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PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FOREGIVENESS PROGRAM

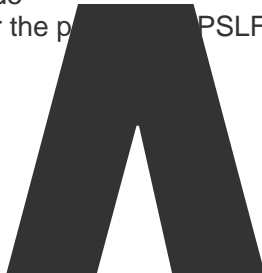
As an employee of the Montana University System (MUS), you may qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program. PSLF is a federal program that forgives the remaining balance on direct loans after 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while an individual is working full-time for a qualifying employer. The MUS is a qualifying PSLF employer.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Education announced a time-limited waiver to allow borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment that would otherwise not qualify for loan forgiveness. Under the temporary waiver, any prior period of repayment counts as a qualifying payment, regardless of loan program, repayment plan, or whether the payment was made in full or on time, provided the employment requirements are satisfied.

Many in the MUS may have applied for PSLF and had their application rejected because they did not meet the PSLF criteria. The MUS encourages employees who may be eligible for relief under the program to apply or reapply, even if an application was previously submitted and rejected by the U.S. Department of Education.

The waiver is only available for a limited time. The deadline to submit the PSLF Application for the waiver is **October 31, 2022**. Individual employees are responsible for submitting all necessary forms to the U.S. Department of Education. Requests for employment certification should be directed to campus human resources.

To provide additional clarity for eligibility and to assist a broader range of employees, the MUS will consider employment for the purpose of PSLF. This interpretation aligns with the U.S. Department of



More information, including a handy [Help Tool](#) to determine eligibility and FAQs about the PSLF program, is available [here](#).

URC OFFICE UPDATES

A little moving around has happened this summer in the University Relations Center. An updated office list appears below:

104 Vacant, Director of Alumni Engagement

105 Amanda Badovinac, Executive Director Marketing & Communications

109 Career Services

Sarah Raymond, Director

Sierra Hancock, Student Success & Internship Coordinator

Vacant, Career Fair & On-campus Interview Coordinator

111 Lou Mason, Photographer/Videographer

112 Deanna Johnson, CFO, Montana Tech Foundation

113 Kylee Hamaker, Accountant, Montana Tech Foundation

114 Megan Strickland, Marketing & Communications Specialist

116 Shannon Sampson, Stewardship & Data Development Coordinator, Montana Tech Foundation

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