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CDC has the authority to pay up to \$50,000 per year of your federal student loans through the *CDC Educational Loan Repayment Program for Health Professionals*.

On-screen Text: The loan repayment recruitment incentive is subject to the availability of funding

Public health workers provide critical services that keep Americans safe and healthy. But a major barrier to recruiting public health workers is the burden of student loan debt. In 2021, the average medical school debt was over \$215,000, and historically underrepresented graduates have the highest student debt burden. Loan repayment is one way CDC can help address these student debt disparities and improve the racial and ethnic diversity of the public health workforce. CDC pays your lending institution directly and pays the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, your tax on the loan repayment. The IRS considers this loan payment taxable income, so you should contact a tax specialist to advise on tax implications.

On-screen Text: The IRS considers the loan repayment and taxes paid on your behalf as taxable income

Currently, this loan repayment recruitment incentive is offered to candidates accepted into one of five esteemed CDC fellowship programs: the Epidemic Intelligence Service ([www.cdc.gov/eis/](http://www.cdc.gov/eis/)), Laboratory Leadership Service ([www.cdc.gov/lis/](http://www.cdc.gov/lis/)), Prevention Effectiveness Fellowship ([www.cdc.gov/pef/](http://www.cdc.gov/pef/)), Public Health Informatics Fellowship ([www.cdc.gov/phifp/](http://www.cdc.gov/phifp/)), and the Future Leaders in Infections and Global Health Threats Fellowship ([www.cdc.gov/futureleaders/](http://www.cdc.gov/futureleaders/)).

These CDC fellowships are open to physicians, veterinarians, masters or doctoral level scientists, and health professionals, such as nurses, dentists, or pharmacists.

On-screen Text: Graduate level scientists & health professionals

To qualify, you must be accepted into one of these CDC fellowship programs {on-screen text: Epidemic Intelligence Service ([www.cdc.gov/eis/](http://www.cdc.gov/eis/)), Laboratory Leadership Service ([www.cdc.gov/lis/](http://www.cdc.gov/lis/)), Prevention Effectiveness Fellowship ([www.cdc.gov/pef/](http://www.cdc.gov/pef/)), Public Health Informatics Fellowship ([www.cdc.gov/phifp/](http://www.cdc.gov/phifp/)), and the Future Leaders in Infections and Global Health Threats Fellowship ([www.cdc.gov/futureleaders/](http://www.cdc.gov/futureleaders/))}, be a U.S. citizen, have a degree from an accredited institution, and have qualifying student loans that are federally made, insured, or guaranteed. Loans consolidated with a spouse are not eligible.

On-screen text: Only those with a substantial amount of educational loans relative to income (loans exceeding 20% of potential income) are eligible.

“The loan repayment program is a huge incentive and the program staff have been really helpful, quick to respond, and wonderful to work with. I’m student loan free now which is awesome! It has been a very positive experience for me.”

On-screen text indicates quote is by: Emily, 2020 CDC Fellow

“Having the additional safety net of being able to pay off my loans much earlier was a huge bonus. It was so nice to see the money hit my loan account!”

On-screen text indicates quote is by: John, 2020 CDC Fellow

“The loan repayment program was a big incentive for me and a big factor in my decision to do the CDC fellowship over other opportunities. “

On-screen text indicates quote is by: Alexandra, 2020 CDC Fellow

CDC Fellowships are an ideal way to expand your understanding of public health. You will have the opportunity to work and learn as part of a multi-disciplinary team of public health experts. Our fellows are globally recognized for their frontline experience, investigating disease outbreaks, implementing control measures, and protecting health.

Take advantage of this CDC student loan repayment incentive and jump start your public health career.

For more information visit [www.cdc.gov/fellowships/loanrepayment.html](http://www.cdc.gov/fellowships/loanrepayment.html)

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