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LRAP

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT

The Boalt Hall Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is designed to aid Boalt Hall graduates who wish to undertake qualified public service employment for nonprofit public interest organizations or government agencies. Under this program, the School of Law will provide one or a series of forgivable loans over a period not to exceed 10 years to cover law school loan payments to be made in the six-month period following the granting of each LRAP loan. Each LRAP loan will be forgiven at the end of the six-month period and a new loan will be issued if all program requirements have been met.

The guidelines below are for the graduates of the Classes of 1997-2005. For graduates from the Classes of 2006 and beyond, please refer to the LRAP Guidelines: Classes of 2006 and Beyond.

Please be sure to read this entire document before completing the LRAP application.

Return the application and all required documents to:

University of California, Berkeley
School of Law, Financial Aid Office
5 Boalt Hall
Berkeley, CA 94720-7200

Phone: 510-642-1563 • Fax: 510-643-6222

To apply for an initial LRAP loan you must submit:

- an application
- employment verification
- for Direct and Perkins Loans, a copy of your National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) loan history, which is available at www.nsls.ed.gov
- for private loans, a copy of your disclosure statement for each loan.

To apply for each additional LRAP loan you must submit:

- an application
- employment verification
- Note: once you have submitted a copy of your NSLDS loan history and/or disclosure statements, you do not have to submit them again.

To apply for the forgiveness of an LRAP Loan, you must submit:

- an application
- employment verification
- proof of loan repayment in the form of statements of payments or copies of canceled checks. Proof of payment for Direct Loans can be obtained from Payment History at www.dlserver.ed.gov.

Lender/Service Phone Numbers

If you do not have the information needed to complete the LRAP application, contact your lenders/service immediately.

Federal Direct Loans

800-848-0979

www.dlserver.ed.gov

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Program Overview

LRAP provides financial support for recent graduates employed in public interest or public service settings, where salaries are significantly lower than in the private sector. Graduates may participate in the program for up to 10 years.

LRAP constitutes a core component in Boalt Hall's effort to serve as a public law school, in this case by increasing the ability of its graduates to enter into public interest legal jobs and careers. The program aims to ease the financial burden imposed by the escalating costs of a legal education on recent alumni who might otherwise be foreclosed by economic considerations from accepting relatively low-paying public sector work. The program recognizes the value of public service as a goal for the law school itself and for the lawyers it trains generally, as well as the importance of freedom of career choice for Boalt graduates.

To qualify for LRAP, a graduate must work for a nonprofit organization or an agency of government in law-related employment that makes substantial use of legal skills, for example, by requiring passage of the bar or otherwise drawing heavily on law school training. Positions with international NGO's or foreign governments meeting the above requirements can qualify for LRAP coverage. The amount of assistance offered depends upon a participant's total law school debt, as well as income.

LRAP loans will be granted on a semiannual basis, assisting participants with all qualified law school loan payments to be made in the following six months. At the end of six months, the LRAP loan will be forgiven (canceled) when the participant demonstrates that he or she has met the employment and income requirements and made all the qualified educational loan payments.

Because most educational loans offer a six-month grace period following graduation, graduates going directly into qualifying employment will usually receive their first LRAP loan approximately six months after graduation.

1. Qualifying Employment

To be eligible for LRAP, an applicant must work in qualifying employment. Only loan repayments made while participants work in qualifying employment will be eligible for assistance with an LRAP loan and subsequent cancellation.

Qualifying employment is defined as greater than half-time work for a nonprofit organization or an agency of government in law-related employment that makes substantial use of legal skills, for example, by requiring passage of the bar or otherwise drawing heavily on law school training. Positions with international NGO's or foreign governments meeting the above requirements can qualify for LRAP coverage. Judicial clerkships intended to last less than two years are not considered qualifying employment.

2. Participant's Annualized Income and Adjustments

Eligibility for LRAP loans, as well as the amount of the loans, depends also on an applicant's annualized full-time income.

Annualized full-time income is the equivalent of the gross income reported in the Financial Statement and Personal Information section of the LRAP application. For those applicants working less than full time, it includes salary adjusted for the calendar period employed and the number of hours worked per week.

A married participant's annualized full-time income will not be adjusted unless his or her spouse has a higher income, in which case the participant's eligible income will be calculated based on half of the joint income of the couple.

For purposes of entrance into and participation in LRAP, those with dependents, as determined under federal income tax guidelines, shall receive a credit in the form of a downward adjustment of their annualized full-time income, by \$6,000 for one dependent and by \$4,000 for each additional dependent.

3. Imputed Contribution

For program participants with an annualized full-time income of \$40,000 or less, the LRAP loan shall equal the amount necessary to cover all scheduled payments for eligible law school loans during the succeeding six-month period.

For participants with full-time annualized incomes greater than \$40,000, the amount of program assistance will be prorated, with participants expected to make an imputed contribution.

The imputed contribution will be equal to 35% of marginal income above \$40,000.

Online LRAP Estimator:

www.law.berkeley.edu/students/financial_aid/LRAP_calc_alumni.html

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4. Eligible Loans

LRAP will assist with repayments made on the principal and capitalized interest of federal and private educational loans borrowed for law school study, provided that any loan amount borrowed in excess of the student budget as determined by the Financial Aid Office for any particular year will not be eligible for LRAP assistance.

The overall cap on principal and capitalized interest for all loans covered by LRAP shall be \$55,500 for law school loans.

Federal student loans include subsidized, unsubsidized, and Perkins loans.

