



Rheumatology Research Foundation

Advancing Treatment | Finding Cures

Medical and Graduate Student Preceptorship

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

The purpose of the preceptorship program is to introduce medical and graduate students to rheumatology-related health care by supporting a full-time clinical or research experience in the broad area of rheumatic disease.

Applicants have the option to select Clinical or Research when applying.

Note for clinical preceptorships: this preceptorship is not designed to replace a clinical clerkship in rheumatology. Programs should be designed as a "shadow" experience with the student observing the preceptor. The student should not be expected to perform independent patient management. Examples of such experiences would primarily include observing patient contact in the clinical office, accompanying the preceptor on rehabilitation facility visits, hospital rounds and/or conferences at the preceptor's institution.

Award Amount: \$4,000 for an at least eight-week research or clinical preceptorship to be completed within 12 months of award start date **or** \$2,000 for an at least four-week clinical preceptorship to be completed within 12 months of award start date.

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through Zengine at:
<https://webportalapp.com/sp/fy2021mgsp>

Applications are accepted 4 times per year as detailed below:

Applications Due	Notifications
May 1	June 15
August 3	September 15
November 2	December 15
February 1	March 15

Guidelines

All award recipients must abide by Foundation [Awards and Grants Policies](#) at all times.

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.

Eligibility

- Preceptor must be an ACR or ARP member at the time of submission and for the duration of the award (students are not required to be members).
- A preceptor may be eligible to receive the award multiple times; however, they must work with a different student each time. Previous student/preceptor pairs are not eligible to apply again.
- Students enrolled in LCME or AOA COCA accredited medical schools, undergraduate students who have been accepted into medical school, students enrolled in an accredited graduate school, or undergraduate students who have been accepted into graduate school, are eligible to apply.
- Previous recipients are not eligible.
- Students may apply during any year of their medical or graduate studies and must have identified a preceptor by the time of the application.
- Individuals who are personally related to the proposed student are not eligible to serve as the student's preceptor.

Interested students can search the [ACR/ARP member directory](#) to find a rheumatologist or rheumatology health professional in their geographic area.

Review Criteria

Each application will be reviewed on the following criteria:

1. Project's relevance to rheumatic disease
2. Preceptor's credentials as related to the project and previous experiences as a mentor/sponsor
3. Appropriateness and feasibility of student's role in the experience or project
4. The clinical or institutional environment, including experiences specifically designed for students

All awardees will be notified within 6 weeks of the deadline, and all award payments will be made within 2 weeks receipt of required paperwork.

Award Terms and Funding

Students must complete at least eight-weeks/four-weeks of the preceptorship within 12 months from the award start date. The project must be completed after the award start date issued. Students will receive a stipend **or** may waive the stipend and receive the preceptorship as elective credit. Preceptors will receive funding that may serve as a stipend or be used to cover related project expenses.

Preceptorship Type	Preceptorship Length	Student Funding	Preceptor Funding
Clinical	At least 4 weeks	\$1,500	\$500
	At least 8 weeks	\$3,000	\$1,000
Research	At least 8 weeks	\$3,000	\$1,000

Students are also eligible to receive complimentary* registration as well as reimbursement for up to \$1,000 in travel expenses to attend the ACR Convergence (ACR/ARP Annual Meeting). Students are eligible to attend the Annual Meeting in the year that they were awarded, OR the following year to allow time for abstract submission. Students must notify the Foundation prior to attendance to receive these benefits.

***ACR membership is required to receive complimentary registration to attend the ACR Convergence (ACR/ARP Annual Meeting). Membership is free to all student awardees.**

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:

Preceptor [Biosketch](#) or CV

Limit to 5 pages.

Preceptee [Biosketch](#) or CV

Limit to 5 pages.

Project Information

Preceptorship Logistics

- Proposed start and end date
- Institution where project will take place
- Preceptorship Track: Research or Clinical
- If research, provide project title

Elective

Would the student like to accept this preceptorship as an elective and waive the stipend? (Please indicate yes or no)

Required Documents

Project Proposal- Limit 3 pages

- a. Description of student's current and future interests.
- b. Goals and expectations to be achieved in the preceptorship.
- c. Description of preceptor's previous mentoring experience (past five years). Please include any awards or recognition received as well as any teaching activities.
- d. Description of experience intended for the student and address how they will be accomplished during the preceptorship.
 - For clinical experiences: include clinical seminar(s) attendance, rheumatology rounds, provisions for relevant coursework, or participation in limited clinical activities.
 - For research experiences: include research seminar(s) attendance; rheumatology rounds; provisions for relevant coursework; or participation in research activities.
- e. Provide a list of other faculty/investigators the student may encounter on a regular basis during this preceptorship. Please include names, explanation of their relationship and declaration of rheumatology related interests. Additional preceptors included in proposal must provide a written statement citing awareness of their responsibilities and support of the proposal.

Letter of Recommendation- Limit 1 page

A letter of recommendation is required from the preceptor describing the institutional environment (i.e., potential interactions with other trainees, other laboratories, etc.) and any proposed plans/experiences intended for the student during this preceptorship.

Note: This application does not require official signature from an authorized institutional research office at the time of application. Institutional signature will be required if award is received by applicant.