

RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2018 RESEARCH PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rheumatology Research Foundation is soliciting applications for grants that will generate new insight into the cause, progression, treatment and outcomes of rheumatic diseases. All applications should be relevant to the mission of the Foundation and applicable to its Strategic Plan*. Submissions should impact one or more of the following:

- Increase patient access to care
- Lead to future treatments and/or cures
- Demonstrate or improve the value of rheumatology care

APPLICATIONS FOR FOUR TYPES OF RESEARCH GRANTS ARE BEING REQUESTED.

SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This award is designed for individuals in the early stages of their career (typically Fellows) or those without significant prior research experience who plan to embark on careers in biomedical and/or clinical research in rheumatic diseases. The purpose of this award is to provide support for a structured research training program for rheumatologists or health professionals in the field of rheumatology.

Award Amount: Up to \$225,000

Award Term: 3 Years

Application Deadline: July 2, 2018

[More Information](#)

INVESTIGATOR AWARD

This award is intended to support junior investigators (with a faculty appointment) during the period that they are developing a project that will be competitive for NIH or similar funding. The purpose is to provide support for basic science, translational, and clinical investigators engaged in research relevant to the rheumatic diseases for the period between the completion of post-doctorate fellowship training and establishment as an independent investigator.

Award Amount: Up to \$375,000

Award Term: 3 Years

Application Deadline: July 2, 2018

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INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AWARD

The purpose of this award is to provide independent academic investigators with funding to pursue ideas that could lead to important breakthroughs in discovering new treatments and cures for rheumatic diseases. This award provides essential support for innovative studies focused on generating new insights into the cause, progression, treatment, and outcomes of rheumatic diseases.

Award Amount: Up to \$400,000

Award Term: 2 Years

Letter of Interest Deadline: June 1, 2018

Application Deadline: July 2, 2018

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INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AWARD FOR COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS

The purpose of this award is to enable research with potential to improve the treatment of rheumatic diseases, patient outcomes, and/or quality of care. This award is targeted to community practitioners who, in addition to being engaged in patient care, conduct or are interested in conducting research. The community practitioner may partner with an academic investigator for the project.

Award Amount: Up to \$400,000

Award Term: 2 Years

Letter of Intent Deadline: June 1, 2018

Application Deadline: July 2, 2018

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RESEARCH CATEGORIES

The Foundation accepts submissions within the following scientific categories as outlined below.

- Basic Science
- Translational Science
- Clinical Science
- Health Services Research
- Patient- or practice-centered research

***FOUNDATION STRATEGIC PLAN**

All applications should be relevant to the mission of the Foundation and applicable to its Strategic Plan. While the Foundation accepts application submissions for any project that may generate new insights into the cause, progression, treatment and outcomes of rheumatic diseases, there is specific interest in the following areas:

- Research focused on rheumatology care re-design

- Research focused on rheumatologic care delivery mechanisms, technology applications, and financial models
- Research utilizing data from the [Rheumatology Informatics System for Effectiveness](#) (RISE) registry
- Research identifying and validating outcome measures relevant to the demonstration of value of rheumatologic care
- Research that addresses implementation of value-based models of care for rheumatic disease patients
- Research that investigates genetic or biologic predictors of rheumatic disease severity and/or response to therapy

IMPORTANT DATES

Letter of Intent Due (if applicable)	Application Due	Award Notification	Award Start Date
June 1, 2018	July 2, 2018	November 30, 2018	July 1, 2019

ABOUT THE RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Rheumatology Research Foundation is the largest private funding source of rheumatology research and training programs in the U.S. Established in 1985, the Foundation is focused on advancing patient care and accelerating discoveries in rheumatic diseases. More information about the Foundation can be found at rheumresearch.org.