



Rheumatology Research Foundation

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Health Professional Online Education Grant

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 increase the knowledge and skills of non-physician rheumatology health professionals to meet the needs of a growing rheumatology patient population by reimbursing the cost of registration for the Advanced Rheumatology Courses or the Fundamentals of Rheumatology Courses. Additional information about these courses may be found on the ACR website at [Health Professional Education](#).

Award Amount:

- Up to \$1,776 for the Advanced Rheumatology Course
- Up to \$750 for Fundamentals of Rheumatology Course

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through Zengine at:

<https://webportalapp.com/sp/fy2021hpoeg>

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.

Eligibility

- Applicants must meet citizenship and other eligibility requirements as outlined in the Awards and Grants Policies.
- Applicants must be ARP members at the time of submission and for the duration of the award
- Nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, psychologists, practice management staff, other licensed non-physician health professionals with an interest in rheumatology.

Review of Criteria

Applicants are responsible for submitting all required application documents prior to the deadline. Applications will be reviewed based on all components of the proposal with emphasis being placed on the following criteria:

1. Applicant's educational background and previous coursework
2. Applicant's practice setting and relevance to the treatment of rheumatic disease

All applicants 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

The awardee will have up to one year from the date of registration to complete the online program. The award amount is equal to the registration cost of the course you decide to take and will be paid directly to the awardee. This award can only be used to reimburse registration fees for the Adult, Pediatric or Combined track of the [ARP Advanced Rheumatology Course](#) or [Fundamentals of Rheumatology Course](#).

Advanced Rheumatology Course Registration Fees:

- Adult Track: \$1,080
- Pediatric Track: \$696
- Combined Track: \$1,776

Fundamentals of Rheumatology Course Fees:

- \$750 (all courses)
- \$75 (per activity)

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 above, you will be asked to upload the documents listed below:

Applicant Biosketch in [NIH Format](#) or Resume

Limited to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

Project Information

Program Logistics:

- Advanced Rheumatology or Fundamentals of Rheumatology Course(s) to be completed
- Expected registration fees
- Proposed start date and end dates for program (participant has one year from the date of registration to complete the online program)

Required Documents

Statement of Need

Limit to 1 page.

- Description of applicant's current practice setting (if applicable)
- Description of applicant employer's support (if applicable) for continuing education and professional development, including why this award is needed
- Future career plans, including plans for additional training or coursework

Letter of Recommendation

From one of the following sources:

- From the applicant's supervisor describing their support of the applicant as well as the practice setting and patient population. – OR –
- From a faculty member of the training institution who is an active member of the ARP describing their support for the candidate's continuing education.