



Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP)

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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Overview



Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically challenged



HRSA does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities



Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care

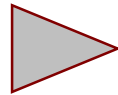
Bureau of Health Workforce

MISSION Improves the health of underserved populations by

- ▶ strengthening the health workforce
- ▶ connecting skilled professionals to communities in need



EDUCATION



TRAINING



SERVICE



Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP)

- Seeks eligible disciplines who provide direct treatment or recovery support of patients with or in recovery from a substance use disorder at a STAR LRP-approved facility.

Program Purpose

- Expand and improve access to quality Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in underserved areas nationwide.
- Recruit new disciplines and treatment facilities.



Benefits of the STAR LRP

How does the STAR LRP benefit clinicians?

- [STAR LRP](#) helps to remove financial barriers for primary care clinicians, enabling them to provide care in high-need areas.
- Providers receive **loan repayment** in addition to a competitive salary from their employers.



Up to \$250,000
for six years of
full-time service



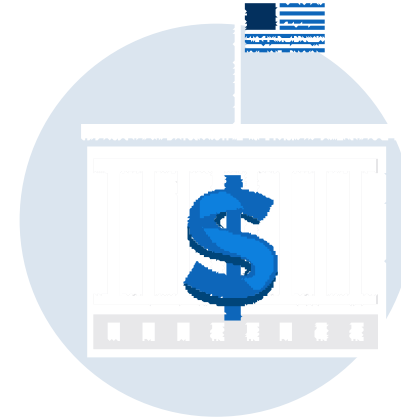
Basic Eligibility for the STAR LRP



**U.S. citizen, national
or lawful permanent
resident**



**Currently work
at a STAR LRP-
approved
facility**



**Have unpaid government
or commercial loans for
school tuition, reasonable
educational costs, and
reasonable living expenses,
segregated from all other
debts**



**Licensed, certified
or credentialed to
practice
in state where
employer
site is located**

What are the Benefits of STAR Site Approval?

As a STAR LRP-approved facility, you can:

- Recruit new clinicians and retain current staff with the STAR LRP loan repayment opportunity.
- Recruit and retain staff from a broader range of SUD treatment and recovery clinicians and paraprofessionals than other HRSA loan repayment programs.



Eligible Disciplines

Must be licensed, certified or credentialed in one of the following eligible disciplines:

- Physician (MD or DO)
- Nurse practitioner (primary care)
- Certified nurse midwife
- Physician assistant
- Psychology doctoral intern
- Medical support staff
- Behavioral health paraprofessionals
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist (health service)
- Licensed or Certified master's level social workers
- Licensed clinical social worker
- Psychiatric nurse specialist
- Licensed professional counselor
- Marriage and family therapist
- Bachelor's-level SUD counselors
- Pharmacists
- Registered nurses
- Certified nurse anesthetists



Employment Requirement

- All applicants must be employed by, or have accepted a position at, a STAR LRP-approved facility where employment will begin by July 7, 2022.

All disciplines (except psychology doctoral interns):

- Must practice full-time (40 hours/week) at a STAR LRP -approved facility
- Must provide six years of full-time employment that involves direct treatment or recovery support of patients with or in recovery from a substance use disorder
- Overdose rate in the county for the past three years must exceed the national average or be in a mental health HPSA (health professional shortage area)

Employment Requirement

Psychology doctoral interns:

- Full-time employment is defined as the active participation in a full-time internship at a STAR LRP- approved facility.
- Must provide full-time employment as psychologists upon completion of their internship.
 - Both the internship and the full-time employment that involves direct treatment or recovery support of patients with or in recovery from a substance use disorder
 - Overdose rate in the county for the past three years must exceed the national average or be in a mental health HPSA (health professional shortage area)

Application – Documentation

Gather Your Required Documents

- Proof of U.S. Citizen, National (active passport, birth certificate or naturalized citizenship certificate) or permanent resident with a non-conditional Permanent Resident Card (green card)
- Health Professional License, certification or credentials
- Health Professional Degree
- Loan Information

Gather Any *Optional* Documents

- Substance Use Disorder Certification, License or Registration
- DATA 2000 Waiver
- Verification of Existing Service Obligation
- Proof of Name Change



Loan Information

Federal Loans

- National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) account registration and PIN
- National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Aid Summary Report can be pulled into application electronically.

Private Commercial Loans

- **Account Statements should contain:**
 - Current Balance (Principle and Interest)
 - Current Interest Rate
- **Disbursement Report should contain:**
 - Type of Loan
 - Original Loan Date
 - Original Loan Amount
 - Consolidation Dates (if applicable)



Starting Your Online Application

- Read the STAR LRP Application and Program Guidance (APG)
- Visit the STAR LRP website to apply online.
- Check your email to activate your account.



Site Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Sites must be located in one or both of the following:

- A mental health HPSA; and/or
- A county (or municipality if not in a county) with drug overdose death rate higher than national average.
 - STAR LRP County Overdose Mortality Rate spreadsheet*
 - Eligible sites must be located in a county with a 3-year average overdose mortality rate greater than 28.3 deaths per 100,000*

*We calculate this information based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data.



Steps for Site Approval

STEP 1: Create a [BHW Program Portal Account](#) if site POC does not have one. Instructions are provided in the [BHW POC Portal Guide](#) on page 7.

STEP 2: Log into the [BHW Program Portal](#), and create a BHW Site profile. Instructions on pages 21-25 of the [BHW POC Portal Guide](#).

STEP 3: Click the activate button on the STAR card and enter: STAR site type and subtype based on the definitions listed on the [STAR LRP](#) website.

- Site will be screened for average 3-year overdose death rate and Mental Health HPSA

STEP 4: If approved, the site POC clicks activate button. Your site is now STAR active.



Automatic Site Approval for Existing Sites

Sites that were automatically approved prior to the STAR LRP cycle had:

- A BMISS profile with a listed site type
- Mental Health HPSA designation and/or are located in a county with a 3-year overdose rate greater than the national average (>28.3 deaths per 100,000)

Site Points-of-Contact were notified of STAR site approval

- The designation is displayed in the [BHW Customer Service Program Portal](#) and added to a site's profile on HRSA's [Health Workforce Connector](#).



Application Tips and Reminders

Submit the application and required documents by Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

- All required documents must be uploaded and legible.
- Make sure your loan information includes your name, account number, loan balance, and interest rate.
- Coordinate with your site POC to ensure they complete the required employment verification. **You may not submit your application until this step is complete.**
- Unlock or unfreeze your credit reports.



Additional Application Help

- **Online Q & A Sessions:** Login anytime to ask questions! STAR LRP staff members will be standing by to assist.
 - June 23
 - June 30
 - July 7All Q&A Sessions are held 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

Q&A session recordings are added to the STAR LRP website.



Support and Resources

- **Contact Us:**
Customer Care Center
1-800-221-9393
M-F, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, except federal holidays
- **Looking for a STAR LRP-approved facility?** [Visit the Health Workforce Connector](#)
- [STAR LRP Application and Program Guidance](#)
- [STAR LRP Application Checklist](#)



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