

NIMHD Loan Repayment Technical Assistance Webinar

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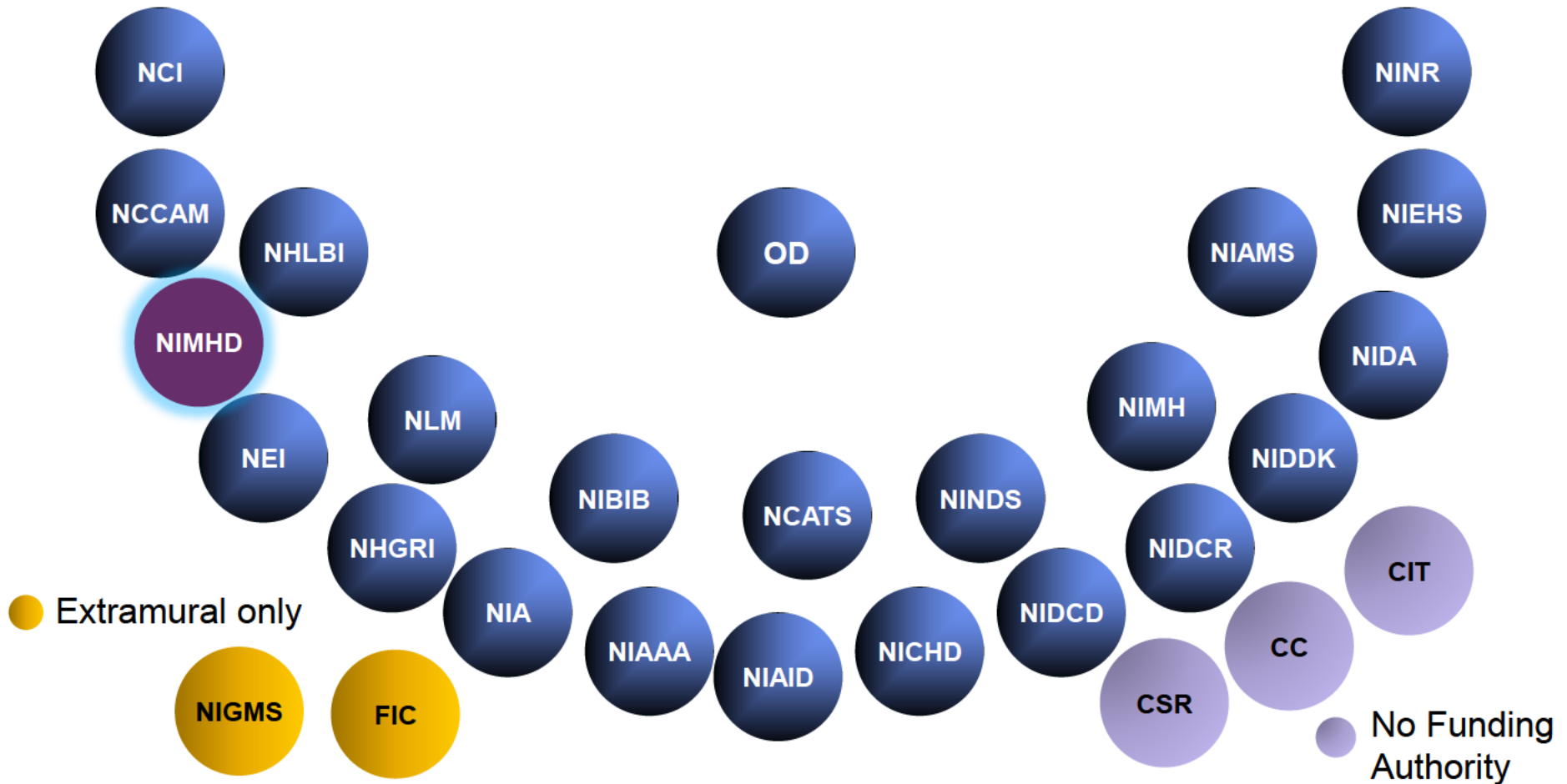
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The National Institutes of Health



TIP: Know the funding priorities of your NIH Institute or Center. (On the LRP Web site under the Contact Us tab.)



