

Amgen Fellowship Training Award

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 this award is to help ensure an adequate supply of (a) rheumatology providers meeting the needs of children and adults with rheumatic diseases in all areas of the country and (b) rheumatology educators and investigators to train future clinicians and advance research in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. The Amgen Fellowship Training Award may be used to support the salary of any fellow in an ACGME-accredited rheumatology fellowship training program.

Annually, one Paula de Merieux grant is awarded 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. Only one application submission is required to be considered for the Fellowship Training Award and the Paula de Merieux Award funding.

Note: Programs that would utilize these grant funds to fill a previously unfilled fellowship slot or creation of a new slot; programs should consider applying for the [Fellowship Training Award- Workforce Expansion](#).

Award Amount: \$50,000 for one year

All applications must be submitted online by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through ProposalCentral at: [Proposal Central](#).

Application Deadline
May 2, 2022
Notification
September 1, 2022
Award Term Begins
July 3, 2023

Guidelines

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

Eligibility

- Applicant (Program Director) must be an ACR or ARP 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).
- Programs may not apply for the Amgen Fellowship Training Award and Fellowship Training Award- Workforce Expansion within the same application cycle.
- Current recipients of the Fellowship Training Award for Workforce Expansion are not eligible to apply for this award.
- Supported fellows do not need to be U.S. citizens or non-citizen nationals.

If you have questions about your eligibility, please inquire by email to foundation@rheumatology.org or 404-365-1373 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:

- Academic and/or clinical quality
- Success in achieving the goals of the training program
- Demonstrated financial need

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. Preference will be given to programs not supported by fellowship training awards given by other organizations. All study section recommendations are sent to the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Council for review before being presented to the Foundation's 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 2023 and January 2024. Other trainee costs are to be incurred by the recipient's institution.

At the close of the award term, the recipient must provide the Foundation with a final financial reconciliation. All unexpended funds must be returned to the Foundation.

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, you will be required to create a Professional Profile in ProposalCentral, if you have not already. To do so, visit [this link](#) to begin creating your account.

All files must be saved as a PDF. Documents that do not have a required template should be formatted with ½ inch margin, 11-point Arial Font, and single-spacing (does not apply to figures and tables). All applications and documents must be written in English and avoid use of jargon or abbreviations. If terms are not universally known, spell out the term the first time it is used and note the appropriate abbreviation in parentheses. The acronym may be used thereafter.

Program Information

You will be asked to list the Institution name, program type (pediatric/adult), and confirm eligibility in this section. You will also be asked to indicate which years your institution has received a Rheumatology Research Foundation Fellowship Training Award (including Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award) in the last 5 academic years. Please include all years that apply.

Applicant/Program Director

You will be asked to provide contact information in this section, and to upload the **Program Director's biosketch** in [NIH format](#) (limited to 5 pages and should include any pending support).

Program Details

Describe the fellowship training program, including the following:

- A. Goals of the training program and success in achieving those goals (**limit 3,500 characters including spaces**)
- B. Description of program (**limit 7,500 characters including spaces**) including:
 - Participating institutions
 - Patient population
 - Curriculum
 - Areas of strength
- C. Number of ACGME-approved training slots, number of slots entered into the NRMP match, fill rates for the past 5 years, and any plans for future growth/support (**limit 1,500 characters including spaces**)
- D. Brief Statement of financial need and the impact the award will have on the training program (**Limit 1,500 characters including spaces**); there is no need to duplicate information here that you have included in the "fellowship positions questionnaire" at the end of this application).
- E. **Paula de Merieux Eligibility:** Applicants for the Amgen Fellowship Training Award may be eligible for the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award. To qualify, the trainee must be a member of an underrepresented minority within rheumatology, or a woman. If you meet eligibility requirements and would like to be considered for this award designation, please indicate this where prompted in the online application.

Fellowship Positions Questionnaire

Complete the Fellowship Positions Questionnaire by entering information directly into the application. Percentage of funding for the upcoming year must add up to 100%.

Required Documents

Publications List

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 a 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)

Additional Uploads

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

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).

Full name with credentials	Role in training program	Description of involvement
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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).

Fellow's full name with credentials	Career choice and current location	Years in training program	<u>Rheumatology</u> ABIM/ABP status	First time pass? (Yes/No)
1. <i>Joseph A. Fellow, MPH, MD</i>	<i>Rheumatology (Adult or Peds) and Clinical Immunology, University of Florida</i>	<i>2012-2014</i>	<i>Rheum. Boards 2014/ Did Not Pass Rheum. Boards 2014 / Passed Certified 2015/Expires 2025</i>	No
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