

completion of the prior period of research; and (2) lender verification of the crediting of prior loan repayments, including the resulting account balances and current account status. The NIH will repay loans in the following order, unless the Secretary determines that significant savings would result from a different order of priority:

(1) Loans guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

- Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL);
- Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL);
- Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS); and
- Nursing Student Loan Program (NSL);

(2) Loans guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Education:

- Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan;
- Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan;
- Direct Consolidation Loan;
- Perkins Loan;
- FFEL Subsidized Stafford Loan;
- FFEL Unsubsidized Stafford Loan;

and

- FFEL Consolidation Loan;

(3) Loans made or guaranteed by a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the United States;

(4) Loans made by academic institutions; and

(5) Private ("Alternative")

Educational Loans:

- MEDLOANS; and
- Private (non-guaranteed)

Consolidation Loans.

The following loans are not repayable under the Loan Repayment Program for Pediatric researchers:

(1) Loans not obtained from a U.S. or other domestic government entity, domestic academic institution, or a commercial or other chartered U.S. lending institution, such as loans from friends, relatives, or other individuals, and non-educational loans, such as home equity loans;

(2) Loans for which contemporaneous documentation (current account statement, and promissory note or lender disclosure statement) is not available;

(3) Loans that have been consolidated with loans of other individuals, such as a spouse or child;

(4) Loans or portions of loans obtained for educational or living expenses, which exceed a reasonable level, as determined by the standard school budget for the year in which the loan was made, and are not determined by the LRP to be reasonable based on additional contemporaneous

documentation provided by the applicant;

(5) Loans, financial debts, or service obligations incurred under the following programs, or other programs that incur a service obligation that converts to a loan on failure to satisfy the service obligation:

- Armed Forces (Army, Navy, or Air Force) Health Professions Scholarship Program;

- Indian Health Service (IHS)

Scholarship Program;

- National Institutes of Health

Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP);

- National Research Service Award (NRSA) Program;

- Physicians Shortage Area Scholarship Program (Federal or State);

- Primary Care Loan (PCL) Program; and

- Public Health Service (PHS) and National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program;

(6) Delinquent loans, loans in default, or loans not current in their payment schedule;

(7) PLUS Loans;

(8) Loans that have been paid in full; and

(9) Loans obtained after the execution of the NIH Loan Repayment Program Contract (e.g., promissory note signed after the LRP contract has been awarded) (this provision does not apply to qualifying loan consolidations).

Before the commencement of loan repayment, or during lapses in loan repayments, due to NIH administrative complications, Leave Without Pay (LWOP), or a break in service, LRP participants are wholly responsible for making payments or other arrangements that maintain loans current, such that increases in either principal or interest do not occur. The LRP contract period will not be modified or extended as a result of Leave Without Pay (LWOP) or a break in service. Penalties assessed participants as a result of NIH administrative complications to maintain a current payment status may not be considered for reimbursement.

LRP payments are NOT retroactive. Loan repayment for Fiscal Year 2005 will commence after a loan repayment contract has been executed, which is expected to be no earlier than July 2005.

Additional Program Information

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

This program is subject to OMB clearance under the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OMB approval of the information

collection associated with the Loan Repayment Program for Pediatric Researchers expires on December 31, 2004. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for the Loan Repayment Program for Pediatric Researchers is 93.285.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Heart, Lung, and Blood Initial Review Group; Clinical Trials Review Committee.

Date: October 25-26, 2004.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Patricia A Haggerty, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, Division of Extramural Affairs, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NIH, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7194, MSC 7924, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/435-0288, haggertp@nhlbi.nih.gov.

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