



Rheumatology Research Foundation

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Amgen Fellowship Training Award

Paula de Merieux 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 diseases. The Amgen Fellowship Training Awards may be used to support the salary of any fellow in an ACGME-accredited rheumatology fellowship training program.

One Paula de Merieux grant is awarded yearly 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 submission is required for both awards.

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

Award Amount: \$50,000 for one year

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through WizeHive <http://app.wizehive.com/apps/fta>

Application Deadline
May 1, 2018
Notification
August 31, 2018
Award Term Begins
July 1, 2019

Guidelines

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

Eligibility

- Applicant (Program Director) must be an ACR or ARHP 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. Preference will be given to programs not supported by fellowship training awards given by other organizations.
- Current awardees 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
- Relevance to the Foundation's mission
- 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 2019 and January 2020. 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, please read the [Instructions for All Awards](#).

Applicant Information

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

Program Information

Award History

Please 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 check all years that apply.

Note that preference will be given to programs who have not received Rheumatology Research Foundation funding for 2 or more consecutive years.

Type of Program

Please indicate adult or pediatric program using the checkbox in the online application.

Award Amount

This information is pre-populated in the online application to list the award start/end dates and the total award amount. No action is required here for the applicant.

Project Narrative (2-3 sentences)

Briefly describe how your proposal is relevant to the Foundation’s mission to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease. Specifically, please explain how your program addresses at least one of the following strategic plan areas:

- Increase patient access to care
- Develop future treatments and cures
- Demonstrate or improve the value of rheumatology care
- Expand the impact of rheumatology

In this section, be succinct and use plain language that can be understood by a lay audience. The Project Narrative is made public for all awarded grants and used by the Foundation for marketing efforts.

Program Description

Describe the fellowship training program, including the following:

- A. Goals of the training program and success in achieving those goals **(limit 500 words)**
- B. Description of program **(limit 1,250 words)** 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 250 words)**
- D. Brief Statement of financial need and the impact the award will have on the training program. **(Limit 250 words; there is no need to duplicate information here that you have included in the “fellowship positions questionnaire” at the end of this application.)**

Required Documents

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)

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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Download, complete and submit the Fellow Graduates Table. See example of the table below.

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Download, complete and submit the Fellowship Positions Questionnaire. See example of the questionnaire below.

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)

Applicants for the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Award must complete this item.

Applicants for the Amgen Fellowship Training Award may also be eligible for the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award. In order to qualify, the trainee must be a member of an underrepresented minority within rheumatology, or a woman. For this award, "underrepresented minority within rheumatology" shall mean Black, Hispanic, or Native American.

If you would like to apply for this award:

- Include a statement – limited to 250 words – as to why your program is eligible for the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award.
- You will then be considered for both the Amgen Fellowship Training Award and the Paula de Merieux Fellowship Training Award; however applicants only need to submit one application and will receive only one of these awards.

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

- Program Director Biosketch
- Publications List
- Faculty Information Table
- Fellow Graduates Table
- Fellowship Positions Questionnaire
- Letter of Institutional Support
- Additional Uploads (optional)

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
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

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 ABIM status</u>	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
2.				
3.				
4.				
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8.				

Fellowship Positions Questionnaire

Please use the template below

Question	Number
How many total ACGME-accredited fellowship positions do you have (whether filled/funded or not)?	
How many total fellows did you have in ACGME-accredited slots in your program last year (2016-2017)?	
How many total fellows in ACGME-accredited slots do you have in your program this year (2017-2018)?	
If you have not filled all of your ACGME-accredited fellowship positions in the last one or two years, was this due to lack of funding? (as opposed to having a slot reserved for a research fellow, for example)	
This upcoming year (2018-2019), how will you be funding your fellows in ACGME-accredited slots? (Indicate percentage of funding from each mechanism below).	Percentage of Funding
Hospital, VA, University	
Internal discretionary funds	
Philanthropy	
Pharma	
Rheumatology Research Foundation	
T32	
Other (provide details)	
	Number
If you do receive this RRF fellowship training award, how many fellows in total do you project you will have for 2019-20?	
Comments (optional):	