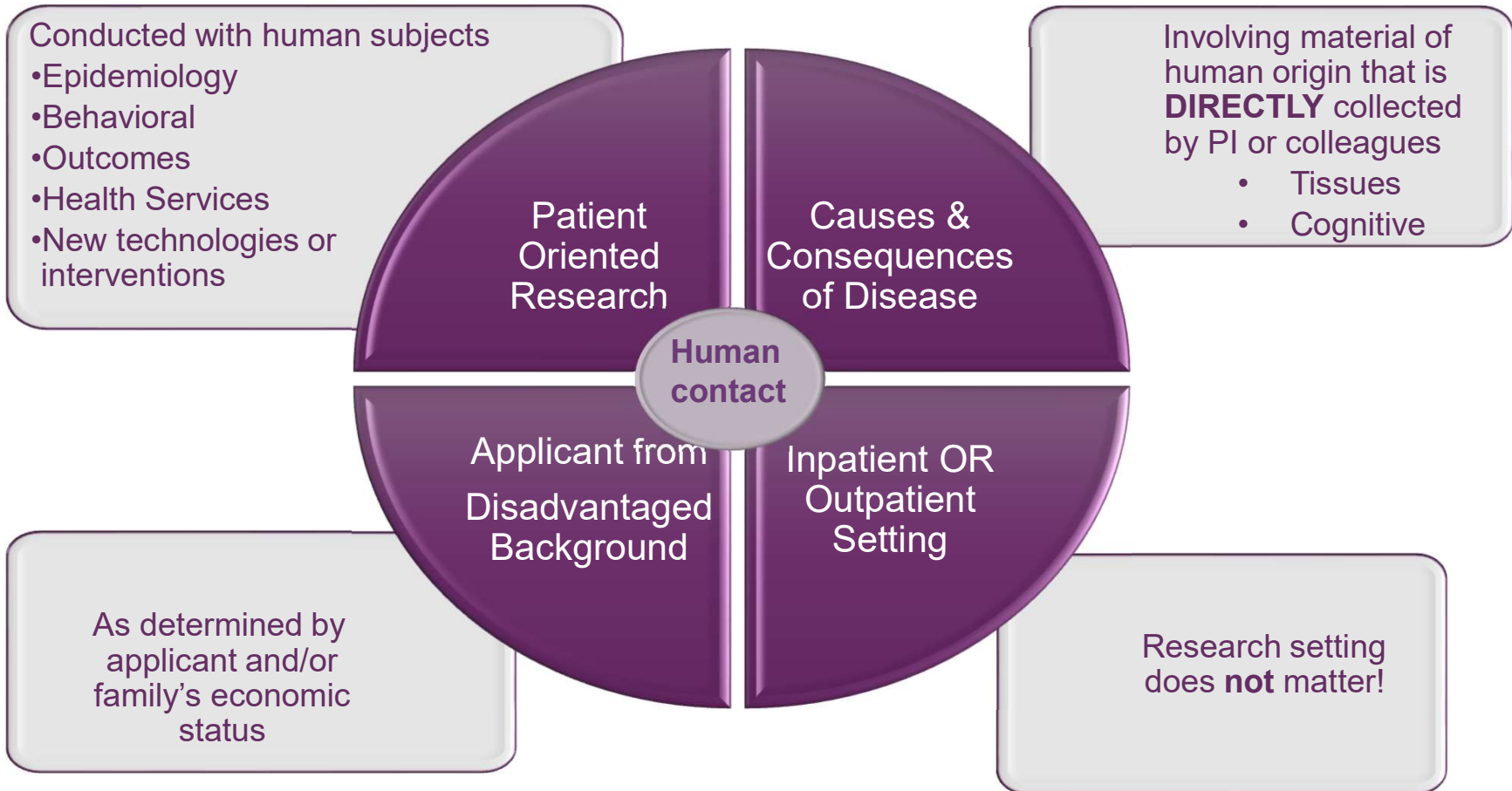


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L32: NIH Definition of Clinical Research



These applications come to NIMHD only.



L60: Health Disparities Research Definitions

Health Disparities Research

- Basic, clinical, social, or behavioral research on health disparity populations (including individual members and communities of such populations)
- That relates to health disparities, including the causes of such disparities and methods to prevent, diagnose, and treat such disparities.

