



NIH Loan Repayment Programs

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LRP Overview

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General Overview of LRPs



About the LRPs

NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a **vital component** in our nation's effort to keep health professionals in research careers

Here's how it works:

YOU: Commit to perform research for 2 years



NIH: Repays up to **\$35,000/year** of your qualified educational debt and covers resulting Federal taxes (39%)



Outcome: Increase in nation's stock of biomedical research scientists



Description of LRPs



5 Extramural NIH LRPs:

For individuals conducting research at non-profit Institutions

Clinical Research

- Patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects or materials of human origin (including cognitive phenomenon) on the causes and consequences of disease in humans

Pediatric Research

- Research related to diseases or disorders in children
- Basic research allowed

Contraception & Infertility Research

- Research focusing on conditions impacting ability to conceive or bear children
- Applications reviewed by *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* NICHD

Health Disparities Research

- Research focusing on minority and other health disparity populations
- Basic, clinical, social and behavioral research allowed
- Applications reviewed by NIMHD

Clinical Research DB

- Same as Clinical Research LRP
- Available to clinical researchers from verifiable disadvantaged backgrounds
- Reviewed by NIMHD

Basic Eligibility and Qualifying Loans



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Basic LRP Eligibility Criteria

Extramural



Doctoral Degree

M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent

Exception: Contraception & Infertility Research LRP



Research Funding

Domestic nonprofit, university, or government organization; **NIH grant support NOT required**



Citizenship

U.S. Citizen or permanent resident



Educational Loan Debt

At least 20% of applicant's annual income



Research Time

At least 20 hours/week



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Qualifying Loans

NIH WILL Repay:

- Educational loans backed by the U.S. government
- Educational loans from accredited U.S. academic institutions and commercial lenders

NIH Will NOT Repay:

- Non-educational loans (e.g. home equity loans)
- PLUS loans to parents
 - EXCEPTION: PLUS loans disbursed to graduate and professional students on or after July 1, 2006, qualify for LRP repayment
- Loans from non-US governments or institutions
- Loans converted to a service obligation, delinquent or in default
- Loans consolidated with another individual (e.g. spouse or child)
- Loans of full-time Federal government employees or VA Fellows

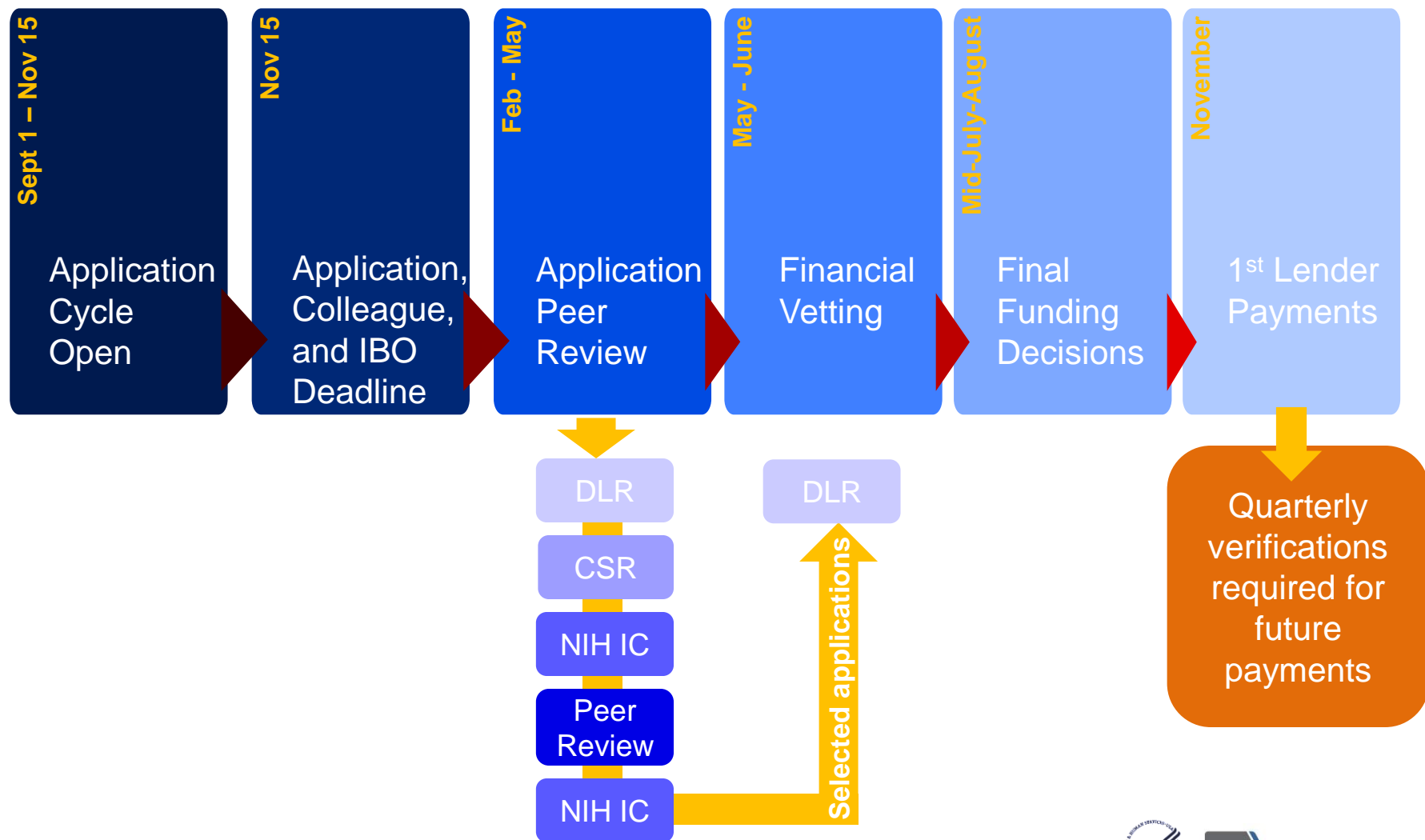


The Application and Review Process



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Extramural LRP Application Cycle Timeline



Important LRP Application Components

You will need to submit the following information within the Research tab of the online application

