Evaluation Form for NIH Loan Repayment Program Applications
CLINICAL RESEARCH (L30)
New (Type 1) and Renewal (Type 2) Applications

Name of applicant: __________________
Application number: __________________

Instructions to Reviewers:
For each review criterion below, select the word that best represents your rating of the application for that criterion from the dropdown menu. After rating the individual criteria, in four or five sentences, summarize your overall impressions of the applicant's potential to remain in a clinical research career. Provide comments (optional) for each criterion if desired.

Renewal applications (Type 2) are reviewed using the same criteria as new applications (Type 1) plus an additional criterion focusing on the period during which the renewal applicant received the Loan Repayment award – assessment of his/her research accomplishments and development as an independent investigator.

Finally, assign an Overall Score at the end of this template, and enter the same Score under “Preliminary Score” in IAR when submitting your critique.

The numeric and/or adjective rating scale in the drop-down menus is: 1 = Exceptional, 2 = Outstanding, 3 = Excellent, 4 = Very Good, 5 = Good, 6 = Satisfactory, 7 = Fair, 8 = Marginal, 9 = Poor.

Review Criteria:
The primary consideration is to assess the potential of the applicant to pursue a career in clinical research. The review panel shall not consider the merit of the already funded research of the applicant or the mentor.

A. Potential of the applicant to pursue a career in clinical research

1. Appropriateness of the applicant’s previous training and experience to prepare for a clinical research career

Choose a rating
Comments (optional):

2. Appropriateness of the proposed research activities during the LRP award period to foster a career in clinical research. (Note: do not evaluate the research on its scientific merits per se, but as a vehicle to help the applicant pursue a research career.)

Choose a rating
Comments (optional):

3. Commitment to a clinical research career, as reflected by the personal statement of long-term career goals and plan to achieve those goals

Choose a rating
Comments (optional):

4. Strength of the reference letters (recommendations) attesting to the applicant’s potential for a successful career in clinical research

Choose a rating
Comments (optional):

5. For renewal (Type 2) applications only, progress under the previous project period is an additional evaluation criterion


a. Assessment of the renewal applicant's research accomplishments during the previous LRP support period
   Choose a rating
   Comments (optional):

b. Assessment of the renewal applicant's development as an independent investigator
   Choose a rating
   Comments (optional):

B. Quality of the overall environment to prepare the applicant for a clinical research career

6. Quality and availability of appropriate scientific mentors and colleagues to help achieve or enhance the applicant's research independence, including the mentors' record in mentoring researchers, funding history and research productivity
   Choose a rating
   Comments (optional):

7. Quality and appropriateness of institutional resources and facilities
   Choose a rating
   Comments (optional):

**Overall Merit Summary**
New (Type 1) Applications: In 4-5 sentences, summarize your overall assessment of the applicant's potential and likelihood to be successful in a clinical research career. Click on the grey box to begin typing.

Renewal (Type 2) Applications: In 4-5 sentences, summarize your overall assessment of the applicant's research accomplishments and development as an independent investigator during the prior LRP award period, the merits of continued participation in the LRP, and his/her potential to be successful in a clinical research career. Click on the grey box to begin typing.

**Overall Score**
From the drop-down menu, select the score that best indicates your overall rating of the application. Note: This score is not the average of the criteria scores but a rating of major strengths and weaknesses of the applicant.

Choose a rating