

advanced payments are currently available to LRP participants:

- **Advanced Quarterly Payment Method**—The participant will receive two payments in the first quarter of the service obligation. The first payment will be disbursed approximately 30 days after the beginning of service and the second payment will be disbursed at the end of the first quarter, thereby placing the payment schedule one quarter in advance for the remainder of the service commitment.

- **Advanced Annual Lump Sum Payment Method**—The participant will be paid one advanced annual lump sum payment up to \$25,000 (plus 39% of that payment for tax assistance), approximately 90 days after the beginning of the first year of service, and another advanced annual lump sum payment up to \$25,000 (plus 39% of that payment for tax assistance), approximately 90 days after the beginning of the second year of service.

- **Advanced Biennial Lump Sum Payment Method**—The participant will receive one advanced biennial lump sum payment up to \$50,000 (plus 39% of that payment for tax assistance) approximately 90 days after the beginning of the first year of service.

The Secretary will identify and make available annually a list of those HPSA sites which will be available for service repayment under the NHSC LRP. The Secretary will select applicants for consideration for participation in the NHSC LRP according to the following criteria:

(1) The extent to which an individual's training in a health profession or specialty is determined by the Secretary to be needed by the NHSC in providing primary health services. From time to time, the Secretary will publish a notice detailing the professions and specialties most needed by the NHSC. Current professional and specialty priorities are outlined at the end of this notice.

(2) The extent to which an individual is determined by the Secretary to be committed to serve in a HPSA.

(3) The extent of an individual's demonstrated interest in providing primary health services.

(4) The immediacy of an individual's availability for service. Individuals who have a degree, have completed all necessary postgraduate training in their profession and specialty (i.e., in the case of physicians, are certified or eligible to sit for the certifying examinations of a specialty board, and in the case of other health professions, are certified in their specialty), and have a current and unrestricted license to practice their profession in the State in which they

intend to serve, will receive highest consideration.

(5) The individual's academic standing, prior professional experience in a HPSA, board certification, residency achievements, peer recommendations, and other criteria related to professional competence or conduct will also be considered.

In providing contracts under the NHSC LRP, priority will be given to an applicant:

- Whose health profession or specialty is most needed by the NHSC;
- Who has and whose spouse, if any, has characteristics that increase the probability of continuing to serve in a HPSA upon completion of his or her service obligation;
- Who is from a disadvantaged background, subject to the preceding paragraph.

#### Eligible Participants

To be eligible to participate in the NHSC LRP, an individual must:

(1) (a) Have a degree in allopathic or osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or other health profession, or be certified, in accordance with State licensure requirements, as a nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Other health professions include clinical psychology, clinical social work, and dental hygiene;

(b) Be enrolled in an approved graduate training program in allopathic or osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or other health profession; or

(c) Be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited school in a State and in the final year of a course of study or program leading to a degree in allopathic or osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or other health profession.

(2) Be eligible for, or hold an, appointment as a commissioned officer in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the PHS or be eligible for selection for civilian service in the NHSC (e.g., must be a citizen or national of the United States); and

(3) Submit an application for a contract to participate in the NHSC LRP which contract describes the repayment of educational loans in return for the individual serving for an obligated period.

Any individual who previously incurred an obligation for health professional service to the Federal Government, a State Government, or other entity is ineligible to participate in the NHSC LRP unless such obligation is completely satisfied prior to the beginning of service under this Program. Any individual who has breached an obligation to the Federal Government, a State Government, or other entity is

ineligible to participate in the NHSC LRP.

Any individual who has a judgment lien against his or her property for a debt to the United States is ineligible to participate in the NHSC LRP until the judgment is paid in full or otherwise satisfied.

No loan repayments will be made for any professional practice performed prior to the effective date of the NHSC LRP contract. All individuals must have a current and unrestricted license to practice their profession in the State of practice prior to beginning service under this Program.

#### Professions and Specialties Needed by the NHSC

At this time, the Secretary has determined, based on community demand, that priority will be given to: Physicians (M.D.s and D.O.s) who are certified or eligible to sit for the certifying examination in the specialty boards of family practice, obstetrics/gynecology, internal medicine, and pediatrics.

#### Other Award Information

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, since Executive Order 12372 does not cover payments to individuals. In addition, this program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements, since the requirements do not cover payment to individuals.

The OMB *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* number for this program is 93.162.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

**Claude Earl Fox,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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#### National Institutes of Health

##### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Special Volunteer and Guest Researcher Assignment

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Director, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January 10, 1997, (62 FR 1463) and allowed 60 days for public comment. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an

additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: *Title*: Special Volunteer and Guest Researcher Assignment. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Revision of OMB

No. 0925-0177; 4/30/97. *Need and Use of Information Collection*. Form NIH-590 records, names, address, employer, education, and other information on prospective Special Volunteers and Guest Researchers, and is used by the responsible NIH approving official to determine the individual's qualifications and eligibility for such assignments. The form is the only official record of approved assignments. *Frequency of Response*: On occasion.

*Affected Public*: Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents*: Guest Researcher and Special Volunteer candidates. *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 1,560. *Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent*: 1. *Average Burden Hours Per Response*: .08. *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested*: 125. There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Guest researcher .....	370	1	.08	29.6
Special Volunteer .....	1190	1	.08	95.2
Total .....	1560	1	.08	125

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and the clarity of information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DIRECT COMMENTS TO:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Ms. Yetta L. Patterson, Personnel Management Specialist, Office of Human Resource Management, OD, NIH, Building 31, Room 1C39, 31 Center Drive MSC 2272, Bethesda, MD 20892-2272.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Ms. Yetta L. Patterson,

Personnel Management Specialist, Office of Human Resource Management, OD, NIH, Building 31, Room 1C39, 31 Center Drive MSC 2272, Bethesda, MD 20892-2272.

**COMMENTS DUE DATE:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before April 28, 1997.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

**Stephen C. Benowitz,**

*Director, Office of Human Resource Management.*

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### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting:

*Name of SEP:* Women and Infants Transmission Study.

*Date:* March 25, 1997.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m.

*Place:* Solar Building, Room 1A-1, 6003 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20892, (301) 496-2550.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Sayeed Quraishi, Scientific Review Adm., 6003 Executive Boulevard, Solar Building, Room 4C22, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-7465.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate grant applications.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information

concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meetings due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.855, Immunology, Allergic and Immunologic Diseases Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: March 21, 1997.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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### National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 United States Code, Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* March 27, 1997.

*Time:* 4 p.m.

*Place:* 6120 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892 (telephone conference call).

*Contact Person:* Melissa Stick, Ph.D., M.P.H., Scientific Review Administrator, NIDCD/DEA/SRB, EPS Room 400C, 6120 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7180, Bethesda MD 20892-7180, 301-496-8683.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review and evaluate a Small Grant application.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* March 28, 1997.

*Time:* 11 a.m.