- Biosketch
- Personal Statement
- Training/Mentoring Plan or Career Development Plan
- Research Activities
- Research Environment
- Research Accomplishments (Renewal Applicants Only)
- Loan Information



The Application – Major Sections

- **Biosketch**
- **Personal Information and Employment**
 - Contact information; citizenship; employing organization and title
- **Research Activities**
 - **Personal Statement** – include previous research training experience, how you developed your scientific interests, background and accomplishments; short and long-term career goals
 - **Training/Career Development Plan** – What skills, etc do you need to acquire along your path to independent researcher (e.g., training and professional development opportunities; grantmanship workshops, conference attendance, etc) – *include timelines*
 - **Proposed Research Plans** – Describe planned research activities, specific roles/responsibilities over next 2 years – *include timelines*
- **Research Environment**
- **Loan Information (*new applicants only*)**
 - Lender and servicer information, loan number, total loan amounts, loan status (e.g., in repayment/forbearance)



What Are Reviewers Looking For?

Reviewers evaluate applicant's ***potential to succeed*** in a research career by rating:

- Applicant's **previous training and research experience**
- Applicant's **commitment to a research** career
- **Strength and quality** of letters of recommendation
- Quality and appropriateness of the **research environment**
- Research progress (*for Renewal applications only*)



Tips for Writing a Competitive LRP Application

These tips will help you strengthen your application.

- Know the funding priorities of the NIH Institute or Center that will review your application
- Effectively demonstrate your qualifications and commitment to research.
- Describe resources and support thoroughly.
- Write a strong research plan.
- Provide strong letters of recommendation.

***To download this complete document, visit <http://www.lrp.nih.gov/writing-lrp-application>*



Get Ahead of the Curve, Start Now!

1. Contact your lender to get specific loan information (including account numbers and amounts owed)
2. Read LRP website and published notices and determine which NIH LRP is the right one for you
3. Talk to your mentor and potential recommender about your interest in applying for the NIH Loan Repayment Program
4. Talk to an NIH LRP Program Officer/Liaison
5. Make sure you have an eRA Commons ID