5. Length of Program Participation

Boalt Hall graduates are eligible for their first LRAP loan at the end of their loan grace period, which normally ends six months after graduation. Law students graduating in the spring and otherwise eligible will typically qualify for an LRAP loan the January following graduation, to cover the six-month period from January through June of the year following graduation.

Graduates seeking to participate in LRAP must begin participating in the program within three years after the end of their loan grace period, which normally ends six months after graduation.

The maximum length of LRAP participation is 10 years. This length of eligibility provides LRAP participants with financial support throughout the standard 10-year repayment plan. Participants who qualify for maximum assistance and who remain in the program for 10 years can expect to have LRAP pay off their entire law school debt only if the loans are scheduled for a 10-year repayment plan.

6. Loan Repayment Terms (Calculation of Program Assistance)

On a semiannual basis, LRAP will provide each participant a loan equal to the participant's anticipated total repayments less any imputed contribution to be made on the principal and capitalized interest of eligible loans during the subsequent six-month period. The highest interest rate covered by the program is 8.25%.

Payments made in excess of those due under a 10-year repayment schedule are not eligible for assistance. Though the program will cover payments made on an amortization basis greater than 10 years, LRAP loans will be forgiven to a maximum of the actual loan payments made. Participants cannot apply for a LRAP loan based on a 10-year repayment schedule, make actual payments of less than that, and expect the entire LRAP loan to be forgiven. To take maximum advantage of LRAP, participants are advised to structure their debt with a standard 10-year repayment plan.

For most participants, the LRAP loan will be equal to six months of scheduled loan payments, less any imputed contribution.

7. Application Procedure

Application forms are available from the Boalt Hall website or the Financial Aid Office. Applications must include all pertinent information regarding loans, employment and income. Applications are due on May 15 for July disbursements and on November 15 for January disbursements. Approved applicants will be notified and sent a promissory note and statement of rights and responsibilities. Loan disbursements will not occur until the promissory note and statement of rights and responsibilities are completed and returned to the Boalt Hall Financial Aid Office. Loan forgiveness will not occur until an application has been reviewed and approved. Participants will be notified if they qualify for loan forgiveness. Applications for forgiveness are due on June 30 for the January–June forgivable loan period and December 31 for the July–December forgivable loan period.

8. Limited Funds Contingency and Right to Modify

In the event that funding is not sufficient to fully fund all qualified applicants in the manner anticipated above, the law school will select LRAP recipients and determine award levels; available funds may be disbursed pro rata, or awards may be adjusted on an individual basis considering salary and total loan indebtedness.



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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Current Address

Boalt Graduating Class _____

NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO.

Current Phone (____) _____ - _____

CITY STATE ZIP

Permanent Phone (____) _____ - _____

Permanent or Postgraduate Address

NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO.

Email Address _____

CITY STATE ZIP

Marital Status:

Single Married Divorced Widowed

This application is for:

- An LRAP loan (January-June 2007)
- The cancellation of my LRAP loan (July-December 2006)

As defined by the federal tax code:

Number of dependent children _____

Age(s) of dependent child(ren) _____

Two references who will always know where to contact you (e.g., relatives or friends):

| | Reference | Reference |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Name (first, last) | | |
| Address (number and street) | | |
| Address (city, state, zip) | | |
| Phone | | |

LOAN INDEBTEDNESS INFORMATION

| Loan Source | Principal on Note* | Monthly Payment** |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Federal/Direct Loans | | |
| Subsidized | | |
| Unsubsidized | | |
| Perkins | | |
| Private Educational Loans | | |
| TOTAL DEBT | | |

* Principal of loans when borrowed at Boalt Hall

** Monthly Payments

NOTE: Perkins loans and private loans must be reported separately. Please check the Loan Disclosure Statement from your lender for interest rates and monthly repayment terms.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please report anticipated income for January-December 2007. If you are married, your spouse's income must be reported.

| | Graduate | Spouse |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Wages and salaries: | | |
| Overtime/Bonus/Commissions: | | |
| Taxable interest Income: | | |
| Dividend income: | | |
| Business income: | | |
| Alimony: | | |
| Unemployment compensation: | | |
| Rental income: | | |
| Trust fund income: | | |
| Other income (please specify): | | |
| TOTAL INCOME: | | |

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please complete this information as accurately as possible. If you are married, please provide information regarding your spouse's employment.

| | Graduate | Spouse |
|---|--|--------|
| Employer | | |
| Address (number and street) | | |
| Address (city, state, zip) | | |
| Phone number | | |
| Name of supervisor | | |
| Employment starting date and ending date (if applicable) | | |
| Full time or part-time (if part-time, specify number of hours per week) | <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time, no. of hours ____ (Full time = ____ hours) | |
| Annual salary | | |
| Brief job description: | | |

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide verification of the information that I have supplied on this form if requested by the School of Law or the program administrators.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Spouse's signature: _____

Date: _____



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EMPLOYER VERIFICATION

To the employer: Please complete this information as accurately as possible. **Please attach a published copy of the employee's job description.** The information you are providing will enable us to determine whether the employee's job meets the Qualifying Employment requirement for Boalt Hall's Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

| | |
|---|--|
| Employee name | |
| Employer | |
| Address (number and street) | |
| Address (city, state, zip) | |
| Phone | |
| Employee's title | |
| Name of employee's supervisor | |
| Employment starting date & ending date (if applicable) | |
| Does employee work full time or part-time? (If part-time, specify number of hours per week) | <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time, no. of hours ____ (Full time = ____ hours) |
| Annual salary | |
| Brief job description: | |
| Please describe the legal skills required for this position, including whether passing the bar is a necessary prerequisite: | |

Form completed by:

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____