Service Agreements/Loan Repayment/Other Resources

Below are outside scholarship opportunities specific to graduate/professional degree seeking students. Additional resources can be found on Scholarships.

There are multiple funding opportunities provided through various agencies that may pay for full tuition, fees, monthly or annual stipends or loan repayment/forgiveness programs that may be available to apply for prior/during/after school. These programs require obligated service in return for funding.

Civil Servant Agencies

Health profession students who are interested in committing to future service working as a civil service (public sector employee working for a government department or agency). Opportunities exist to serve through:

• Indian Health Service (IHS)

An agency within the Department of Health and Human Services offering qualified American Indian and Alaska Native health profession students seeking a career in Indian health.

- IHS Scholarship Program
- Loan Repayment Program

Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Offers diverse fellowship, internship, training, and volunteer opportunities for students and professionals. Many of these opportunities provide invaluable experience and potentially offer clear cut paths to exciting careers with CDC.

National Institutes of Health

NIH Loan Repayment Program

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers by repaying up to \$50,000 annually of a researcher's qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research.

• NIH Programs for Graduate and Clinical Students

Graduate students acquire the knowledge and independence that is required to earn the research doctorate degree. Clinical students acquire the knowledge to earn the clinical doctorate degree. Most importantly, students engage in highly structured research projects under the supervision of an experienced mentor.

National Health Service Corps

- NHSC Scholarship Program (NHSC SP)
- Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program (NHHSP)
- NHSC Loan Repayment Program (LRP)
- NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program (NHSC SUD Workforce LRP)

- NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program (NHSC Rural Community LRP)
- NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program (NHSC S2S LRP)
- State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)
- Faculty Loan Repayment Program

United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHSCC)

A federal uniformed service of the United States Public Health Service (PHS) consisting of commissioned officers as one of the seven uniformed services of the United States offering employment.

Military Programs

Some healthcare professionals may be eligible to participate in a military scholarship or loan repayment program. The qualifications and commitment for each program varies, so research your options with the various branches of the military.

• Medicine+The Military

Open to physicians and medical students.

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Opportunities with the Army National Guard

Open to healthcare officers, medical service corps, physician assistant, physical therapists and medical students.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.)

Offer multiple educational programs to students or graduated students pursuing careers in health career professionals that may not require you to be part of the military but do require obligated service in return for funding.

• Education Debt Reduction Program (EDRP)

Open to medical professionals who wish to work in specific, difficult-to-recruit direct care positions may receive up to \$200,000 over a five-year period (not to exceed \$40,000) per year.

Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program (SELRP)

Open to graduated physicians matched to a residency identified as a shortage area by the VA. Provides loan repayment is \$40,000 per year not to exceed \$160,000 and requires 12 months of service per year but requires a minimum 24 months of service.

Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP)

Open to students receiving education or training in a direct or health-care services discipline such as medical/physician assistant students. Provides scholarships that pay tuition, fees, stipends and book stipends. Service agreement varies upon discipline.

AAMC Loan Repayment/Forgiveness/Scholarship & Other Programs

A free state and federal loan repayment, forgiveness, scholarship, and other programs database available to medical and other health profession students.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

A national loan forgiveness program available to those employed by a U.S. federal, state, local, tribal government, or not-for-profit organization. This program forgives the remaining balance on Direct Loans after making 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.

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