Mission of the NIMHD

The mission of NIMHD is to lead scientific research to improve minority health and eliminate health disparities.

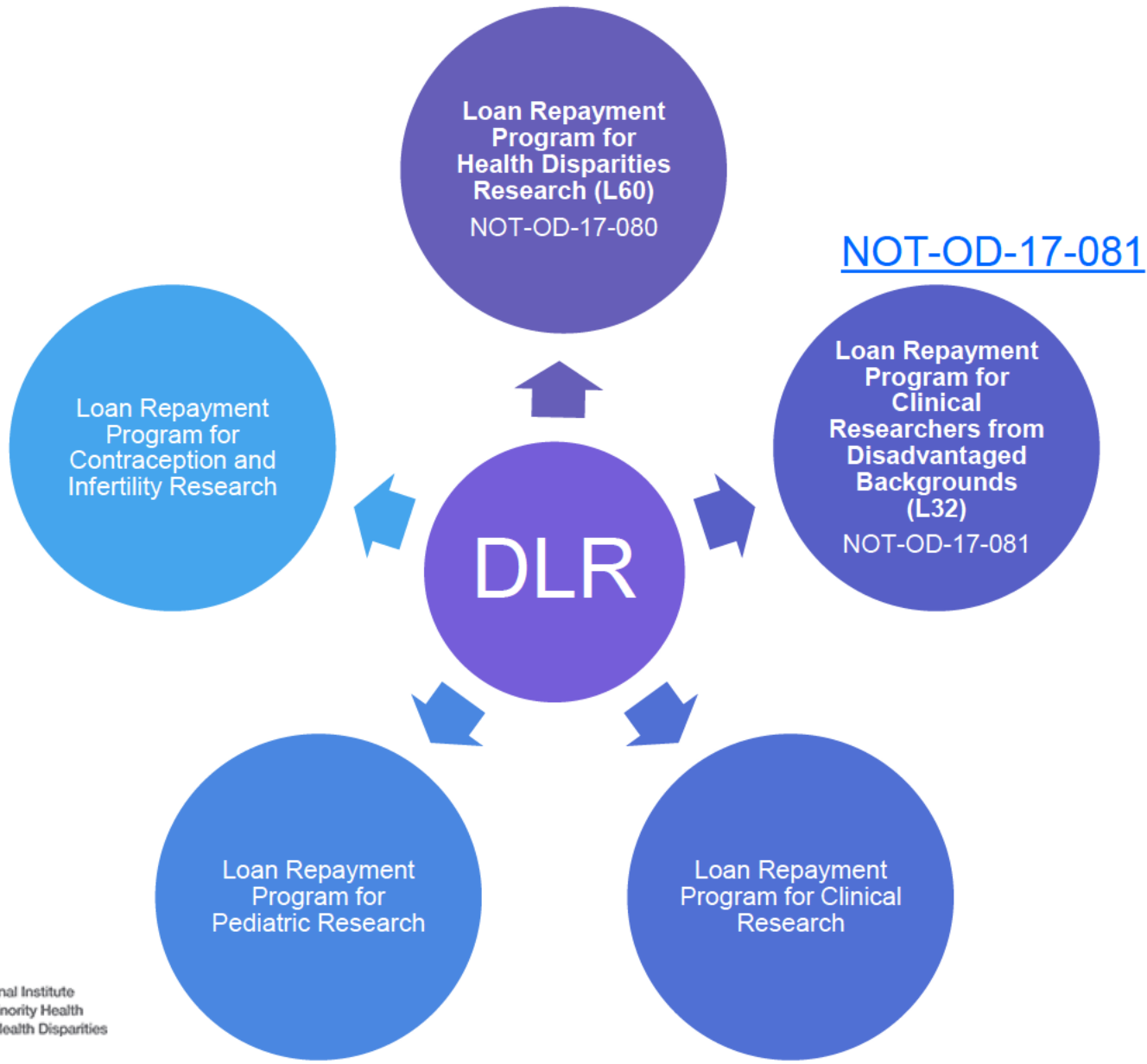
To accomplish this, NIMHD:

- Plans, reviews, coordinates, and evaluates all minority health and health disparities research and activities of the National Institutes of Health
- Conducts and supports research in minority health and health disparities
- Promotes and supports the training of a diverse research workforce
- Translates and disseminates research information
- Fosters innovative collaborations and partnerships



NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Programs

[NOT-OD-17-080](#)



NIMHD Loan Repayment Program Purpose

NIH
funded
research
career

- **L32:** Health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds
- **L60:** Research focus on minority health disparities or other health disparity issues



OVERALL PURPOSE:
recruit and retain health
professionals as
research investigators
to careers in research



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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.
- The following populations have been designated as 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.



