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SUPPLEMENTAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING IN METABOLIC BONE HEALTH

**Request for Applications
FY2028**



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OUR MISSION

Advance research and training to improve the health of patients living with rheumatic diseases.

Purpose

The purpose of this supplemental award is to provide funding to enhance fellows' or advanced practice providers' knowledge and training in osteoporosis and metabolic bone health. Fellowship Program Directors (FDP) applying for the [Fellowship Training Award](#) or the [Fellowship Training Award for Workforce Expansion](#) may elect to receive additional funds to support their fellow(s)' participation in approved training opportunities. Rheumatologists at a clinical practice applying for the Mentored Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Award for Workforce Expansion may also elect to receive additional funds to provide rheumatology-specific training to a newly hired nurse practitioner (NP) or physician assistant (PA). These supplemental funds are made possible through the **Andrew J. Laster, MD Fund for Education and Training in Metabolic Bone Disease**.

Award Amount

Up to \$7,500

All applications must be submitted via the Fellowship Training Award, Fellowship Training Award for Workforce Expansion or Mentored NP/PA Award for Workforce Expansion online by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through [ProposalCentral](#).

Questions about your eligibility or submitting your application? Please contact Award & Grants staff at 404-365-1373 or foundation@rheumatology.org.

Timeline

Fellowship Training Award/Fellowship Training Award for Workforce Expansion			
Application Opens	Application Deadline	Notification	Award Term Begins
April 1, 2026	June 1, 2026	September 1, 2026	July 1, 2027

Mentored Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Award for Workforce Expansion			
Application Opens	Application Deadline	Notification	Award Term Begins
October 1, 2026	December 1, 2026	January 15, 2026	February 1, 2026

Award Eligibility and Guidelines

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

- Applicant must complete application for the [Fellowship Training Award](#), [Fellowship Training Award for Workforce Expansion](#) or [Mentored NP/PA Award for Workforce Expansion](#) and meet all eligibility requirements of the respective award.
- Applicant must be accepted for funding via the Fellowship Training Award, Fellowship Training Award for Workforce Expansion or Mentored NP/PA Award for Workforce Expansion in order to receive the supplement award.
- Applicants must address all additional questions relevant to the supplemental grant listed on the application to be considered for funding.

Review Criteria

Applications for supplemental funds will be reviewed based on all components of the proposal with emphasis on the following:

- Justification of the need for supplemental funds to train fellows or advanced practice providers in metabolic bone health and osteoporosis.
- Explanation of how the funds will be used to improve the curriculum of the training program long-term. (FTA, FTA WE Only)
- Priority will be given to programs that do not already have substantial training available in metabolic bone health or osteoporosis.
- Priority will be given to programs or practices that do not already have a substantial budget to send fellows or advanced practice providers to continuing education opportunities such as the options listed for this supplemental award.

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. 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

Supplemental award funds must be used during the award period. Funding will not be released until the Foundation receives executed Condition of Award agreements for the corresponding Foundation award.

Recipients will receive up to \$7,500 to be used specifically for participation in one of the approved training opportunities listed in this document, or any proposed activity relevant to osteoporosis or metabolic bone disease. Approved expenditures include registration costs, airfare, housing accommodations, and/or certification/membership fees. Funds will be disbursed along with first award payment. Supplemental funds may not duplicate support already provided through other training grants for the same activity.

At the close of the award term, the recipient must provide the Foundation with a final financial reconciliation and details of the use of supplemental funds during the award period. All unexpended supplemental funds at the end of the award period must be returned to the Foundation.

Program director or mentor applying for supplemental funds is expected to participate in all final reporting requests to assess the effectiveness of and improve the supplemental grant.

Approved Training Opportunities

Approved training opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- [Annual Santa Fe Bone Symposium](#)
- [Membership in the International Society of Clinical Densitometry](#)
- [Certification by the International Society of Clinical Densitometry \(ISCD\)](#)
- [International Society of Clinical Densitometry \(ISCD\) Clinicians Symposium](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Symposium on Osteoporosis \(Bone Health & Osteoporosis Foundation - BHOFF\)](#)
- [Bonesource.org Professional Learning Center \(Bone Health & Osteoporosis Foundation - BHOFF\)](#)
- [BoneFit™ Training by the Bone Health & Osteoporosis Foundation - BHOFF](#)
- [American Society for Bone & Mineral Research \(ASBMR\) annual meeting](#)

Free Resources that may be of interest include:

- [Bone Health ECHO \(Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes\) by Project ECHO and Osteoporosis Foundation of New Mexico](#) – Weekly case-based clinical discussions focused on evaluation and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. Held Every Tuesday from 12 PM -1:30 PM MT.
- [EFF Bone Health ECHO for Fellows by Endocrine Fellows Foundation | iECHO](#) - Monthly virtual learning collaboration for adult and pediatric Endocrine Fellows who are interested in learning more about Metabolic Bone Diseases.

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