Health Disparity Populations

- Determined by the Director of NIMHD, after consultation with the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- Populations where there is significant disparity in the overall rate of disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, or survival rates in the population as compared to the health status of the general population.
- Designated NIH health disparity populations: Blacks/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, socioeconomically disadvantaged populations, underserved rural populations, and sexual and gender minorities.

Minority Health Disparities Research

- Basic, clinical, or behavioral research on minority health conditions, including research to prevent, diagnose, and treat such conditions.

Minority Health Conditions

- All diseases, disorders, and other conditions (including mental health and substance abuse) that are unique to, more serious, or more prevalent in members of minority groups (racial or ethnic minority groups), for which the medical risk or types of medical intervention may be different for members of minority groups, or for which it is unknown whether such factors or types are different for such individuals, or research involving such populations as subjects or data on such individuals is insufficient.

Research must be conducted in US populations or have direct relevance to minority health issues or health disparities in US populations.



L70: Research in Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health

- COVID-19 and other public health emergencies
- Maternal and infant mortality/morbidity
- Social epigenomics
- Suicide in health disparity populations
- Health effects and impact on health care systems and services of rapid environmental change
- Firearm related injuries and mortalities
- Sleep disparities
- Data science in health disparities
- Health IT and management of chronic disease
- Multi-level, Multi-domain analysis



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Health Disparities Research— NIMHD or other IC?

Guidelines:

- Work that focuses on health disparities resulting from being a member of a racial or ethnic minority group, a rural or underserved population, or a sexual gender minority and addressing the underlying processes that produce those disparities—NIMHD
- Work that focuses on the disease processes, the life cycle stage, the body system in minority populations or other populations that experience health disparities or—other IC

The decision is yours in how you target your application.



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Application Tips

TIPS:

Tell your story!

Narrate coming out from under mentor's umbrella and showcase path of growth into an independent investigator

Current research explicitly health disparity focused

Highlight previous health disparities research

Clearly delineate your next steps: future research linked with career next steps

Demonstrates commitment to health disparities research in all areas of application

Research focused on minority health disparities or other disparities



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Other Important Applicants Aspects

- Have a Strong Mentoring Team (2 or more) and at least mentor be an NIH independent investigator
- Unless you are the PI funded with an R01, then the applicant is considered “mentored” when applying to LRP. **(R00 or K Awards do not count!)**
- An applicant is considered an Early Stage Investigator ([ESI](#)) if within 10 years of completing their terminal research degree or is within 10 years of completing medical residency (or the equivalent)
- Purpose of award to provide support for researchers working towards becoming NIH independent funded investigator(I.e., getting their R01) Don't be shy is stating this is your goal while receiving LRP funding.
- Include everything you applied for in your application



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NIMHD's LRP Application Review



LRP Application = Reviewer Roadmap



- Where are you now?
- Where are you going?
- What kind of car do you have?
- Who are your co-pilots?
- What's your plan? timeline?

The Application – Major Sections



Research Activities (*'meat and potatoes'*)

- Personal Statement
 - Highlight previous **training, development of scientific interests; accomplishments;** short and long-term career goals
- Training/Career Development Plan
 - **Skills acquiring along your path to independence** (e.g., training, professional and leadership development opportunities; grantmanship workshops, conference attendance, etc.) – **include 2-year timeline**
- Proposed Research Plans
 - Planned research activities, **specific roles/responsibilities** – **include 2-year timeline**