Quick Links to References

FAQs

- DLR FAQs <https://www.lrp.nih.gov/faqs>
- NIMHD FAQs

NOTICES

- Health Disparities Research (L60) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-080.html>
- Clinical Research for Disadvantaged Backgrounds (L32) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-081.html>

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- <https://www.lrp.nih.gov/>



Application Process Timeline

September 1 – November 15: Application Cycle

November 15, 8 p.m. ET: Application Deadline

February – May: Application Peer Review

May: Initial Selection Begins

May – July: Financial Vetting

Late Summer: Final Funding Decisions and Recipient Notification

August – September: Contract Signing

November: First Payment to Lender



Apply online by 8.p.m. ET on November 15 at <http://www.lrp.nih.gov>

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The LRP Application Cycle is open!
Click here to start your application

APPLY AWARD RENEW

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



Important Updates to the 2018 LRP Application Cycle

COMMONS ID

A Commons ID is required to submit an LRP Application

If you do not have an Commons ID: it can take up to 6 weeks to obtain one.

If you have a Commons ID: ensure that your password is valid before starting your NIH LRP Application.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

An interface to affix your electronic signature to the LRP Contract and the Certifications for Online Applications has been implemented – it is no longer necessary to print, sign, and return these documents.

RESEARCH DOCUMENTS (Mentored Applicants Only)

Mentors are not required to review submitted research documents in the Mentor's Portal area – the NIH LRPs expects that your Mentor is knowledgeable enough about the final submitted documents to certify these items without reviewing a copy in the portal area.

REFERENCE LETTERS

All applicants must obtain a minimum of three references letters, but no more than five will be accepted.

The NIH LRPs will **no longer** contact your referees/recommenders to obtain reference letters.

Applicants are now required to contact their recommenders and request that letters are submitted on their behalf.

Detailed in instructions on this process will be sent to you by email and are available in the 2018 Instruction Guide (available on the LRP website at www.lrp.nih.gov)

PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP

Applicants are no longer required to send proof of U.S. Citizenship to DLR

Your Institution's Business Official will certify your US Citizenship using employment records, such as an I-9 form.



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Component Parts of the LRP Application

Application Status Personal Information Employment and Affiliation Education and Training Research Information Colleague Information Loan Information Funding Information Eligibility Certify & Submit

You are Applying for: Intramural Extramural Award Type: New Renewal I am a Mentored Research Scientist

LRP: Health Disparities Research Award Length: One Year Two Year Three Year I am an Independent Investigator

UPDATE CANCEL



Eligibility

- Chose Award Type (New or Renewal)
- Chose LRP Type (*Extramural*)
- Chose LRP Program (Clinical Research LRP – Disadvantaged Backgrounds/Health Disparities LRP)
- Respond to Eligibility Questions

Application Status

- Conveys important information about the status of your application
- Provides a means to track your recommenders and other submissions

Personal Information

- Contact information such as address, phone number and email
- Commons ID
- Race and Ethnicity Information

Employment and Affiliation

- Your place of employment (domestic, non-profit research center)
- Your academic affiliation (if applicable)



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UPDATE **CANCEL**



Education and Training

- Your qualifying Degree (M.D., Ph.D. or other Doctoral Degree)
- Residency Information (if applicable)
- Post Doctoral Fellowship Information (if applicable)

Research Information

- Research Project/Activities
- Research Accomplishments (renewal applications only)
- Career Development Plan/Training and Mentoring Plan
- Research Environment
- NIH Biosketch
- Personal Statement

Colleague Information

- Research Supervisor contact information
- Mentor's contact information (mentored applicants only)
- Institutional Business Official contact information

Loan Information (New Applicants Only)

