



## NIH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

### ***Participants Receive Up to \$35,000 Annually to Repay Student Loans***

***New Application Deadline is November 15, 2010***

The 2011 application cycle for the National Institutes of Health's Loan Repayment Programs is now open, and applications can be found online at [www.lrp.nih.gov](http://www.lrp.nih.gov). The LRPs repay the outstanding student loans of researchers who are or will be conducting nonprofit biomedical or behavioral research, and opportunities are available in five research areas – clinical, pediatric, health disparities, contraception and infertility and clinical research for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. **Applications will be accepted until 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 15, 2010.**

***Please share this e-mail with researchers in your organization who may benefit from this career-enhancing opportunity.***

**BENEFITS:** New LRP contracts are awarded for a two-year period and repay up to \$35,000 of qualified educational debt annually. Tax offsets also are provided as an additional benefit. Participants may apply for competitive renewals, which are issued for one or two years. Undergraduate, graduate, medical school, and other health professional school loans qualify for repayment. *An NIH grant or other NIH funding is not required to apply for or participate in the LRPs.*

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must possess a doctoral-level degree (with the exception of the contraception and infertility research LRP); be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident; devote 20 hours or more per week to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit, university or government entity; and have qualified educational loan debt equal to or exceeding 20 percent of their institutional base salary.

**AWARDS:** Each year, nearly 1,600 research scientists benefit from the more than \$70 million NIH invests in their careers through the extramural LRPs. Twenty-six percent of awards are made to individuals within one to five years of receiving their doctoral degree. More than 75 percent of awards go to individuals within 10 years of receiving their doctoral degree. Approximately 40 percent of new applications and 70 percent of renewal applications are funded.

For guidance on the application process and NIH Institute and Center (IC) research priorities, potential applicants should review "Tips for Completing a Competitive Application" at [http://www.lrp.nih.gov/pdf/0310\\_1\\_application\\_tips.pdf](http://www.lrp.nih.gov/pdf/0310_1_application_tips.pdf) and contact an IC LRP liaison. The list of ICs and their liaisons can be found at [http://www.lrp.nih.gov/contact\\_us/contact\\_list.aspx](http://www.lrp.nih.gov/contact_us/contact_list.aspx)

**QUESTIONS?** Visit the LRP website at [www.lrp.nih.gov](http://www.lrp.nih.gov) for more information and to access the online application. For additional assistance, call or e-mail the LRP Information Center at (866) 849-4047 or [lrp@nih.gov](mailto:lrp@nih.gov). Also, receive application cycle updates through Twitter @NIH\_LRP or [www.twitter.com/NIH\\_LRP](http://www.twitter.com/NIH_LRP).