



# Rheumatology Research Foundation

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## Resident Research Preceptorship

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 the Resident Research Preceptorship is to introduce residents to the specialty of rheumatology by supporting a full-time research experience, with the goal of attracting promising physician scientists to the field of rheumatology.

**Award Amount:** \$15,000 for a three-month research preceptorship, to be completed in reasonable portions within 12 months of the award’s start date.

*One recipient per year will be selected to receive the Dr. Ephraim P. Engleman Resident Research Preceptorship award designation.*

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

<https://proposalcentral.com/>

### Upcoming applications deadlines as detailed below:

Applications Due	Notifications
May 2	June 17
August 1	September 16
November 1	December 16
February 1	March 17

## Guidelines

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

If you have any questions about your eligibility or submitting your application, please contact Award & Grants staff at 404-365-1373 or [Foundation@rheumatology.org](mailto:Foundation@rheumatology.org).

### Eligibility

- Preceptor must meet citizenship and other eligibility requirements as outlined in the Awards and Grants policies.
- Preceptor must be an ACR member at the time of submission and for the duration of the award (residents are not required to be members).
- A preceptor may be eligible to receive the award multiple times; however, they must work with a different resident each time. Previous resident participants are not eligible.
- Residents currently enrolled in an ACGME-accredited training program in internal medicine or pediatrics (med/peds) are eligible.
- Residents may apply during any year of their residency and must have identified a research preceptor by the time of application.
- The Preceptor supervising the resident must be a faculty member actively engaged in basic or clinical research relevant to rheumatology with a strong record of peer-reviewed research.
- Preceptors are responsible for approving the research plan.
- The award must be completed during the time frame of the approved residency.

### Review Criteria

Each application will be reviewed on the following criteria:

1. Scientific merit and relevance to rheumatic disease research (clinical and basic science)
2. Preceptor's credentials as related to the project and previous experience as a mentor
3. Quality of the mentorship environment provided by the preceptor
4. Appropriateness and feasibility of the resident's role in the project.
5. Likelihood that the resident will apply to a rheumatology fellowship program

Awardees 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

Residents will be allowed to serve the three-month preceptorship in reasonable portions throughout one academic year. Specific starting and ending dates should be provided by the applicant with the understanding that the total time

commitment must sum to 3 months; the proposed training period should not be divided into individual blocks of time less than one month in duration.

The applicant must present a budget not to exceed \$15,000. Funds may be used to offset resident salary (including fringe benefits not to exceed 30%), related laboratory/ research expenses, appropriate living expenses (if the experience is off-site), or other reasonable and appropriate institutional expenses. No institutional indirect support will be given. All funds must be expended within one fiscal year. The project must be completed after the award start date.

#### **Funding Source**

\*Funding for up to two awards per year is made possible through an endowment from Dr. Ephraim P. Engleman.

## **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.

**Note:** This application does not require official signature from an authorized institutional research office at the time of application. Institutional signature will be required if award is received by applicant.

## **Applicant/Preceptee Information**

You will be asked to confirm your eligibility and provide contact information in this section. In addition to the applicant information requested, you will be asked to upload the following documents:

### **Resident Biosketch in [NIH Format](#)**

Limit to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

## **Preceptor Information**

You will be asked to identify your primary preceptor and provide contact information in this section.

Applicants for the Resident Research Preceptorship may be eligible for the Ephraim P. Engleman Endowed Resident Research Preceptorship. In order to qualify, the preceptor supervising the resident must be a faculty member actively engaged in basic or clinical research relevant to rheumatology with a strong current record of peer-reviewed research, specifically an NIH-R01-level or equivalent (e.g., Innovative Research Award). Area will be provided on the application to include a statement detailing the preceptor's peer-reviewed research experience and explicitly show an R01 or equivalent award.

You will be asked to upload the following documents:

### Preceptor Biosketch in [NIH Format](#)

Limit to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

### Letter of Recommendation – Limit 1 page

A letter of recommendation is required from the preceptor describing the institutional research environment (i.e., potential interactions with other research trainees, other laboratories, etc.) and any proposed plans/experiences intended for the resident during this preceptorship including research seminar(s) attendance, rheumatology rounds, and provisions for relevant coursework or participation in research activities.

### Budget Detail & Justification

Applications must include an itemized budget indicating how the funds in the amount of \$15,000 will be spent. Funds may be used to offset resident salary and related laboratory/research expenses. Registration for ACR Convergence is complementary for all residents, however, fees and travel expenses to the meeting should be included.

### Required Documents

#### Project Proposal – Limit to 3 pages

- Description of resident’s current and future research interests.
- State specific aims of the proposed project and address how each aim will be accomplished during the preceptorship.
- Goals and expectations to be achieved in the preceptorship. Include research seminar(s) attendance; rheumatology rounds; provisions for relevant coursework; or participation in research activities.
- Description of preceptor’s previous mentoring experience (past five years). Please include any awards or recognition received as well as any teaching activities.
- Provide a listing of other faculty/investigators that the resident is likely to interact with during the research rotation. Please include names, explanation of relationship to preceptor or preceptor’s institution and research interests.

#### Statement of the Preceptor – Limit 1 page

A statement from the preceptor is required; this statement must include the following:

- Verification of the resident’s current status,

- Confirmation that the resident will be relinquished from clinical duties during the three-month research elective,
- Description of preceptor's past research and mentoring activities should be included.