- Student Loan Balance
- Account Numbers
- Servicing Agents



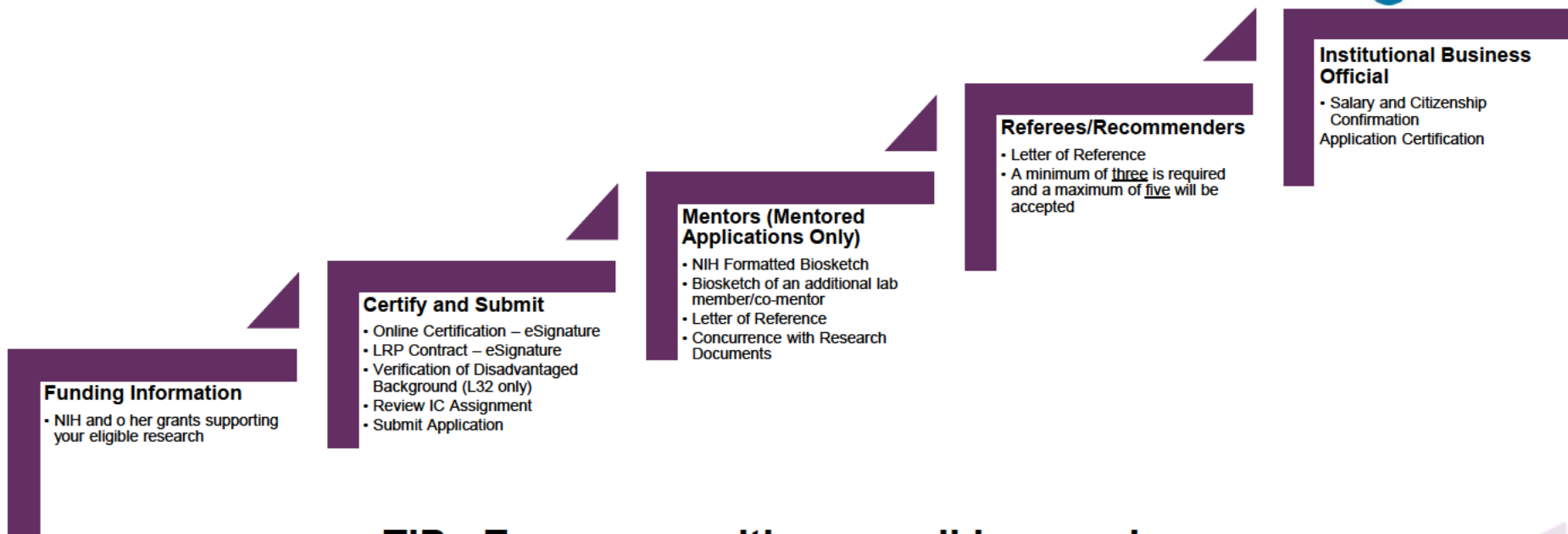
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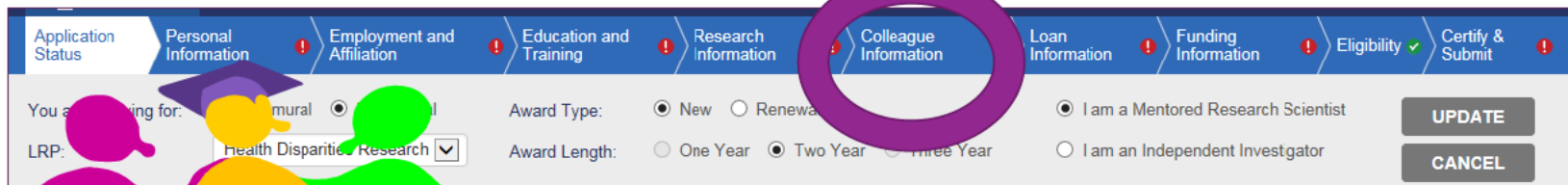


TIP: Ensure a positive overall impression

http://www.lrp.nih.gov/pdf/0310_1_application_tips.pdf



Colleague Submitted Information



Application Status | Personal Information | Employment and Affiliation | Education and Training | **Colleague Information** | Loan Information | Funding Information | Eligibility | Certify & Submit

