



# Rheumatology Research Foundation

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## Amgen Fellowship Training Award

## Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award

The mission of the Rheumatology Research Foundation is to advance research and training to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease.

The purpose of these awards is to provide support to fellows in rheumatology to help ensure that a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to provide competent care to those affected by rheumatic diseases. The Amgen Fellowship Training Awards may be used to support the salary of any fellow. Programs will be evaluated based on their success in meeting the stated goals of their program and ultimately their ability to advance the Foundation's mission to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease through a) increased patient access to care, b) development of future treatments and cures, c) demonstration or improvement in the value of rheumatology care; and/or d) expansion of the impact of rheumatology.

One Paula de Merieux grant is awarded yearly to support a trainee who belongs to an underrepresented minority within rheumatology, or is a woman. For the purposes of this program, "underrepresented minority within rheumatology" shall mean Black, Hispanic, or Native American (that is, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians).

**Award Amount:** \$50,000 for one year

**All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through WizeHive**  
<http://app.wizehive.com/apps/fta>

Application Deadline
May 2, 2016
Notification
September 1, 2016
Award Term Begins
July 1, 2017

## Guidelines

All applicants and award recipients must abide by Foundation Awards and Grants Policies at all times. A list of current policies is available at [www.rheumresearch.org](http://www.rheumresearch.org).

### Eligibility

- Applicant (Program Director) must be an ACR or ARHP member at the time of submission and for the duration of the award
- Only Program Directors at ACGME-accredited institutions in good standing may apply
- The rheumatology fellowship training program director at the institution will be responsible for the overall direction, management and administration of the program
- By submitting an application, the program director and sponsoring institution agree funds will be used ONLY for salary support of one fellow in their first or second year (or third year fellow in pediatric rheumatology)
- Multiple applications from a single institution will not be permitted unless they are for separate training programs (e.g., adult and pediatric rheumatology).

**If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact the Foundation before preparing your application.**

### Review Criteria

Applications will be reviewed based on all components of the proposal with emphasis being placed on the quality of fellowship training program, including:

- **Relevance to the Foundation's mission to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease**
- Success in achieving specific goals of the fellowship program

All applications undergo rigorous peer review in their assigned study section, and are scored and ranked according to the review criteria and overall merit of the proposal. All study section recommendations are sent to the Foundation Scientific Advisory Council for review before being presented to the Foundation Board of Directors for final approval.

### Award Terms and Funding

This is a one year award. No trainee may be appointed for less than 12 months during the period of appointment. Upon receipt of this award, the institution must complete contractual documents, including a statement assuring that funds will be used ONLY for salary support of one fellow in their first or second year (or third year pediatrics). Funding will not be released until the Foundation receives these documents.

Recipients will receive \$50,000 to support the salary and fringe benefits of one trainee. The award is paid directly to the sponsoring institution in two equal installments in July and January. Other trainee costs are to be incurred by the recipient's institutional program.

### **Funding Sources**

Funding for the Amgen Fellowship Training Award is made possible in part through the financial support of Amgen, Inc.

Funding for the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training award is made possible in part by an endowment from the Paula de Merieux estate.

## **Application Instructions**

Before starting the online application, please read the [Instructions for All Awards](#).

### **Applicant Information**

You will be asked to confirm your eligibility and provide contact information in this section. In addition to the applicant information requested above, you will be asked to upload the following documents:

#### **Program Director Biosketch in NIH Format**

Limited to five pages; should include any pending support.

### **Program Information**

#### **Type of Program**

Please indicate adult or pediatric program using the checkbox in the online application.

#### **Award Amount**

This information is pre-populated in the online application to list the award start/end dates and the total award amount. No action is required here for the applicant.

#### **Project Narrative (2-3 sentences)**

Briefly describe how your proposal is relevant to the Foundation's mission to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease.