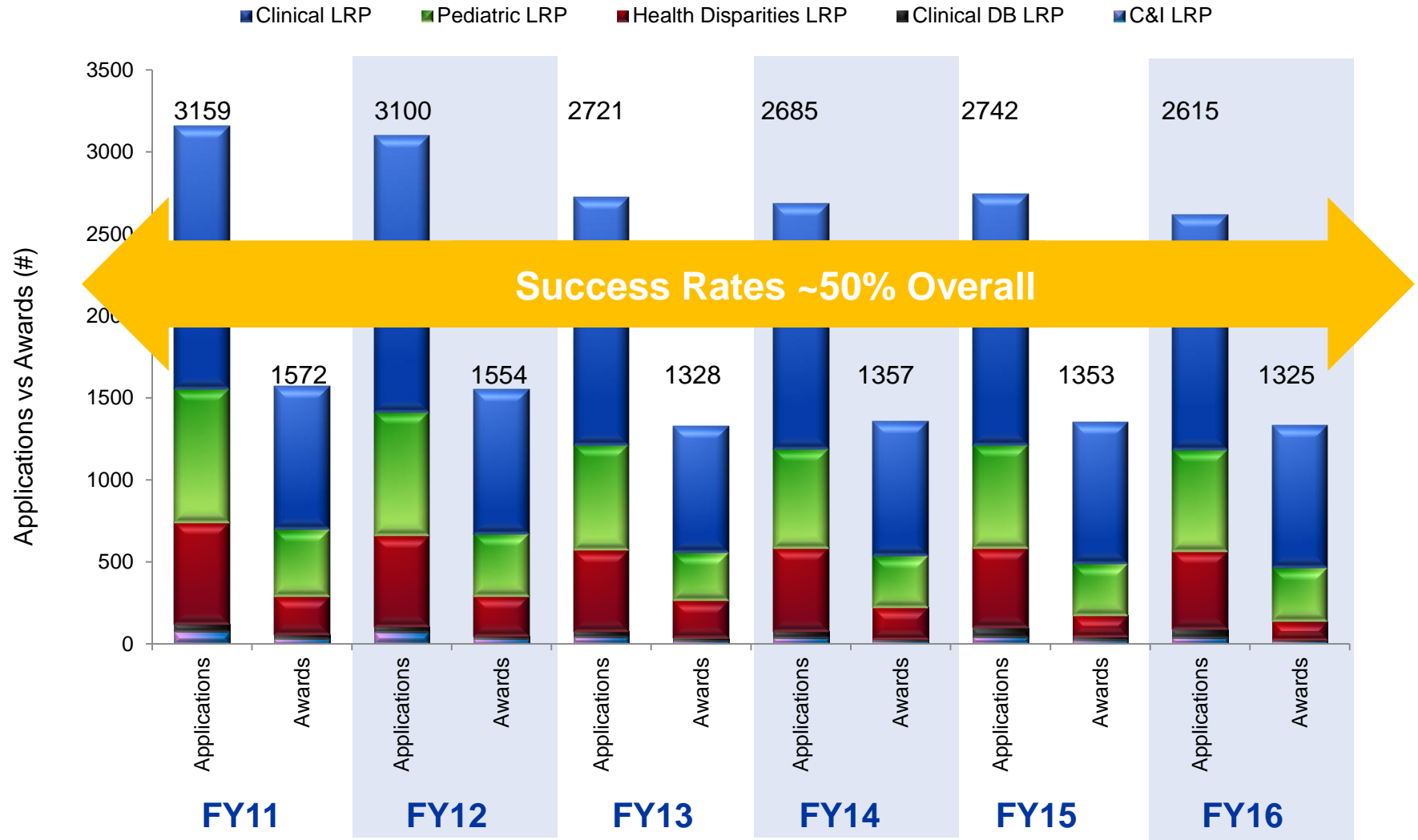
****Deadline = November 16th!**



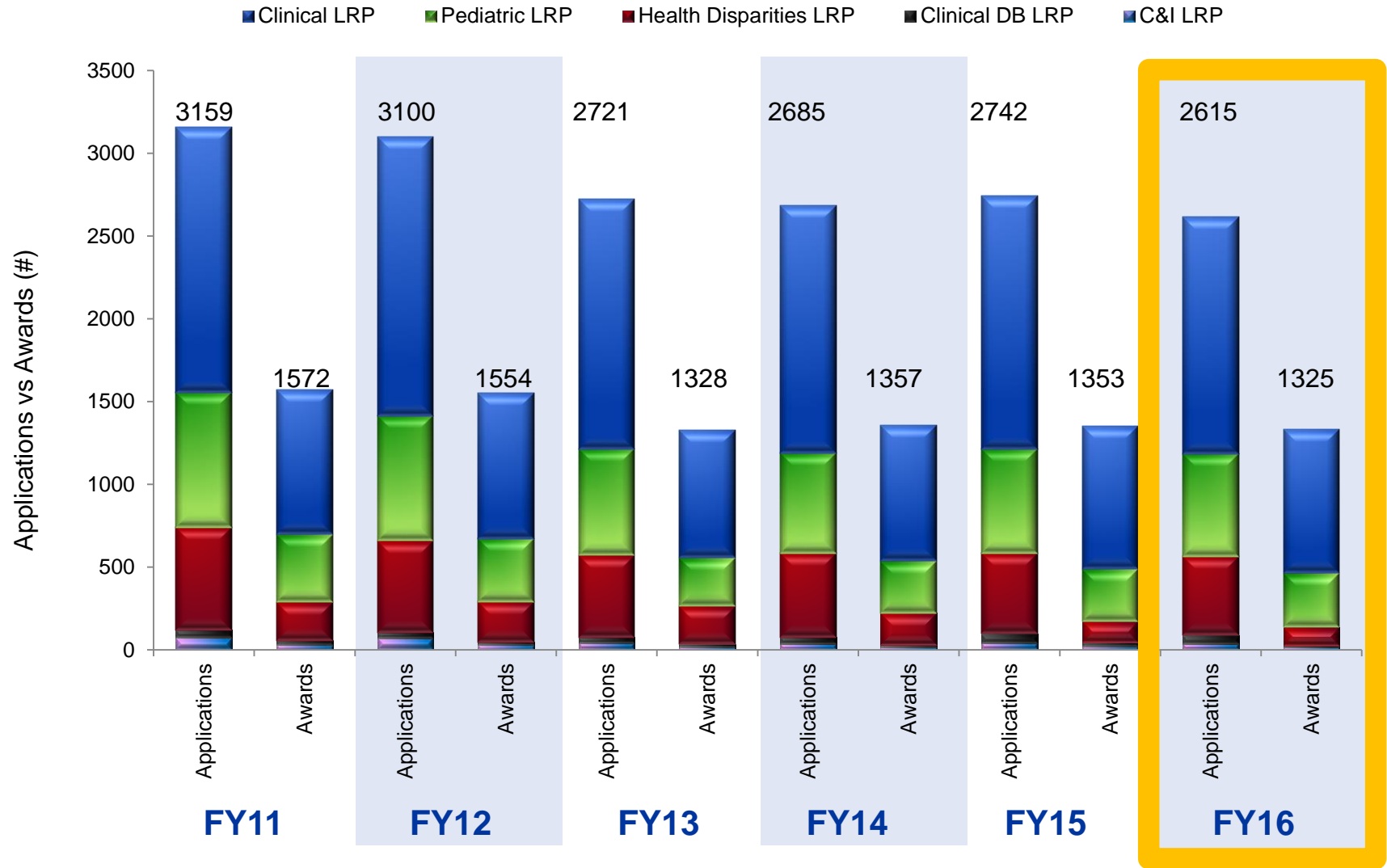
LRP Success Rates



NIH LRP Applications & Awards, FY11-16



NIH LRP Applications & Awards, FY11-16



2015 Application Profile



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LRP Applications & Awards, FY2016

