

Attachment 1: First Invitation Email

Dear Loan Repayment Program Participant,

You are invited to participate in the Loan Repayment Program: Renewal Eligible Process survey. This survey is being conducted by the Division of Loan Repayment's (DLR) Extramural Loan Repayment Program (LRP) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

This brief survey is being sent to the LRP's current participants who might have been eligible to submit a renewal application this past November, 2012 for the Fiscal Year 2013 funding cycle. There are 10 questions in the survey, and the questions focus on your experiences in the LRP and your decision not to submit a renewal application at this time. Following the instructions and answering the questions should take approximately 5 minutes of your time. Information from the survey will be used to guide program improvements and to support future program goals.

Please click on the following link to complete this confidential online survey:

[Link]

Your participation in this study is voluntary and your responses will be secure to the extent permitted by law. Your decision to participate in the survey and your responses cannot be linked to your name or other identifying information at DLR. Any decision you make regarding completing the survey will not affect your current or future eligibility to participate in the LRP. Your frank and open responses will help us improve the program, and we encourage you to be candid about your experiences.

If you have questions about the survey or have difficulty completing it, please contact Dr. Mattia by replying to this email. If you have any questions about the LRP or your eligibility to participate in program, you can contact the LRP Information Center at http://www.lrp.nih.gov/contact_us/index.aspx.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in the study. We request that you complete the survey by DATE [1 week].

Regards,

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