force and scientific priorities, carry out a program through the subcategories listed in subsection (b)(1) (or modified subcategories as provided for in subsection (b)(2)), of entering into contracts with qualified health professionals under which such health professionals agree to conduct research in consideration of the Federal Government agreeing to repay, for each year of such research, not more than $50,000 of the principal and interest of the educational loans of such health professionals.

**(b) Subcategories of research**

**(1) In general**

In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Director of the National Institutes of Health—

(A) shall continue to focus on—

(i) contraception or infertility research;

(ii) pediatric research, including pediatric pharmacological research;

(iii) minority health disparities research;

(iv) clinical research; and

(v) clinical research conducted by appropriately qualified health professional[1] who are from disadvantaged backgrounds; and

(B) may focus on an area of emerging scientific or workforce need.

**(2) Elimination or establishment of subcategories**

The Director of the National Institutes of Health may eliminate one or more subcategories provided for in paragraph (1) due to changes in workforce or scientific needs related to biomedical research. The Director may establish other subcategory areas based on workforce and scientific priorities if the total number of subcategories does not exceed the number of subcategories listed in paragraph (1).

**(c) Limitation**

The Director of the National Institutes of Health may not enter into a contract with a health professional pursuant to subsection (a) unless such professional has a substantial amount of education loans relative to income (as determined pursuant to guidelines issued by the Director).

**(d) Applicability of certain provisions regarding obligated service**

The provisions of sections 254*l*–1, 254m, and 254*o* of this title shall, except as inconsistent with subsection (a) of this section, apply to the program established in subsection (a) to the same extent and in the same manner as such provisions apply to the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established in subpart III of part D of subchapter II.

**(e) Availability of appropriations**

Amounts available for carrying out this section shall remain available until the expiration of the second fiscal year beginning after the fiscal year for which the amounts were made available.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 487B, as added Pub. L. 103–43, title X, § 1002, June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 166; amended Pub. L. 105–392, title IV, § 410(b), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3589; Pub. L. 110–154, § 1(b)(8), Dec. 21, 2007, 121 Stat. 1827; Pub. L. 114–255, div. A, title II, § 2022(b), Dec. 13, 2016, 130 Stat. 1053.)

[1] So in original. Probably should be ''professionals''.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114–255, § 2022(b)(1), amended section catchline generally. Prior to amendment, catchline read as follows: ''Loan repayment program for research with respect to contraception and infertility''.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114–255, § 2022(b)(2), inserted heading and, in text, substituted ''The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall, as appropriate and based on workforce and scientific priorities, carry out a program through the subcategories listed in subsection (b)(1) (or modified subcategories as provided for in subsection (b)(2)),'' for ''The Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, shall establish a program'' and ''research, not more than $50,000'' for ''service, not more than $35,000'' and struck out ''(including graduate students)'' after ''qualified health professionals'' and ''with respect to contraception, or with respect to infertility,'' after ''conduct research''.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 114–255, § 2022(b)(4), added subsecs. (b) and (c). Former subsecs. (b) and (c) redesignated (d) and (e), respectively.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 114–255, § 2022(3), (5), redesignated subsec. (b) as (d) and inserted heading.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114–255, § 2002(3), (6), redesignated subsec. (c) as (e) and inserted heading.

2007—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–154, which directed substitution of ''Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development'' for ''National Institute on Child Health and Human Development'', was executed by making the substitution for ''National Institute of Child Health and Human Development'' to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105–392 substituted ''$35,000'' for ''$20,000''.

## § 288–3. Repealed. Pub. L. 114–255, div. A, title II, § 2022(c)(2), Dec. 13, 2016, 130 Stat. 1054

Section, July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 487C, as added Pub. L. 103–43, title XVI, § 1621, June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 182; amended Pub. L. 105–392, title IV, § 410(c), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3589, related to loan repayment program for research generally.

## § 288–4. Undergraduate scholarship program regarding professions needed by National Research Institutes

**(a) Establishment of program**

**(1) In general**

Subject to section 288(a)(1)(C) of this title, the Secretary, acting through the Director of NIH, may carry out a program of entering into contracts with individuals described in paragraph (2) under which—

(A) the Director of NIH agrees to provide to the individuals scholarships for pursuing, as undergraduates at accredited institutions of higher education, academic programs appropriate for careers in professions needed by the National Institutes of Health; and

(B) the individuals agree to serve as employees of the National Institutes of Health, for the period described in subsection (c), in positions that are needed by the National Institutes of Health and for which the individuals are qualified.