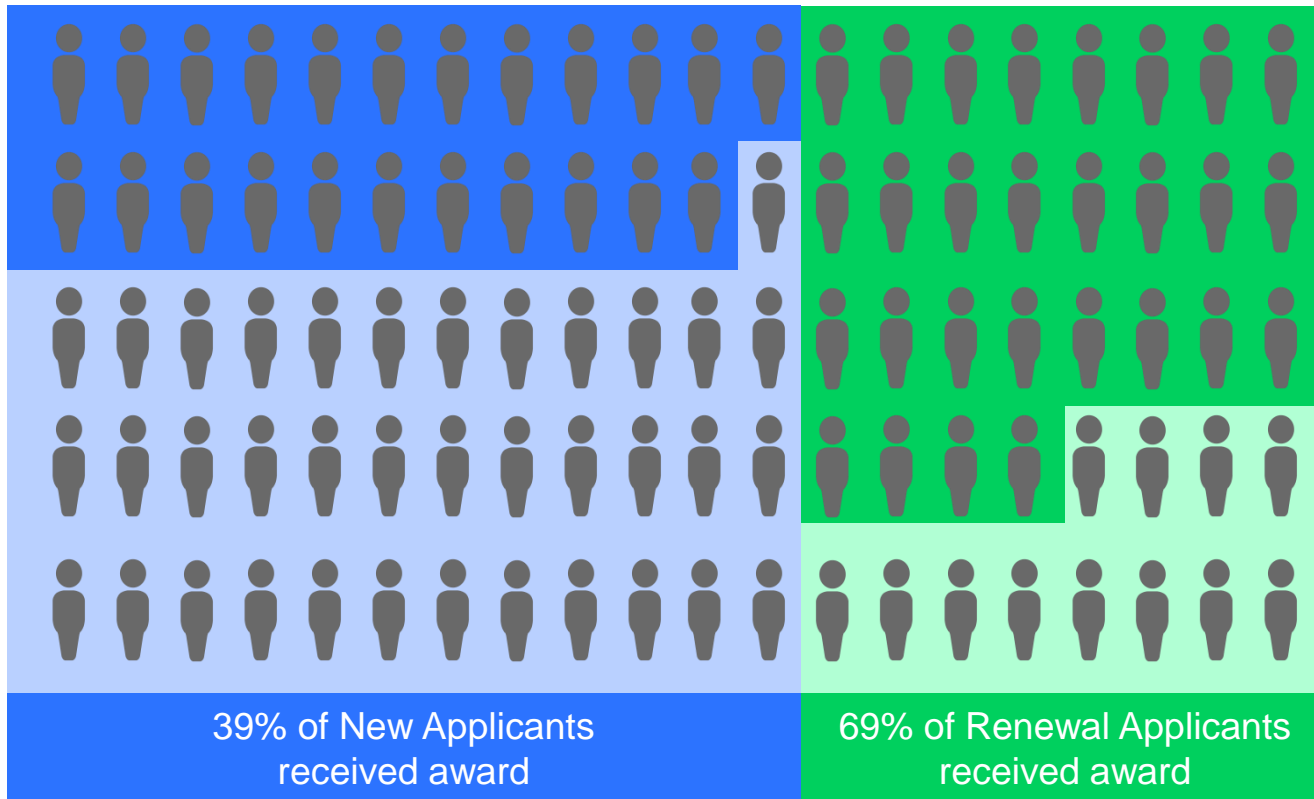
2,615 Total Applications

1,325 Awards

\$68,983,492

New Applications
1,578 (60%)

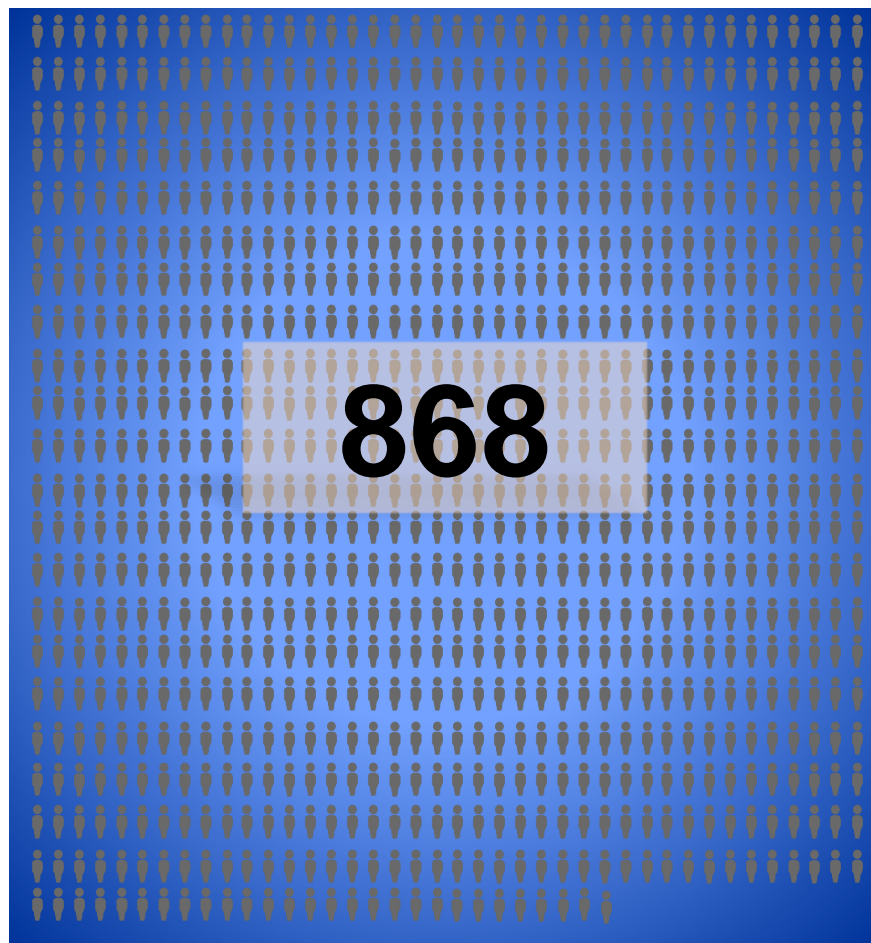
Renewal Applications
1,037 (40%)



