Starting September 1, 2021, NIH is accepting applications for its five Loan Repayment Programs. The NIH Deadline is November 18, 2021.

National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) can repay up to $50,000 a year of qualified student loan debt per year, including most undergraduate, graduate, and medical school loans for health professionals pursuing careers in clinical, pediatric, contraception and infertility, or health disparities research, for clinical researchers from disadvantaged backgrounds and Research in Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health (REACH).

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

* Possess a doctoral degree (e.g. M.D., Ph.D.). (Some exceptions may apply. Refer to program specific information.)
* Conduct qualifying research supported by a domestic non-profit foundation (e.g., universities), non-profit professional association, or other non-profit institution
* Educational loan debt equal to at least 20% of your institutional base salary
* Conduct research for an average of 20 hours per week
* U.S. Citizen, U.S. nationals, or permanent resident

Note: Recipients of a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) support from an individual postdoctoral fellowship (F32) or an institutional research training grant (T32) are eligible for loan repayment. There is an NRSA service payback period during the second year of NRSA support and concurrent fulfillment of LRP and NRSA service obligations is prohibited. Therefore, NRSA recipients must be granted a formal extension of the NRSA service payback (see <http://grants1.nih.gov/training/payback.htm>) in order to be eligible for LRP participation during their second year of NRSA support.

All applications for 2021 awards must be submitted by November 18, 2021, 7:00 PM CST.

For full program guidelines and application please visit <http://www.lrp.nih.gov>

These programs require electronic submission through NIH eRA Commons/ASSIST. Although submission to OSRS is not required, the applicant will be asked to list the NIH Commons ID of the Institutional Business Official (IBO) for the applicant organization. **Teri Medley is the IBO and** **MEDLEYT should be listed as the Commons ID**. It is **imperative** that you list MEDLEYT. Listing a different NIH Commons ID may add delays, or prohibit the processing of the LRP application.

After the applicant has submitted the electronic application, OSRS will receive an e-mail request from NIH to provide IBO certifications.

In order for OSRS to provide IBO certifications, the department must provide to OSRS a signed letter from the applicant's **Department Chairman** certifying this is information correct. Please use the template on the next page.

***Applicant and OSRS deadlines are the same!* The deadline for OSRS to provide certification is also November 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM CST. In order for our office to make this deadline, the online application must be submitted by the PI by November 16, 2021, 5:00 PM CST AND the Department Chairman’s letter must be received in OSRS by 5:00 PM CST, November 16, 2021.**

Please forward this information to those qualified individuals who may wish to apply. If you have any questions, please contact Teri Medley at researchgrants@wusm.wustl.edu.

Thank you,

Teri Medley, Director, Office of Sponsored Research Services

# **LETTER TEMPLATE**

# MM/DD/YYYY

Teri Medley

# Director, Office of Sponsored Research Services

Washington University

Ms. Medley:

I certify the following for applicant’s name:

* The applicant’s current institutional base salary/stipend is $XX,XXX.
* The applicant is, or will be, employed by Washington University.
* The applicant will not be a federal employee or fellow (including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) with a 5/8ths time or more appointment.
* The applicant will not be a for-profit employee.
* The applicant will not receive any salary or research funding support from a for-profit source during their LRP contract period, if awarded.
* The applicant will be engaged in research for an average of 20 hours per week (a total of 240 hours during a 12-week quarter or a total of 260 hours during a 13-week quarter).
* The applicant will be provided the necessary protected time and resources to engage in the research project for the period of the Loan Repayment Program award for (SELECT 1) one or two years from the date that the LRP contract is executed.
* The applicant’s research is not prohibited by Federal Law.
* I certify that the applicant is a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Permanent Resident of the U.S.

Thank you,

Chairman’s name

# Chairman, Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_