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* 1. This survey is voluntary and asks for opinions only about your experience with the NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRP) Application Process. Please check "Continue" below to start the survey or close your browser if you do not want to participate in this survey.

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* 2. Please choose the category that best describes you.

- You are a first time LRP applicant and have never received an award
- You applied to the LRP before but never received an award
- You have received at least one LRP award

* 3. To which LRP did you apply?

- Clinical Research
- Pediatric Research
- Contraception and Infertility Research
- Health Disparities Research
- Clinical Research for Researchers from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

4. Aside from the need to reduce your debt, how important were the following factors in your decision to apply to the LRP?

	Not at All Important	Somewhat Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	N/A
Encouragement from a mentor/supervisor:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Colleague had a good experience with the LRP:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helpful interaction(s) with staff from the LRP Information Center (phone or email):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helpful interaction(s) with an LRP Liaison or Program Officer at one of the NIH Institutes or Centers:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helpful information on the LRP website:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouragement or helpful information from an LRP Ambassador:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Success stories on the LRP website:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarity of the LRP website (e.g., eligibility or application requirements were easy to determine):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify):

5. Please rate the following elements of the LRP website regarding how easy the information was to find.

	Not at all easy	Somewhat easy	Moderately easy	Very easy	Extremely easy	No opinion / NA / Don't Remember
Definitions of the LRPs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eligibility requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Steps to application review after submission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Key dates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Which application components you needed to prepare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Repayment calculations of amount of loan repayment you might receive if you received an award	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Definitions of important terms like "mentored Scientist," "debt-to-income ration," "Institutional Business Official," etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research commitment requirement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loan eligibility information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information about creating and using a password for the LRP online application system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information about important first steps before starting an online application	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Please rate the following elements of the LRP website regarding how easy the information was to understand.

	Not at all easy	Somewhat easy	Moderately easy	Very easy	Extremely easy	No opinion / NA / Don't Remember
Definitions of the LRPs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eligibility requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Steps to application review after submission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Key dates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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7. Some LRP applicants experienced technical problems during the application period. Please indicate below if you experienced any of these problems. [Choose all that apply]

- Finding or clicking the upload button for files like the research plan, etc.
- Getting the upload button for files to work
- Referee/Recommender/IBO/Mentor contact information couldn't be added easily
- NIH systems not validating the Commons ID you entered
- Unable to see the Application Status page
- Your local internet provider blocked some NIH URLs, including the LRP OAS
- There was a delay in sending automated emails to a Referee/Recommender
- The Send Again button for automated emails to go to a Referee/Recommender or IBO didn't work
- The Submit Application button wasn't available while logged in with your open ID (i.e., not Commons ID)
- Unable to change your application/award type or program via the checkbox banner at the top of the application
- Other (please specify):

8. Overall, how easy was it to use the LRP website?

	Not at All Easy	Somewhat Easy	Moderately Easy	Very Easy	Extremely Easy	No opinion / NA/ Don't Remember
Overall experience:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. What were the best aspects of the LRP website?

1st	<input type="text"/>
2nd	<input type="text"/>
3rd	<input type="text"/>

10. What specific things could be improved about the LRP website?

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2nd	<input type="text"/>
3rd	<input type="text"/>

11. Do you know someone who was thinking about applying to one of the LRPs during the Sept.-Nov., 2016 application cycle (for FY 2017 awards) but didn't?

- No
 Yes

* 12. To the best of your knowledge, why didn't they apply?[Choose all that apply]

- You don't really know
- They didn't know that the LRP offered additional (i.e., renewal awards) after the first one
- They weren't certain that they might be eligible, and never found out one way or another
- They were *certain* that they weren't eligible
- Timing - they were going out on the job market and therefore didn't know where they would be next year or the year after
- They meant to but time got away from them and the application period closed
- They felt submitting an application for an LRP renewal award was not a good use of their time
- Their current research position was being terminated and they *could not* line up another research position in time
- Their current research position was being terminated and they *did not want* to get another research position
- They decided to change job or career path to something that was not research-intensive or research-related
- They were participating in another loan payment or forgiveness program and *no longer needed* the financial help of the LRP
- Their debt was completely repaid by another means
- Other:

13. What is that other loan payment or forgiveness program?[Choose all that apply]

- You don't really know
- Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program
- Federal Income-Based Repayment (IBR) Program
- Federal Clinician's Use (CU) Program
- State Public Service Payback
- Other (please specify):