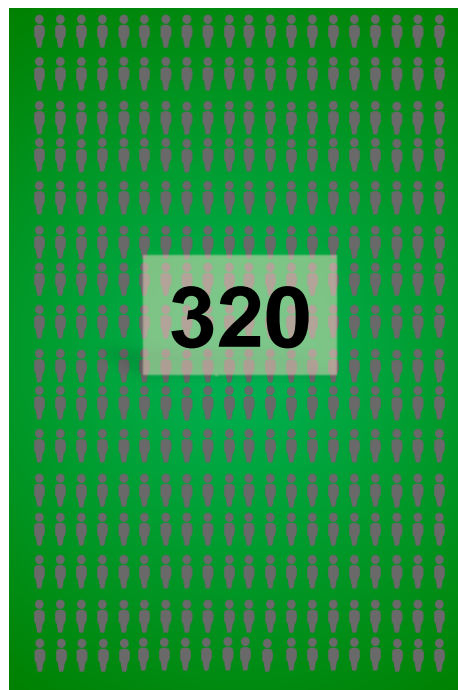
FY 2016 LRP Awards, by Program

1,325 Total Awards

Clinical



Pediatric



Health Disparities



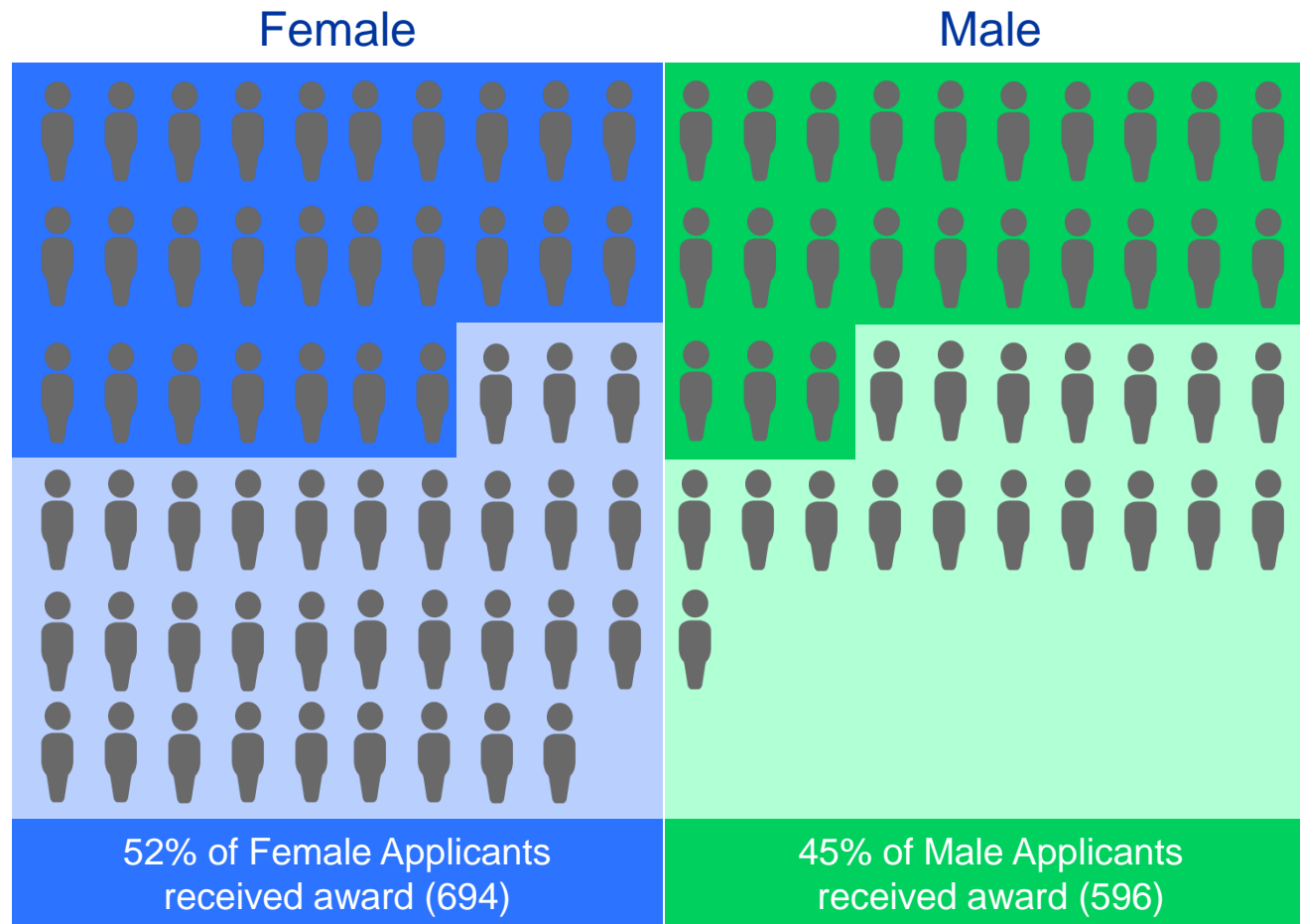
Clinical – Disadvantaged



Contraception & Infertility



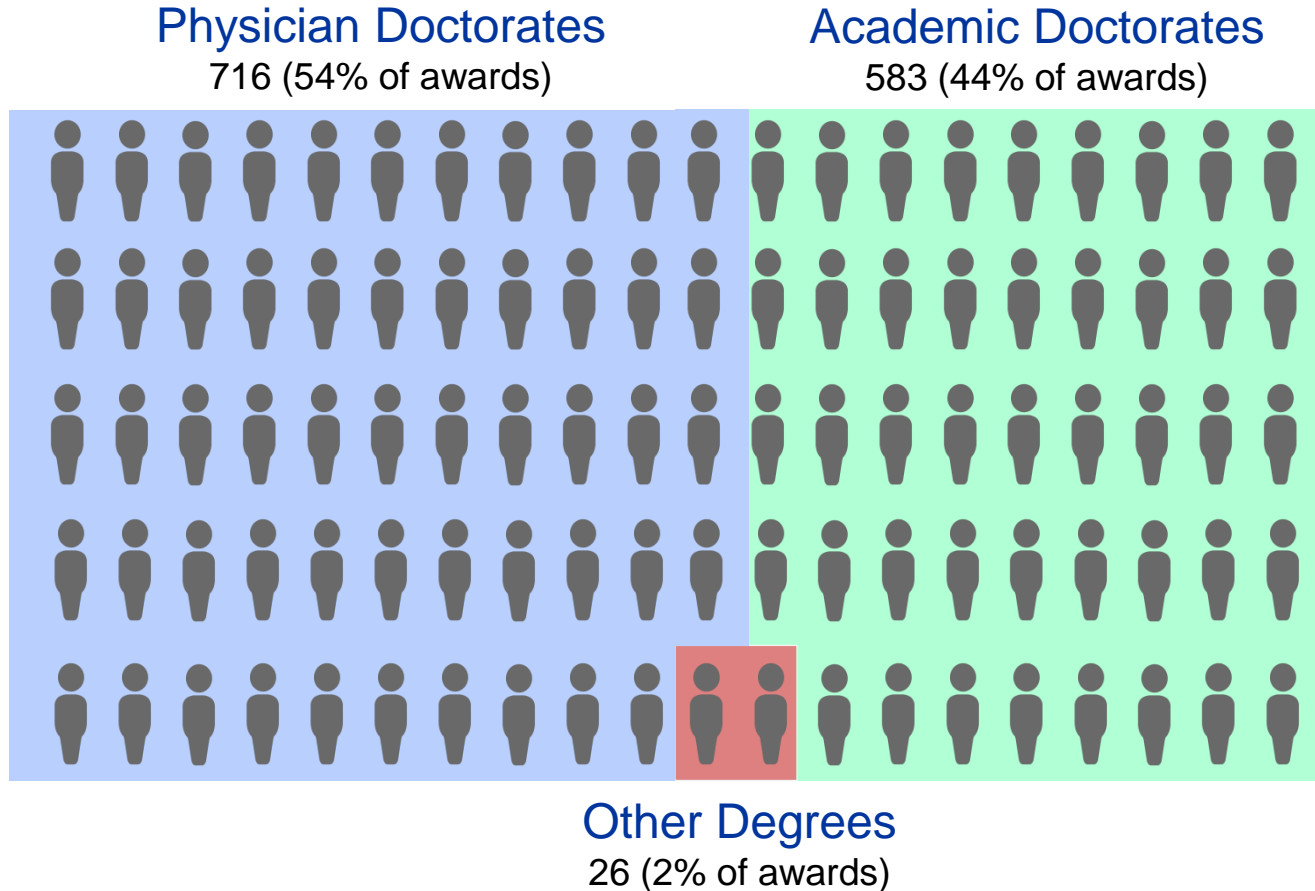
FY 2016 LRP Applications & Awards, by Gender



