



**Rheumatology  
Research  
Foundation**

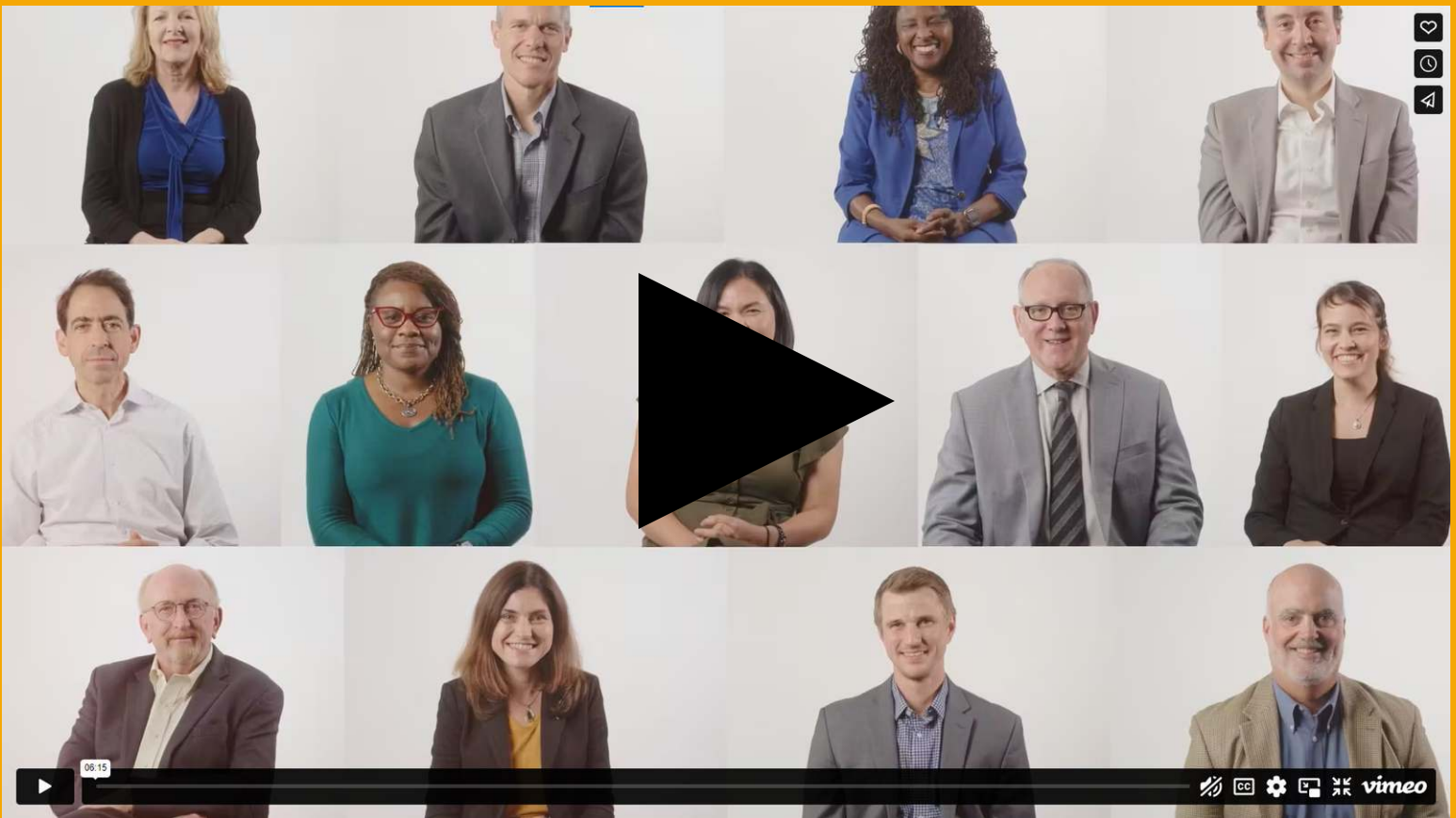
# **2022**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



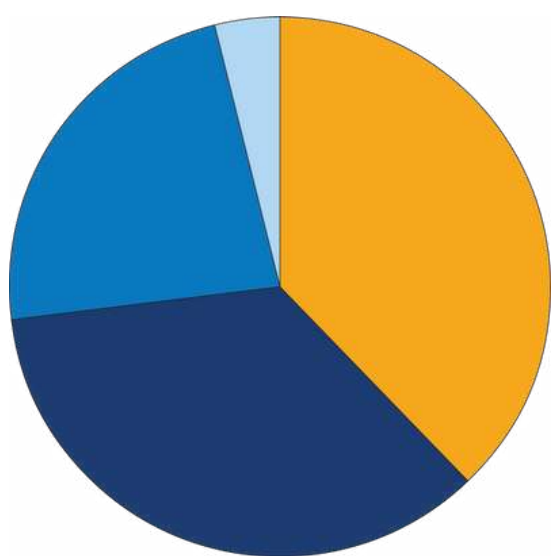
# OUR FOUNDATION

The Rheumatology Research Foundation is a charitable 501(c)3 organization dedicated to advancing research and training to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease. The 2022 Annual Report is based on activities during Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022).



# FUNDING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST IN RHEUMATOLOGY

In FY2022, the Rheumatology Research Foundation provided **\$11,504,246** in funding.



