



## NOTICE OF SPECIAL INTEREST: TELEHEALTH

The Rheumatology Research Foundation is issuing a notice of special interest (NOSI) to highlight the availability of funds for projects exploring the use of telehealth to improve patient care and health outcomes in individuals with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. These funds are available in partnership with AbbVie and UCB, with additional support provided by Bristol Myers Squibb. The Foundation will accept applications using established award mechanisms.

***Please note that this NOSI complements but does not replace the Foundation's annual programs.***

The Foundation is accepting application submissions through the following award mechanisms:

- Scientist Development Award
- Investigator Award
- Innovative Research Award
- Innovative Research Award for Community Practitioners

Projects should help to answer rapidly emerging questions about telehealth in the rheumatology space. Examples of studies relevant to this NOSI include, but are not limited to:

- Leveraging telehealth to drive health equity and expand access to rheumatology care.
- Approaches to improving uptake and satisfaction with telehealth for patients and rheumatology providers.
- Leveraging or enhancing telehealth approaches to better shape infrastructure, policies, procedures, patient flows and training for healthcare provider teams and patients.
- Implementing solutions to enhance and expand on new or existing technology to improve telehealth and telehealth delivery.
- Determining how well telehealth works in adjunct to in-person care for different patient populations and circumstances to facilitate shared decision-making.

Successful projects should demonstrate:

- Improved patient outcomes
- Improved healthcare delivery, cost savings and increased efficiency
- Increased access to rheumatology care
- Demonstrated value of telehealth
- Better equipped care providers with needed tools and infrastructure
- Better educated, focused and prepared patients

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# AVAILABLE FUNDING

ACR/ARP members are encouraged to submit applications [online](#) through the following mechanisms:

## **SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

This mentored career development award is designed for individuals in the early stages of their career (typically Fellows) or those without significant prior research experience who plan to embark on careers in biomedical and/or clinical research in rheumatic diseases.

Award Amount: Up to \$225,000

Award Term: 3 Years

Letter of Intent Deadline: June 1, 2021

Application Deadline: July 1, 2021

## **INVESTIGATOR AWARD**

This award is intended to support early career investigators (with a faculty appointment) engaged in research relevant to the rheumatic diseases for the period between the completion of post-doctorate fellowship training and establishment as an independent investigator.

Award Amount: Up to \$375,000

Award Term: 3 Years

Letter of Intent Deadline: June 1, 2021

Application Deadline: July 1, 2021

## **INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AWARD**

The purpose of this award is to provide independent academic investigators with funding to pursue ideas that could lead to important breakthroughs in discovering new treatments and cures for rheumatic diseases. This award provides essential support for innovative studies focused on generating new insights into the cause, progression, treatment, and outcomes of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.

Award Amount: Up to \$400,000

Award Term: 2 Years

Letter of Intent Deadline: June 1, 2021

Application Deadline: July 1, 2021

## **INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AWARD FOR COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS**

The purpose of this award is to enable research with potential to improve the treatment of rheumatic diseases, patient outcomes, and/or quality of care. This award is targeted to community practitioners with an interest in conducting research in addition to being engaged in patient care. The community practitioner is encouraged to partner with an academic investigator for the project.

Award Amount: Up to \$400,000

Award Term: 2 Years

Letter of Intent Deadline: June 1, 2021

Application Deadline: August 1, 2021

## KEY DATES

- May 13, 2021: Applicant Webinar
- June 1, 2021: Letter of Intent Due
- July 1, 2021: Applications Due for Scientist Development, Investigator, and Innovative Research Awards
- Aug 2, 2021: Applications Due for Innovative Research Award for Community Practitioners
- July 1, 2022: Project Start Date

## QUESTIONS

If you have questions about your eligibility, or the application process, please inquire by email to [foundation@rheumatology.org](mailto:foundation@rheumatology.org) or by phone at 404-365-1373 before preparing your application. A member of our team will be happy to walk you through the process!

Visit [www.rheumresearch.org](http://www.rheumresearch.org) to learn more about funding opportunities from the Rheumatology Research Foundation.