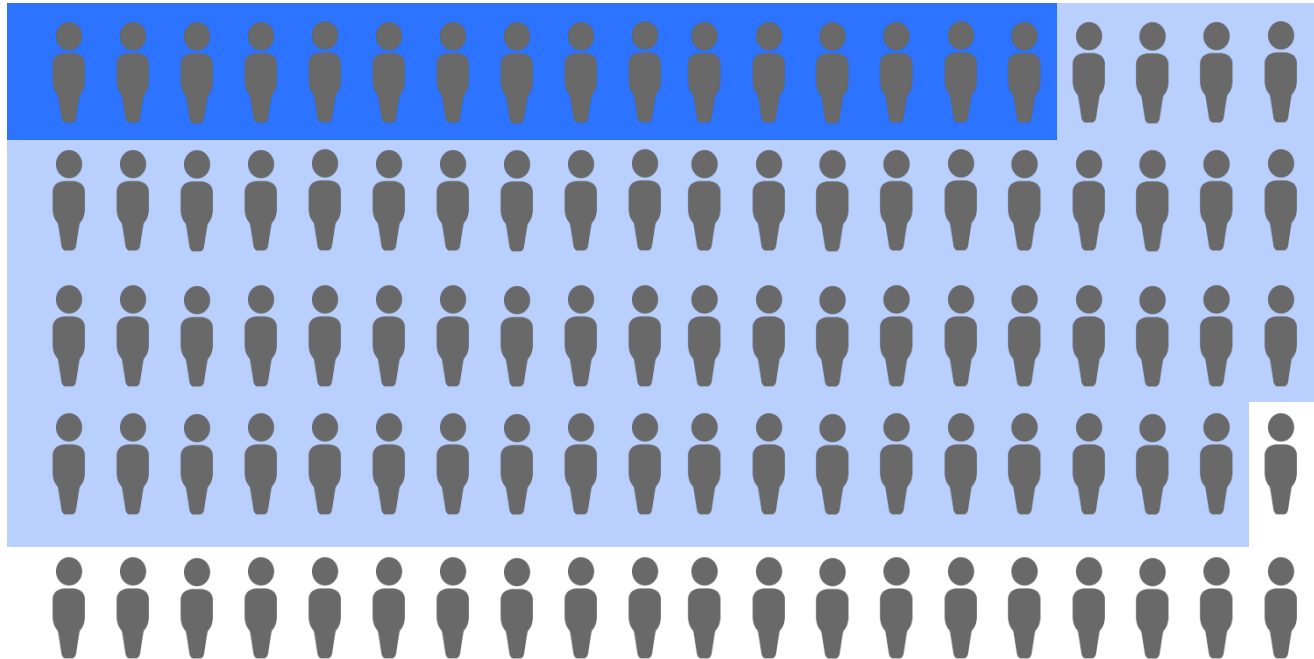
*37 applicants included no gender



FY 2016 LRP Awards, by Degree Type



Educational Debt Level, New Awardees



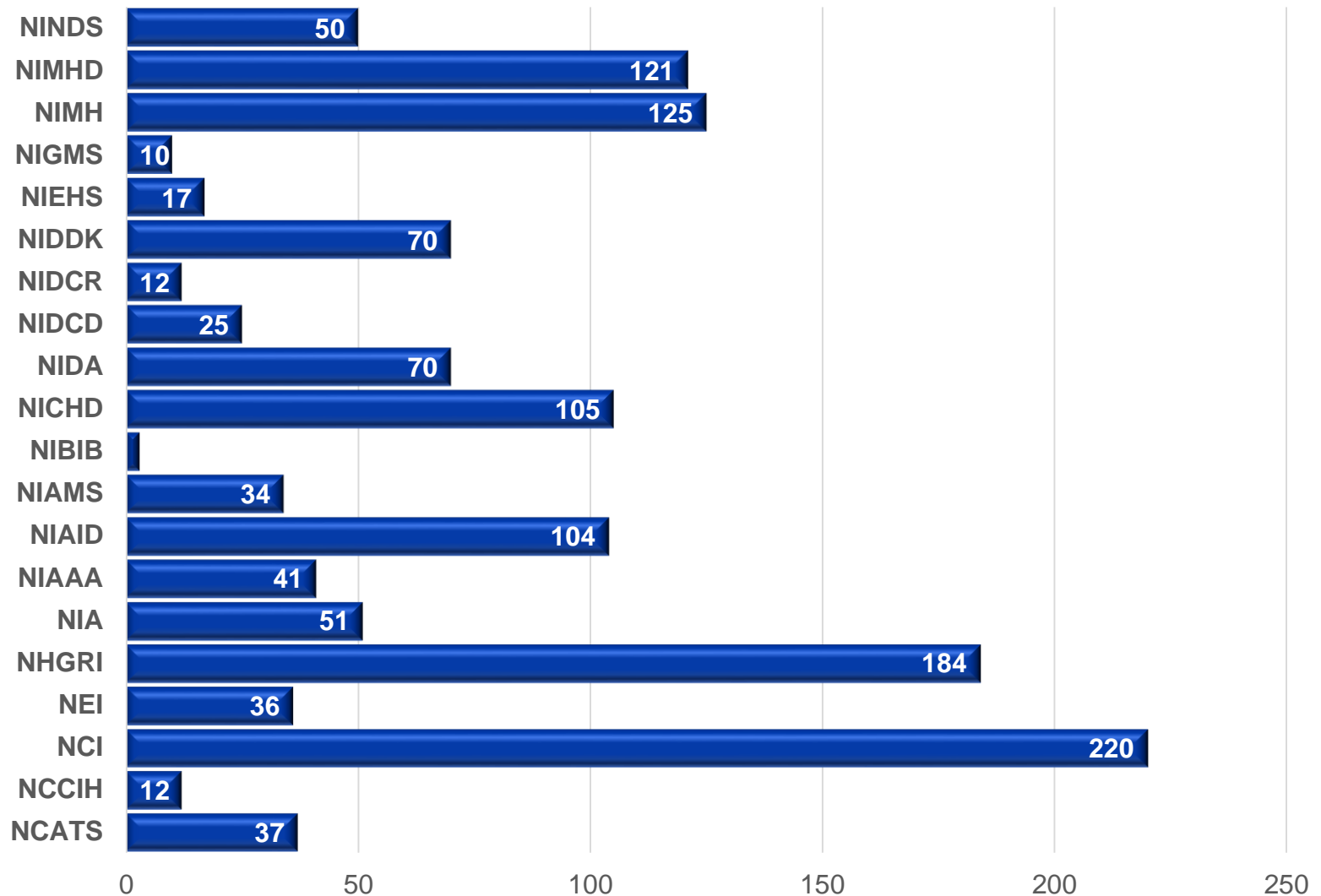
79% of new awardees had educational debt greater than \$50,000

