



Rheumatology Research Foundation

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Lawren H. Daltroy Health Professional Preceptorship

The mission of the Rheumatology Research Foundation is to advance research and training to improve the health of people with rheumatic diseases.

The Lawren H. Daltroy Award was established with the aim of improving patient-clinician interactions and communications. This award provides resources to support the training, career development, and/or enhancement of research skills of health professionals and is not intended for physicians.

Eligible candidates must be enrolled in graduate school or currently in the process of completing a post-doctoral fellowship. In addition to students enrolled in doctoral programs, this includes clinical health professionals, such as nurses, physician assistants, and physical therapists who are enrolled in graduate school but not on the doctoral fellowship track.

Applicants must propose a project or projects to be carried out during the award period. Projects must directly address patient-clinician interactions and communications. Projects could include (but not be limited to):

- Conducting a small-scale research or education project related to patient-clinician communication;
- Creation of teaching curriculum, training materials, measurements, etc. that can be used to enhance the field's understanding and mastery of effective patient-clinician communication;
- Participation in education and training opportunities aimed at improving the awardee's communication skills.

Award Amount: Up to \$12,000 for one year

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

<https://app.wizehive.com/apps/Daltroy>

Applications are accepted 2 times per year as detailed below:

Applications Due	Notifications
May 1	June 17
November 1	December 16

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.

Eligibility

- Preceptee must meet citizenship and other eligibility requirements as outlined in the Awards and Grants policies.
- Preceptor must be an ARP member
- This award is not intended for physicians.

Review Criteria

Each application will be reviewed on the following criteria:

1. Scientific merit and relevance to patient-clinician interactions or patient communications
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 preceptee's role in the project.
5. Likelihood that the preceptee will continue a career in rheumatology

Awardees 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

Awards are funded for one year. No continued support is available. The award amount of \$12,000 will be paid directly to the sponsoring institution. Award funds may be used toward salary, fringe, stipend, tuition, travel, books, or other educational or research needs. If used for salary, salary levels should be set by the institution. The project must be completed after the award start date issued.

Funding Source

Funding for this award is made possible through an endowment established by Rheuminations, Inc.

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, you will be asked to upload the following documents:

Preceptor Biosketch of CV

Limit to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

Preceptee Biosketch or CV

Limit to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

Project Information

Project Title

Make your title specific and detailed. It should clearly state the topic of your proposal and is limited to 200 characters, including spaces between words.

Abstract – limited to 300 words

Succinctly describe the hypothesis to be tested, the specific aims or global objectives of the project and the expected results.

Relevance to Foundation's Mission (2-3 sentences)

Briefly describe how your proposed project 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:

- 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 a lay audience. The Project Narrative is made public for all awarded grants and used by the Foundation for marketing efforts.

Keywords

Select **three keywords** that accurately describe the project.

Required Documents

Project Proposal

Limit to 4 pages including references.

Applicants should submit a description of their project that includes the following:

- a. Goals and objectives
- b. Method/approach
- c. Detailed description of the training or career development activities or research project that will be carried out
- d. Rationale/justification for the activities planned including citation of relevant literature
- e. Evaluation plan/metrics and data analysis (if applicable)
- f. Selected references

Preceptee Statement

Statement must include:

- a. Rationale for selection of preceptor.
- b. A statement of how the preceptor adds value to both the project and the applicant.
- c. Specific detail about the applicant's role in the project and the amount of time that will be dedicated to it.
- d. Specific detail on how the proposed project will improve patient-clinician interactions or patient communications.
- e. Applicant's long-term career goals.

Preceptor Statement

Statement must specifically speak to the mentor's involvement in the project and must include:

- a. Description of previous experience as a mentor.
- b. Financial and other resources available to support the applicant specific to the project.
- c. The amount of time (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.) allocated for meetings to discuss project status, evaluation and ongoing tasks.
- d. Type of structure proposed/in place to support mentoring process.
- e. Formal documentation stating participation agreement in the project.

Budget

Download, complete and submit the budget and justification template. See example of the template below.

Applications must include an itemized budget up to a maximum of \$12,000 annually. Summarize expenditures such as salary, consultation fees, supplies, operating costs, etc., and provide a brief justification for each item. The cost of tuition for any proposed academic component of the award should also be identified.



Additional Uploads

Additional documents which support the application may be uploaded.

- Preceptor CV or Biosketch
- Preceptee CV or Biosketch
- Project Proposal
- Applicant Statement
- Preceptor Statement
- Budget and Justification
- Additional Uploads

Budget & Justification

Applicant Name (Last, First initial):

DETAILED BUDGET – Daltroy <i>DIRECT COSTS ONLY</i>		FROM		THROUGH
NAME	Fringe Rate*	SALARY REQUESTED	FRINGE BENEFITS*	TOTAL COST
SALARY SUBTOTAL 				\$
Other EXPENSES (Itemize by category)**				
Justification:				
OTHER EXPENSES SUBTOTAL 				\$
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD				\$
Applicants should outline an itemized budget not to exceed \$12,000. Funds may be used for awardee salary, supplies and other reasonable expenses.				