- Innovative Research**  
\$4,352,468
- Career Development Research**  
\$4,052,888
- Education and Training**  
\$2,661,215
- Recruitment**  
\$437,675

Since its founding in 1985, the Foundation committed **\$205 MILLION** to fund research and training.



# OUR FUNDING PRIORITIES



## RECRUITMENT

Cultivating interest in rheumatology to help ensure students, residents and fellows pursue careers in the field and help fill shortages, both academically and geographically.



## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Building the rheumatology workforce to satisfy the growing demand for rheumatologists and rheumatology health professionals.



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Encouraging early and mid-career investigators to continue vital research into the cause, prevention and treatment of rheumatic diseases.



## INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

Providing independent investigators with the funding they need to pursue ideas that could lead to important breakthroughs in discovering new treatments and, one day, a cure.



# 2022 COMPLETED PROJECTS

**In FY22, the Foundation received final reports\* for 66 completed projects.**

- 27 FELLOWSHIP TRAINING AWARDS**
- 10 CAREER DEVELOPMENT BRIDGE FUNDING AWARDS**
- 9 INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AWARDS**
- 8 SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**
- 4 CLINICIAN SCHOLAR EDUCATOR AWARDS**
- 4 INVESTIGATOR AWARDS**
- 3 FELLOWSHIP TRAINING AWARDS FOR WORKPLACE EXPANSION**
- 1 FUTURE PHYSICIAN SCIENTIST AWARD**

\*Award recipients are required to submit a final report at the end of the award term to record outcomes. This data is essential to measure the success of these awards.



# PROJECT OUTCOMES

**Recipients shared the following research outcomes as a result of Foundation funding:**

**21** DEFINED NEW PATHWAYS

**3** NOVEL GENE SIGNATURES

**6** NEW DRUG TARGETS

**5** NEW BIOMARKERS

**4** NOVEL EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS DEVELOPED

**5** NEW CELL MODELS DEVELOPED

**4** NEW EPIDEMIOLOGIC FINDINGS

**14** NEW COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS

**5** NEW ANIMAL MODELS

**1** BETTER DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

**3** DRUGS IN PRE-CLINICAL TESTING

**6** NEW INSIGHTS INTO CLINICAL ASSOCIATIONS

**3** NEW PATIENT DATABANKS

This data is based on 36 reports. Award recipients are required to submit a final report at the end of the award term to record outcomes. This data is essential to measure the success of these awards.



# CAREER OUTCOMES

## FY18-FY22\*

Over the past 5 years, Foundation funding has resulted in:

61 subsequent NIH grants totaling over  
**\$79 MILLION** in subsequent NIH funding



**116 PRESENTATIONS** made by  
Foundation-funded investigators at 2021 ACR Convergence



\* NIH data represents FY17 – FY21 awardees



# SUPPORTERS

The generosity of our supporters is integral to our mission. Without the invaluable contributions from members of the American College of Rheumatology, the patient community, and the Corporate Roundtable, we could not spearhead the effort to end rheumatic disease.

## THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATE ROUNDTABLE

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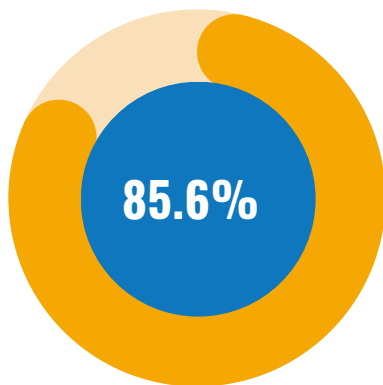
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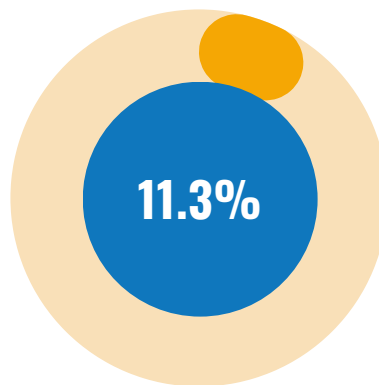


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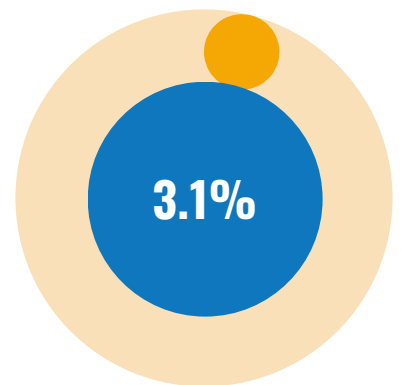
Our high level of fiscal responsibility ranks us among the **top 1% of charities** in the nation and allows us to focus on what is the most important: the health of people living with rheumatic disease.



**PROGRAMS**



**FUNDRAISING**



**ADMINISTRATION**



Charity Navigator is the nation's largest charity evaluator, providing the Foundation with its highest rating of four stars! The Foundation also received the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar.





The Rheumatology Research Foundation is able to fund cutting-edge research and the training of the next generation of rheumatology professionals because of the generous support of our donors, thank you.

If you would like to learn more about how you can make an impact at the Rheumatology Research Foundation, please contact us at [foundation@rheumatology.org](mailto:foundation@rheumatology.org).

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