16% of new awardees had educational debt greater than \$200,000



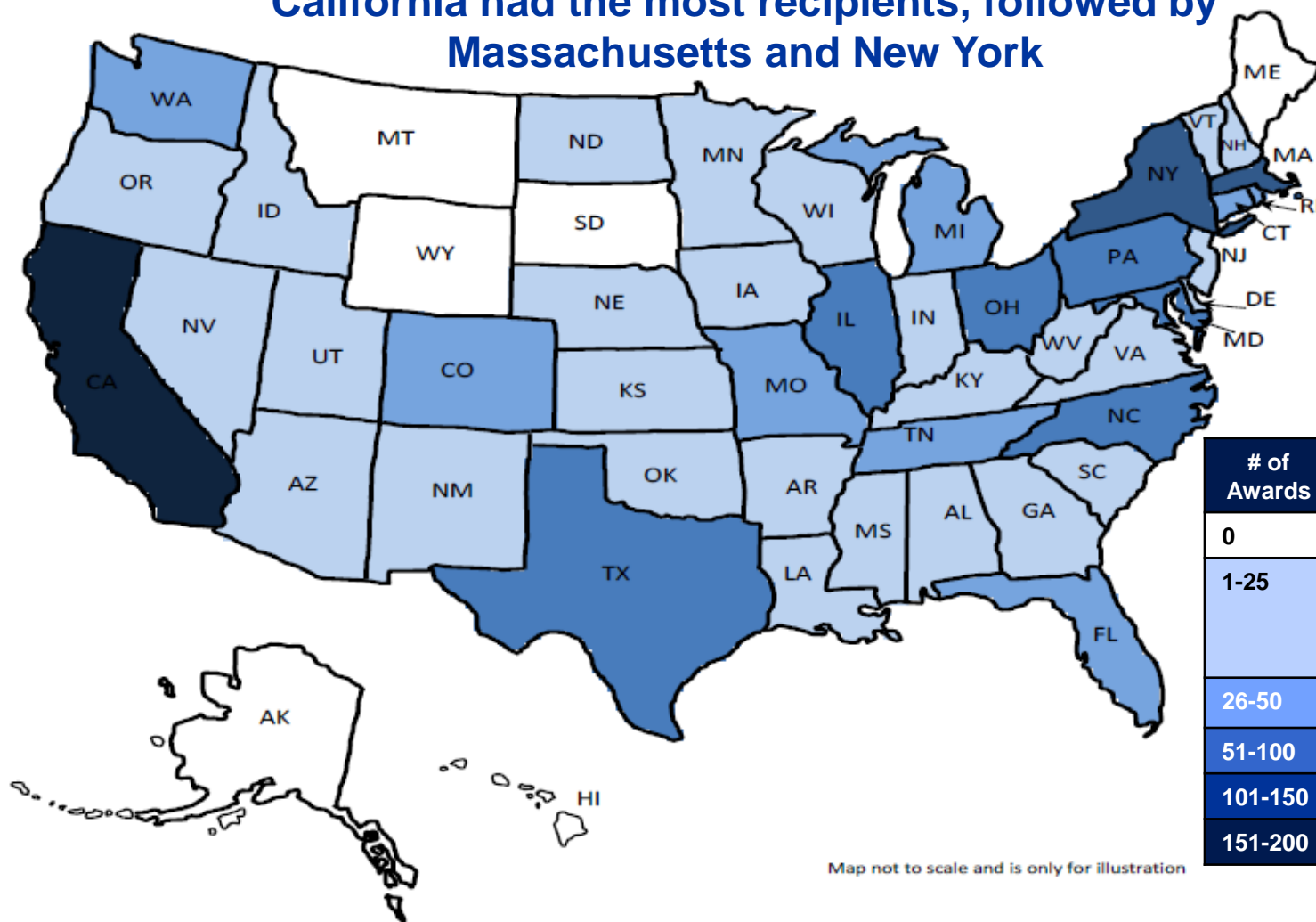
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NIH LRP 2016 Awards, by IC



LRP Awards, FY2016

California had the most recipients, followed by Massachusetts and New York



# of Awards	States
0	AK, HI, ME, MT, PR, SD, WY
1-25	AL, AR, AZ, DC, DE, GA, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OK, OR, SC, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV
26-50	CO, CT, FL, MI, MO, RI, TN, WA
51-100	IL, MD, NC, OH, PA, TX
101-150	MA, NY
151-200	CA



LRP Website and Online Application Tour



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Start Your 2017 LRP Application Now!
Download the 2017 Application Guide

APPLY AWARD RENEW

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



1 Commons ID

Don't have one? [Click here](#) to get one.