**(2) Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds**

The individuals referred to in paragraph (1) are individuals who—

(A) are enrolled or accepted for enrollment as full-time undergraduates at accredited institutions of higher education; and

(B) are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**(b) Facilitation of interest of students in careers at National Institutes of Health**

In providing employment to individuals pursuant to contracts under subsection (a)(1), the Director of NIH shall carry out activities to facilitate the interest of the individuals in pursuing careers as employees of the National Institutes of Health.

**(c) Period of obligated service**

**(1) Duration of service**

For purposes of subparagraph (B) of subsection (a)(1), the period of service for which an individual is obligated to serve as an employee of the National Institutes of Health is, subject to paragraph (2)(A), 12 months for each academic year for which the scholarship under such subsection is provided.

**(2) Schedule for service**

(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the Director of NIH may not provide a scholarship under subsection (a) unless the individual applying for the scholarship agrees that—

(i) the individual will serve as an employee of the National Institutes of Health full-time for not less than 10 consecutive weeks of each year during which the individual is attending the educational institution involved and receiving such a scholarship;

(ii) the period of service as such an employee that the individual is obligated to provide under clause (i) is in addition to the period of service as such an employee that the individual is obligated to provide under subsection (a)(1)(B); and

(iii) not later than 60 days after obtaining the educational degree involved, the individual will begin serving full-time as such an employee in satisfaction of the period of service that the individual is obligated to provide under subsection (a)(1)(B).

(B) The Director of NIH may defer the obligation of an individual to provide a period of service under subsection (a)(1)(B), if the Director determines that such a deferral is appropriate.

**(3) Applicability of certain provisions relating to appointment and compensation**

For any period in which an individual provides service as an employee of the National Institutes of Health in satisfaction of the obligation of the individual under subsection (a)(1)(B) or paragraph (2)(A)(i), the individual may be appointed as such an employee without regard to the provisions of title 5 relating to appointment and compensation.

**(d) Provisions regarding scholarship**

**(1) Approval of academic program**

The Director of NIH may not provide a scholarship under subsection (a) for an academic year unless—

(A) the individual applying for the scholarship has submitted to the Director a proposed academic program for the year and the Director has approved the program; and

(B) the individual agrees that the program will not be altered without the approval of the Director.

**(2) Academic standing**

The Director of NIH may not provide a scholarship under subsection (a) for an academic year unless the individual applying for the scholarship agrees to maintain an acceptable level of academic standing, as determined by the educational institution involved in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary.

**(3) Limitation on amount**

The Director of NIH may not provide a scholarship under subsection (a) for an academic year in an amount exceeding $20,000.

**(4) Authorized uses**

A scholarship provided under subsection (a) may be expended only for tuition expenses, other reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses incurred in attending the school involved.

**(5) Contract regarding direct payments to institution**

In the case of an institution of higher education with respect to which a scholarship under subsection (a) is provided, the Director of NIH may enter into a contract with the institution under which the amounts provided in the scholarship for tuition and other educational expenses are paid directly to the institution.

**(e) Penalties for breach of scholarship contract**

The provisions of section 254*o* of this title shall apply to the program established in subsection (a) to the same extent and in the same manner as such provisions apply to the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established in section 254*l*–1 of this title.

**(f) Requirement of application**

The Director of NIH may not provide a scholarship under subsection (a) unless an application for the scholarship is submitted to the Director and the application is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains such agreements, assurances, and information as the Director determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

**(g) Availability of authorization of appropriations**

Amounts appropriated for a fiscal year for scholarships under this section shall remain available until the expiration of the second fiscal year beginning after the fiscal year for which the amounts were appropriated.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, §487D, as added Pub. L. 103–43, title XVI, §1631, June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 183.)

**§§ 288–5 to 288–6. Repealed. Pub. L. 114–255, div. A, title II, § 2022(c)(3)–(5), Dec. 13, 2016, 130 Stat. 1054**

Section 288–5, July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, §487E, as added Pub. L. 103–43, title XVI, §1631, June 10, 1993, 107