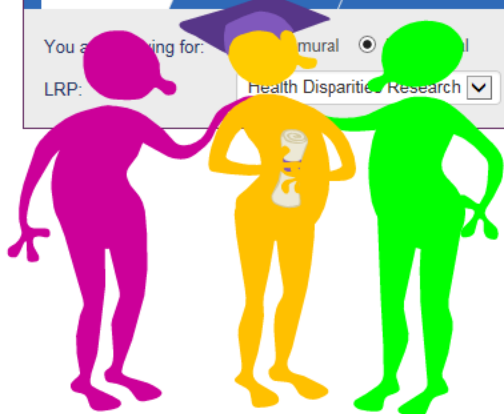
You are applying for: General Health Disparities Research

Award Type: New Renewal

Award Length: One Year Two Year Three Year

I am a Mentored Research Scientist I am an Independent Investigator

UPDATE
CANCEL



Referees/Recommenders

- Letter of Reference
- A minimum of three is required and a maximum of five will be accepted

Mentors (Mentored Applications Only)

- NIH Formatted Biosketch
- Biosketch of an additional lab member/co-mentor
- Letter of Reference
- Concurrence with Research Documents

Institutional Business Official

- Salary and Citizenship Confirmation
- Application Certification

Complete Application



Eligibility and Qualifying Loans

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Basic Extramural LRP Eligibility Criteria



Citizenship

U.S. Citizen or permanent resident



Doctoral Degree

M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent
Exception: Contraception & Infertility Research LRP



Loan Debt Amount*

At least 20% of applicant's base salary. **No cap on the amount owed.**



Research Funding

Domestic, nonprofit research funding. **NIH grant support NOT required.**



Research Time

At least 20 hours/week at a domestic nonprofit institution.



*For first

Loan Repayment Program Eligibility

Individuals are not eligible for the NIH LRPs if they:

- Have a Federal judgment lien against their property arising from a Federal debt
- Are a full-time Federal government employee or VA Fellow
- Owe an obligation of health professional service to the Federal government, a state, or other entity, unless deferrals are granted for the length of their LRP service obligation
 - *NRSA T32, T90 and F32 awardees are eligible. NIH grants a deferral of the NRSA service obligation.*



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Loan Repayment Program, Additional Eligibility Requirement for L32

An Individual from disadvantaged background means an individual who:

(1) comes from an environment that inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill and ability required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school; or

(2) comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and adjusted by the Secretary for use in all health professions programs. The Secretary periodically publishes these [income levels in the *Federal Register*](#).



Loan Repayment Program

Qualifying Loans (1)

NIH will repay:

- Educational loans guaranteed by the U.S. Government
- Educational loans from accredited U.S. academic institutions and commercial lenders

NIH will not repay:

- Non-education loans (e.g., home equity loans)
- Loans consolidated with another individual (e.g., spouse or child)
- PLUS loans to parents

EXCEPTION: PLUS loans disbursed to graduate and professional students on or after July 1, 2006, qualify for LRP repayment

- Loans that have been converted to a service obligation
- Delinquent loans, loans in default, or loans not current in repayment
- Non-US based loans (i.e.; Loans from another country)



Loan Repayment Program

Qualifying Loans (2)

Most student loans qualify:

- NIH prioritizes the order in which loans are paid, giving priority to DHHS loans and Federal Loans first. If the debt on government loans is paid down, the NIH will then repay institutional loans. Private Loans have the lowest priority rating (click [here](#) to find more information on prioritization).
- NIH issues payments directly to lenders (*not awardees*) on a quarterly basis.



Loan Repayment Program Consolidated Loans

The LRP will repay Consolidated Loans, provided all loans in the Consolidation are eligible for repayment.

- You can consolidate your loans from undergraduate, graduate/medical degree training
- You can not consolidate your loans with loans held by another person
- You can not consolidate your student loans with non- educational loans.



