



Rheumatology Research Foundation

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Student and Resident ACR Convergence (ACR/ARP Annual Meeting) Scholarship

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

As a part of the [Choose Rheumatology](#) campaign, the Foundation encourages students and residents to explore a career in rheumatology. The purpose of the Student and Resident ACR Convergence (ACR/ARP Annual Meeting) Scholarship is to introduce students and residents in areas of the United States **underserved** by rheumatologists and rheumatology health professionals, to the specialty of rheumatology and rheumatology-related health care in order to better serve patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. Students and residents from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related science are also eligible to receive the Student and Resident ACR Convergence Scholarship.

Awardees will be given a one-year ACR or ARP membership and complimentary registration for the 2020 ACR Convergence, as well as \$2,000 for travel expenses. At the meeting, awardees will attend an exclusive half-day *Choose Rheumatology* event.

ACR Convergence (November 6-11, 2020 in Washington D.C.)

The meeting features the latest innovations, science, clinical and business best practices in rheumatology. You will get first-hand access to the latest discoveries and research transforming rheumatic disease care, as well as, clinical applications that will improve the health of patients. It is an opportunity to experience personalized learning that allows you to expand your knowledge to new areas of interest and focus in rheumatology. For more information about the ACR Convergence check out <https://www.rheumatology.org/>.

Choose Rheumatology Experience

The event will take place during the ACR Convergence and involves a breakfast and introductory educational sessions, followed by poster tours and/or selected meeting sessions where students and residents will be paired with rheumatology fellow-in-training mentors. The breakfast will start at **8:00 AM ET on Sunday, November 8, 2020**. More details about the event will be provided at a later time.

Award Amount: \$2,000 for travel expenses (including air fare, hotel and meals) and registration to the 2020 ACR Convergence, plus a one-year ACR/ARP Membership.

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through Zengine at:

<https://webportalapp.com/sp/fy2021ams>

If you have any questions about your eligibility or submitting your application, please contact Award & Grants staff at 404-365-1373 or Foundation@rheumatology.org.

Application Deadline

August 3, 2020

Guidelines

Eligibility

- All award recipients must abide by Foundation [Awards and Grants Policies](#) at all times.
- The applicant must be a currently enrolled graduate student; medical student; or internal medicine, pediatric, or combined medicine/pediatrics resident at a U.S. institution.
- Applicant must meet one of the criteria below:
 - The applicant must be a permanent resident of, or be enrolled at an accredited institution in a state that has been designated as 'underserved', based on definitions provided by [IDeA](#) and [HRSA](#) programs. Eligible states are Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming.

If you are not a permanent resident of or a student at an institution in one of these states, check out the Foundation's Preceptorships and [Annual Meeting Awards](#), which also provide funding to attend the ACR Convergence Meeting.
 - The applicant is from a racial or ethnic group that has been shown to be underrepresented in biomedical research ([as defined by the National Science Foundation](#)). This includes Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

Award Terms and Funding

This is a one-year award and awardees will receive the following:

- \$2,000 stipend for travel expenses (including air fare, hotel and meals) to attend the 2020 ACR Convergence
 - Note: Student will be paid stipend in advance of meeting but will be asked to submit original receipts to the Foundation following the meeting. Recipients will be issued a 1099 form for any funds **not** accounted for via receipts.
- Complimentary registration to the 2020 ACR Convergence
- One-year ACR/ARP membership
- Attendance at the Choose Rheumatology Experience

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, you will be asked to upload the following documents:

Student/Resident Resume, CV, or Biosketch

Limit to 5 pages.

Statement of Need

Limit to 1 page.

- Description of applicant's current career plans and interest in rheumatology, including why this award is needed.

Letter of Recommendation

Limit to 1 page.

- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member from the applicant's institution confirming their enrollment at the institution and availability for attendance to the ACR Convergence Meeting, as well as the Choose Rheumatology Experience.

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