Specifically, please explain how your program addresses at least one of the following: a) increase patient access to care, b) develop future treatments and cures, c) demonstrate or improve the value of rheumatology care; and/or d) expand the impact of rheumatology. In this section, be succinct and use plain language that can be understood by a lay audience. The Project Narrative is made public for all awarded grants and used by the Foundation for marketing efforts.

#### **Program Description**

Describe the fellowship training program, including the following:

- a. Goals of the training program and success in achieving those goals (**limit 500 words**)
- b. Description of curriculum (**limit 1,250 words**) including
  - o didactic program

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- patient population
  - types of procedures the fellow is exposed to during training
- c. Number of ACGME-approved training slots and fill rates for the past 5 years, and plans for future growth/support (**limit 250 words**)
- d. Means of funding fellows and the impact the award will have on the training program (**limit 250 words**)

## Required Documents

### Publications

List publications that include rheumatology fellows among the authors within the last five years. **Please bold each fellow's name in the author listing.** Only include publications that resulted from work done during the fellowship, not as a resident or junior faculty member. Papers and abstracts should be separated.

Tables completed as part of an application to other funding agencies will be accepted (e.g., NIH T32).

### Faculty Information Table

**Download, complete and submit the Faculty Information Table for all faculty members who will have significant interaction with the fellows. See example of the table below.**

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### Fellow Graduates Table

**Download, complete and submit the Fellow Graduates Table. See example of the table below.**

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### Letter of Institutional Support

The division chief, department chair, or equivalent institutional official must provide written assurance of the following:

- the quality of the training program
- clear support for the program, program director and trainees,
- means of funding remaining salary (how the remaining funding for the trainee will be covered in the award cycle and any remaining years of the fellowship)

### Paula de Merieux Eligibility

Applicants for the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Award must complete this item.

Applicants for the Amgen Fellowship Training Award may also be eligible for the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award. In order to qualify, the trainee must be a member of an underrepresented minority within rheumatology, or a woman. For this award, "underrepresented minority within rheumatology" shall mean Black, Hispanic, or Native American (that is, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians).

If you would like to apply for this award:

- Include a statement – limited to 250 words – as to why your program is eligible for the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award.
- You will then be considered for both the Amgen Fellowship Training Award and the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award; however applicants need only submit one application and will receive only one of these awards.

### Additional Uploads

Additional documents which support the application may be uploaded. Limit 10 pages. Means of funding, procedures, and population information should NOT be in appendix.

### Checklist of Uploads

Use this for reference when finalizing application materials.

*Note: after a document is uploaded, you will not be able to view. Please double check all documents prior to upload. A PDF of your complete application will be emailed to you following the submission deadline for your reference.*

- Program Director biosketch
- Publications List
- Faculty Information Table
- Fellow Graduates Table
- Letter of Institutional Support
- Additional Uploads (optional)

**Faculty Information Table**

Please use the template below and add/delete rows as needed. Include a detailed description of each faculty member's involvement in the training program and their specific contributions. Tables completed as part of an application to other funding agencies will also be accepted (e.g., NIH T32).

<b>Full Name with credentials</b>	<b>Role in training program</b>	<b>Description of involvement</b>
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6.		

**Fellow Graduates Table**

Provide the requested information on fellow graduates from the last five years. Please use the template below and add/delete rows as needed. Tables completed as part of an application to other funding agencies will also be accepted (e.g., NIH T32).

DETAILS

<b>Fellow's Full Name with credentials</b>	<b>Career choice and current location</b>	<b>Years in ACGME training program</b>	<b><u>Rheumatology</u> ABIM status</b>	<b>First Time Pass? (Yes/No)</b>
1. <i>Joseph A. Fellow, MPH, MD</i>	<i>Rheumatology (Adult or Peds) and Clinical Immunology, University of Florida</i>	<i>2000-2005</i>	<i>Rheum. Boards May 2004/ Did Not Pass Rheum. Boards May 2005 / Passed Certified May 2005/Expires May 2015</i>	No
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