Note to LRP applicants: You can start an application without a Commons ID using one of the other logins, *but you will need a Commons ID to submit your application.*

COMMONS LOGIN

2 NIH ID

This is an option for NIH employees who already have login privileges to NIH systems.

NIH LOGIN

3 Open ID

Log in using your Google account.

GOOGLE LOGIN

Because the system is new, all users (applicants, mentors, referees/recommenders and IBOs) will need to log in via one of these portals:

1. Commons ID
2. NIH ID
3. Open ID (Google account)

SELECT ROLE SCREEN

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Applicants

- Apply for a new LRP award, or
- Renew your LRP award, or
- Manage your LRP application, or
- Check on the status of your LRP application

[GO TO APPLICANT DASHBOARD](#)



Mentors

- Review and provide responses on Applicant's research forms,
- Upload your NIH Biosketch, and
- Certify Applicant's Statements

[PROCEED](#)



Referees/Recommenders

- Upload your Reference Letter(s)

[PROCEED](#)



Institutional Business Officials

- Provide Applicant's salary information, and
- Certify Institutional Support for Applicant(s)

[PROCEED](#)

Once the Basic Personal Information form is submitted, all user is navigated to the screen where he/she can select their appropriate role.



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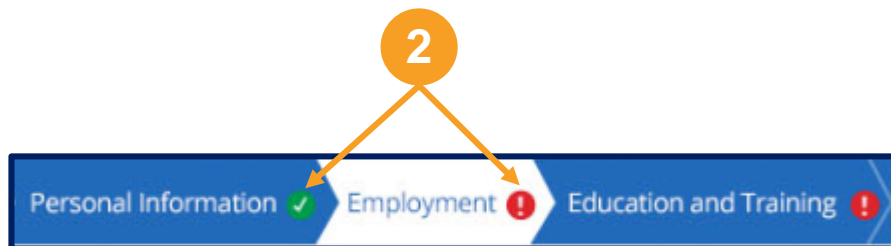
APPLICANT Welcome, Test

Eligibility ✓ Personal Information ! Employment & Affiliation ! Education & Training ! Research Information ! Loan Information ! Submit Application ! Application Status

You are Applying for: ☒ Intramural ☐ Extramural Award Type: ☒ New ☐ Renewal ☒ I am a Mentored Research Scientist ☐ I am an Independent Investigator

LRP: Award Length: ☐ One Year ☒ Two Year ☐ Three Year

UPDATE CANCEL



1. All sections of the application are displayed in tabbed format at the top of the page
2. Status of completion for each page indicated as follows:
 - If form is complete, the green icon displayed next to it.
 - If form is not complete, the red icon displayed next to it.
3. Extramural applicants also select information about
 - Application and program type, award length, mentored/independent status, preferred IC

Wrap Up



Please Remember!

NIH eRA Commons ID

- All applicants (new and renewal) and mentors/recommenders **required to have** an **NIH eRA Commons ID** to submit an application

One Application Submission Deadline

- **Same application submission deadline** for applicants, colleague and institutional support documentation – **Nov 16th!**

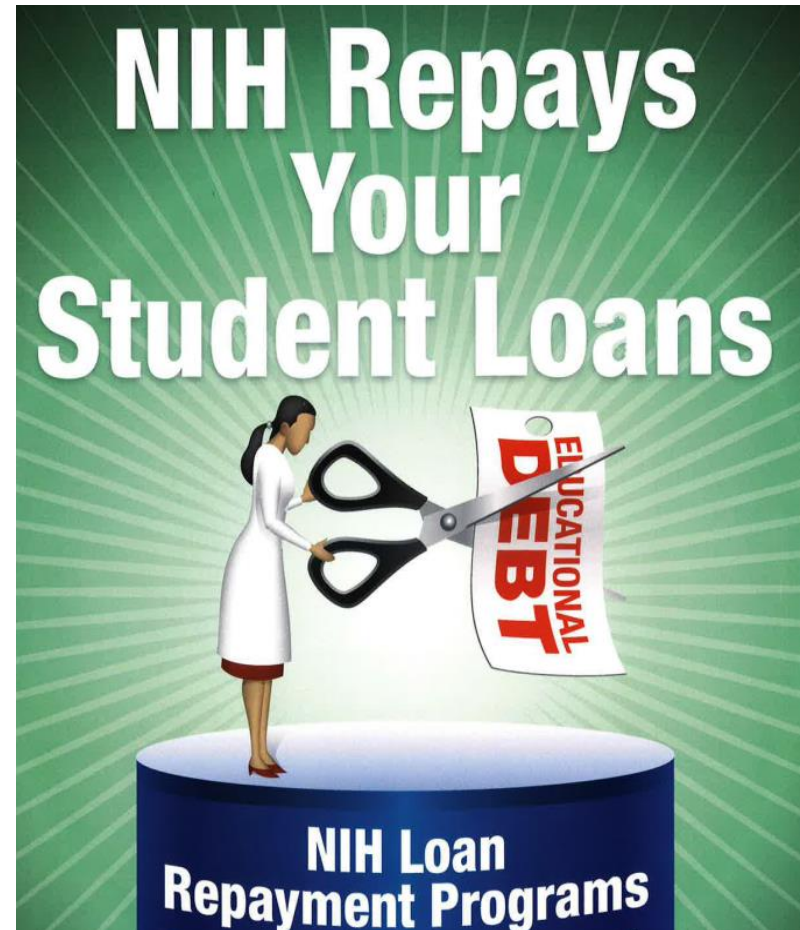
Please DO NOT WAIT to the last minute to apply!

- Lots of required documents, and some applicants and recommenders/mentors were unfamiliar with new system.....



Summary

- **5 Extramural LRPs**
- **eRA Commons ID Required**
- **NIH LRPs will repay:**
 - Up to **\$70K over 2 yrs** in educational loan repayment
 - Depending on debt level
 - Coverage of most Federal taxes resulting from the NIH LRP
 - 2 year initial contracts
 - 1 or 2 year competitive renewals
 - Approximately 1,600 researchers funded yearly
 - 50% application success rate overall
 - **Important potential changes to the programs (e.g., 21st CC Bill)**



****Applications Deadline - Nov 16, 2016**



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