



# Rheumatology Research Foundation

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## Health Professional Online Education Grant

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 this award is to increase the knowledge and skills of rheumatology health professionals to meet the needs of a growing rheumatology patient population by providing registration costs to complete the Advanced Rheumatology Courses. Additional information about these courses may be found on the ACR Web site at <http://www.rheumatology.org/Education>.

**Award Amount:** Up to 1,500

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through WizeHive at <http://app.wizehive.com/apps/HPOEGapp2018>

Applications are accepted 4 times per year as detailed below:

Applications Due	Notifications
August 1	September 15
November 1	December 15
February 1	March 15
May 1	June 15

### 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

- Applicants must meet citizenship and other eligibility requirements as outlined in the Awards and Grants [policies](#).
- Applicants must be ARHP members at the time of submission and for the duration of the award
- Nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physician assistants, and other licensed non-physician health professionals are eligible to apply.
- Special consideration will be given to those who work with underserved populations, have recently graduated from a health professional program, or who see rheumatic disease patients outside of a rheumatology practice.

### Review of Criteria

Applicants are responsible for submitting all required application documents prior to the deadline. Applications will be reviewed based on all components of the proposal with emphasis being placed on the following criteria:

1. Applicant's educational background and previous coursework
2. Applicant's practice setting and relevance to the treatment of rheumatic disease

All applicants will be notified within 8 weeks of the deadline, and all award payments will be made within 2 weeks receipt of required paperwork.

### Award Terms and Funding

The awardee will have up to one year from the date of registration to complete the online program. The award amount is up to \$1,500 annually and will be paid directly to the awardee. The award amount will be commensurate with the cost of the course being completed.

## 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:

#### Applicant Biosketch in NIH Format or Resume

Limited to five pages; should include any pending support.

### Project Information

#### Program Logistics

- Online Course/Modules to be completed
- Total expected registration fees
- Proposed start and end dates for program (participant has one year from the date of registration to complete the online program)

### Required Documents

#### Statement of Need

Limit to one page.

- Description of applicant's current practice setting, if applicable
- Description of applicant's employer's support (if applicable) for continuing education and professional development, including why this award is needed
- Future career plans, including plans for additional training or coursework

### **Letter of Recommendation**

From one of the following sources:

- From the applicant's supervisor describing their support of the applicant as well as the practice setting and patient population. – OR –
- From a faculty member of the training institution who is an active member of the ARHP describing their support for the candidate's continuing education.