Research Environment

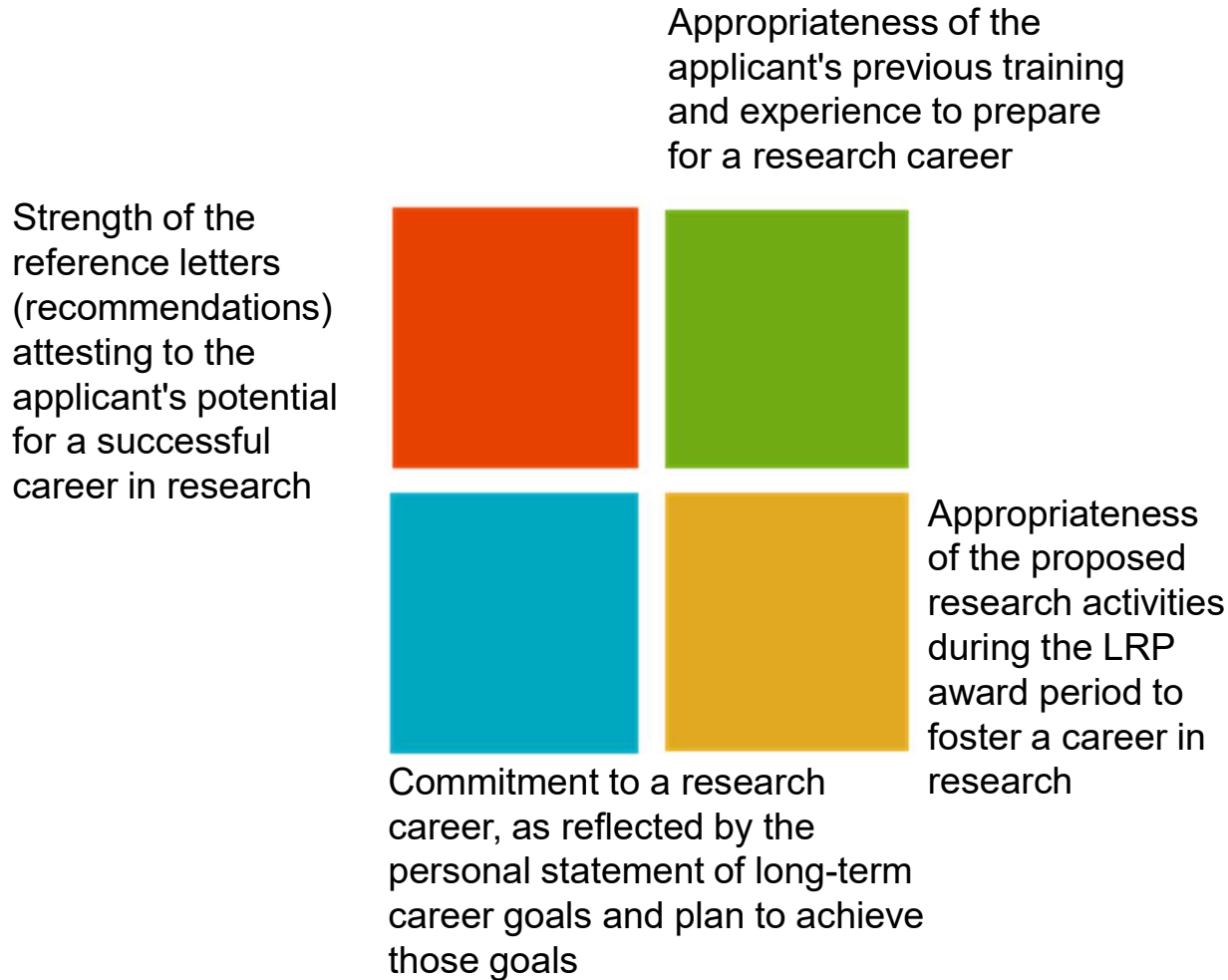
- Why are you where you are? Who or what is important there?

Loan Information (*new applicants only*)

- Lender and servicer information, loan number, total loan amounts, loan status (e.g., in repayment/forbearance)

How are NIH LRP applications evaluated?

Likelihood that the applicant will continue in a career focused on research



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How are NIH LRP applications evaluated?

Quality of the overall environment to prepare the applicant for a research career:

Quality and availability of appropriate scientific mentors and colleagues



Mentors' record in mentoring researchers, funding history and research productivity



Quality and appropriateness of institutional resources and facilities



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How are NIH LRP applications evaluated?

How are renewal applications evaluated?

