



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 rheumatology health professionals to meet the needs of a growing rheumatology patient population by reimbursing the cost of registration for the Fundamentals of Rheumatology Course. Additional information about this course may be found on the ACR Web site at [Health Professional Education](#).

Award Amount: Up to \$799 for the Fundamentals of Rheumatology Course.

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through Proposal Central at <https://proposalcentral.com/>.

Applications are accepted 4 times per year as detailed below:

Applications Due	Notifications
May 1	June 13
August 1	September 13
November 1	December 13
February 1	March 13

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 8 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 and will be paid directly to the awardee. This award can only be used to reimburse registration fees for the [Fundamental Rheumatology Course](#).

Fundamentals of Rheumatology Course Fees:

- \$799 (all modules)
- \$89 (per module)

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. 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.

Applicant Information

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

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:

Limited to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

Project Information

Program Logistics:

- 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.