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Responsiveness of Application

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NIMHD Loan Repayment Program Purpose

L32

Clinical
Research for
Individuals from
Disadvantaged
Backgrounds

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

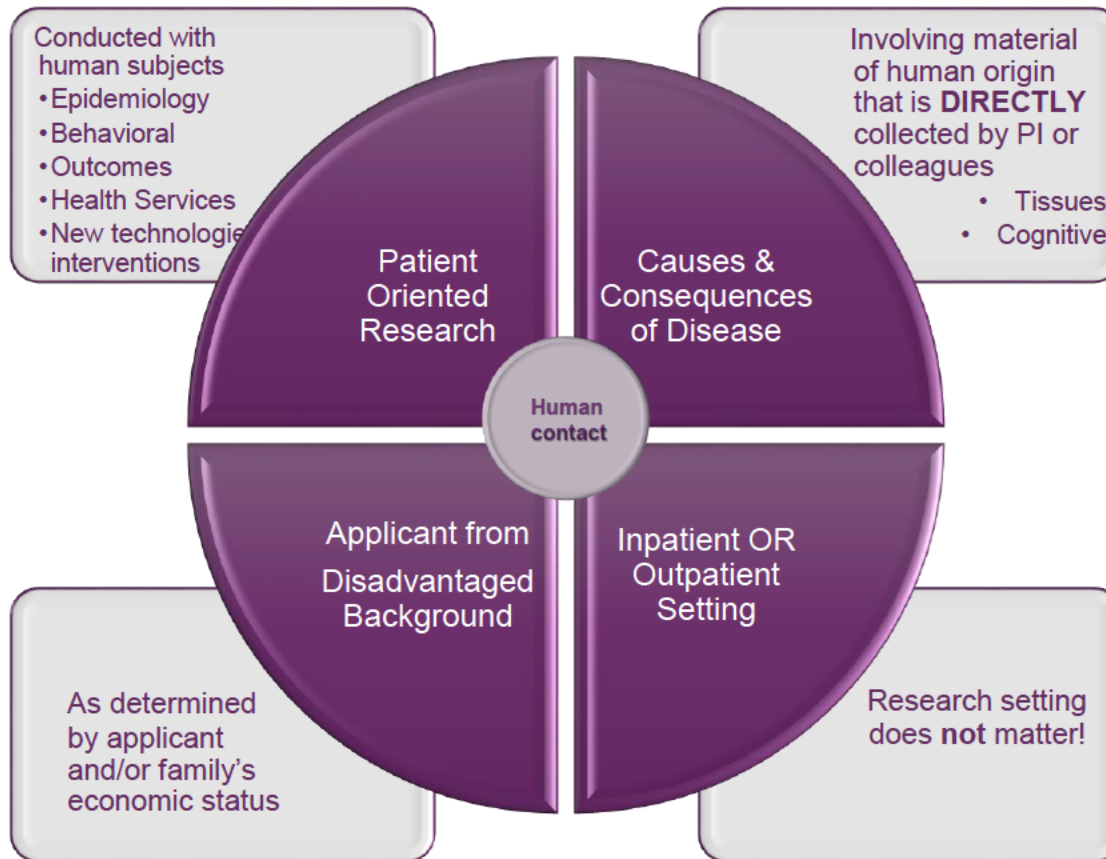
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NIH Definition of Clinical Research



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L60

Minority Health or Health Disparities

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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LRP Review Process

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Peer Review at NIMHD

Submission to DLR (1 Sep to 15 Nov)



To CSR to get an application number



To NIMHD for review (Dec)



The application is reviewed by two scientists (Feb-May)



Score is released to program officer and DLR Staff. (Mid May)



How are NIH LRP applications evaluated?

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

Strength of the reference letters (recommendations) attesting to the applicant's potential for a successful career in research



Appropriateness of the applicant's previous training and experience to prepare for a research career



Commitment to a research career, as reflected by the personal statement of long-term career goals and plan to achieve those goals

Appropriateness of the proposed research activities during the LRP award period to foster a career in research



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



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



Weakening an applicant's competitiveness.

Weak or lukewarm letters of recommendation



Questionable *research commitment*



Mediocre **research plan**, such as unclear or incremental goals



Rushed application (**grantsmanship**).



Inadequate **research environment**



Very modest **publication** record without explanation



How are NIH LRP applications evaluated?

How are results of LRP peer review communicated?

Scores are not released to applicants

Call the Program Staff for feedback (late July)



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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 15, 2018
For feedback after review is completed—
late July, 2018 or later
- **Scientific Review Officer**
To address issues once the application
has been submitted—November 16, 2017
–May 1, 2018



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