Assessment of
the applicant's
research
accomplishments
during the
previous LRP
support period



Assessment of
the applicant's
development
as an
independent
investigator



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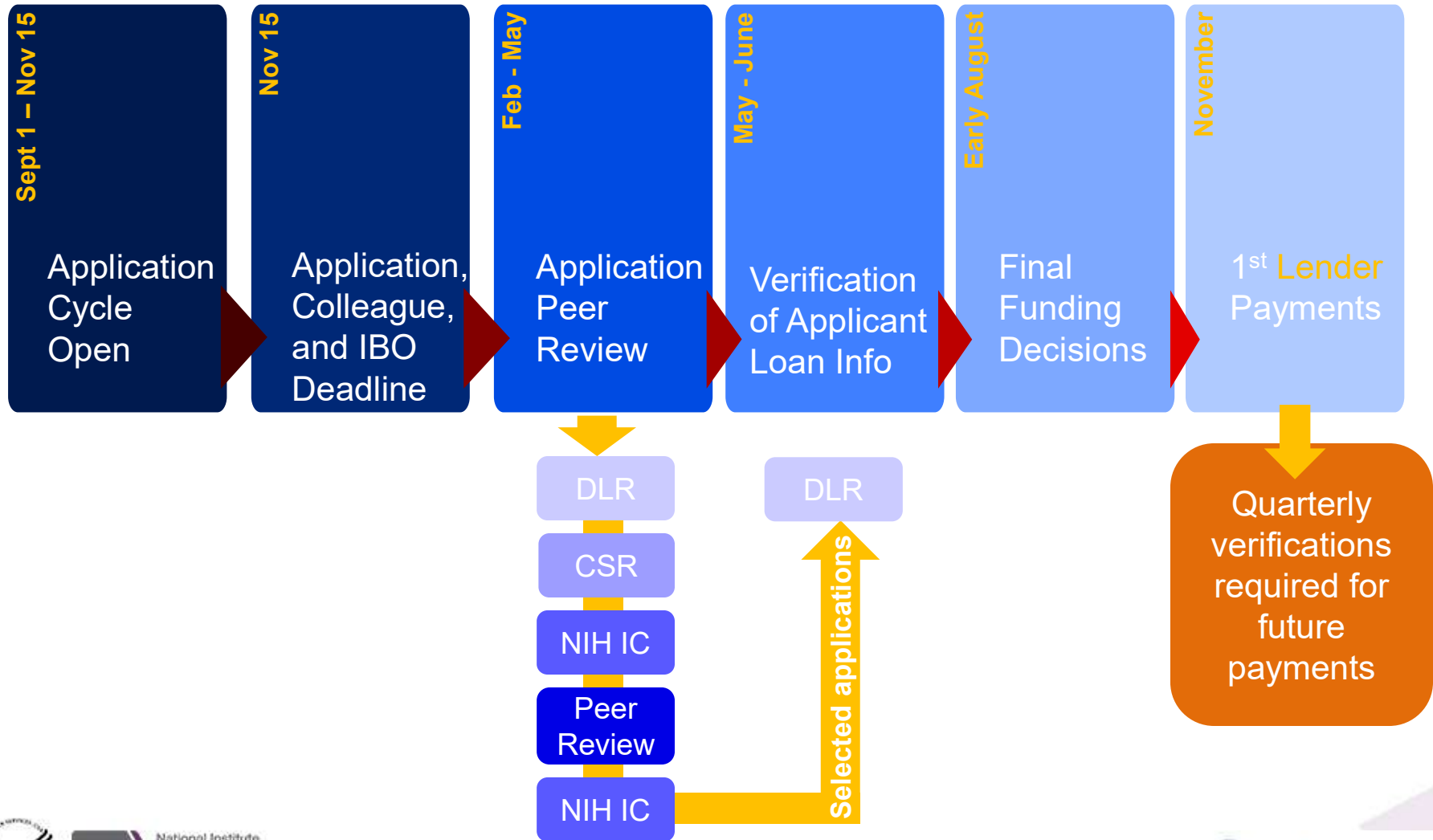
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What Should I Do to Prepare?

- All prospective applicants should ensure that their eRA Commons account is active and their passwords are valid
- Any prospective candidate without a Commons ID should contact their grants administration office to obtain one – takes up to 6 weeks
- For detailed information about the application, the application process and instructions, visit the www.lrp.nih.gov and download the [Application System Instruction Guide](#)
- Remember, applicants can choose a reviewing IC **other than NIMHD** to review their HD applications.
- Before submitting your application, it is vital to contact a Program Officer to discuss your research. If you do not contact a Program Officer, the chances that your application will be deemed non-responsive and withdrawn increase significantly
- A list of participating ICs, their mission and priority statements, and IC Program Officer contacts can be found at <https://www.lrp.nih.gov/contact-engage>

Extramural LRP Application Cycle Timeline



Please contact us as needed



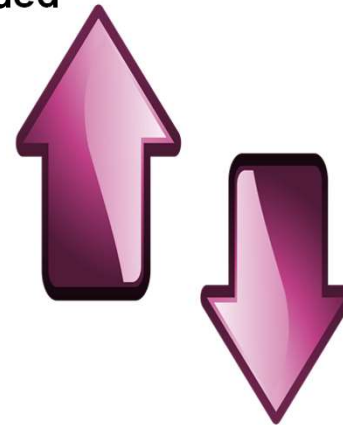
- **Division of Loan Repayment**--Contact at any time
- **Program Officer**
 - To submit for the current application cycle- May to November 17, 2022
 - For feedback after review is completed— late July, 2023 or later
- **Scientific Review Officer**
 - To address issues once the application has been submitted—November 18, 2022 –May 1, 2023



What to do when life happens? (i.e. changes to application?)

DLR accepts changes to the application between November 18, 2022 and January 31st, 2022. Acceptable updates include:

- **Publication accepted or grant application funded**
- **Change of Institution**
- **Change of Research**
- **Change of Mentor**
- **Family or Life Emergency**
- **Change of Employment**



Apply online by 8.p.m. ET on November 17th

<http://www.lrp.nih.gov>

The screenshot displays the NIH Loan Repayment Program website. At the top, the navigation bar includes the NIH logo, the text "National Institutes of Health Division of Loan Repayment", and menu items for "Eligibility & Programs", "Data & Reports", "Contact & Engage", and "About DLR". A main banner features a photograph of three healthcare professionals (a woman with a microscope, a man with a stethoscope, and a man with a test tube) and a purple call-to-action box that reads "The LRP Application Cycle is open! Click here to start your application" with a right-pointing arrow. Below the banner is a horizontal menu with three colored buttons: "APPLY" (pink), "AWARD" (teal), and "RENEW" (purple). At the bottom, a dark blue navigation bar contains five categories: "Research Supervisors/Mentors", "Referees/Recommenders", "Institutional Business Officials", "For NIH Employees", and "LRP Ambassador Program".



NIMHD LRP Office Hours and Questions

- Check the New NIMHD LRP or NIH LRP websites
- NIMHD Questions: nimhd_lrp_programs@mail.nih.gov
- Book An Office Hours Appointment with NIMHD Staff through NIMHD LRP Website

The screenshot shows the NIMHD Loan Repayment Program (LRP) website. On the left is a navigation menu with links such as 'Information and News', 'Basic Research', 'Interest Areas', 'Centers', 'Endowment (REP)', 'Community-Based Priority Research (CBPR)', 'Business Innovation / Small Business', 'Priority Transfer Program (TR)', 'Student Investigator-Research Project', 'Conferences', and 'Student Career'. The main content area features the title 'NIMHD Loan Repayment Program (LRP)' and a prominent orange banner stating 'Application Period: Sept. 1 - Nov. 17, 2022'. Below the banner is a photograph of four diverse individuals (three women and one man) looking at a laptop screen together. The text below the photo explains that NIMHD participates in NIH's Extramural Loan Repayment Program (LRP), which is designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research careers. It provides financial support for educational debt due to the escalating costs of advanced education and training. The text also states that the LRP repays up to \$50,000 per year of an investigator's eligible educational debt, and that loans from college-, graduate-, and doctorate-level education are eligible for repayment. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Contact' section listing Lcdr Michael Banyas, NIMHD, with the email nimhd_lrp_programs@mail.nih.gov. Below that is a 'Learn More' section with links to a '2021 Technical Assistance Webinar', 'NIH Division of Loan Repayment', 'LRP Ambassador Program', 'Tips for a Stronger LRP Application (PDF, 111 KB)', 'Research in Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health (REACH)', and 'RePORTER'. At the bottom of the 'Learn More' section, there are links for 'Details: Using RePORTER and Matchmaker Web Tools Throughout the Grants Process (PDF, 2 MB)'.



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