



Marshall J. Schiff, MD Memorial Fellow Research Award

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

The *Marshall J. Schiff, MD Memorial Fellow Research Award* was established with the aim of supporting outstanding scholarship in the field of rheumatology research and to recognize and celebrate fellows presenting an abstract at ACR Convergence. This award was created to honor the memory of Marshall J. Schiff, MD. Dr. Schiff grew up in Denver, Colorado before attending Stanford University. He then graduated from UCSF medical school with an MD and MS in Healthcare Research. Prior to his untimely passing at age 30, Dr. Schiff had just begun his second year of orthopedic residency, and he had planned to perform clinical research in musculoskeletal disease.

ACR Convergence

The meeting features the latest innovations, science, clinical and business best practices in rheumatology. Attendees will get first-hand access to the latest discoveries and research transforming rheumatic disease care as well as clinical applications that will improve the health of patients. It is an opportunity to experience personalized learning that allows attendees to expand their knowledge and to develop new areas of interest and focus within rheumatology. For more information about ACR Convergence, check out [ACR Convergence 2025](#).

Award Amount: \$1,500 award and a reimbursement of up to \$1,000 for travel-related expenses (including airfare, ground transportation, hotel, and meals), plus complimentary registration to attend ACR Convergence 2025.

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on the deadline day through [Proposal Central](#).

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.

Application Open
June 2, 2025
Application Deadline
August 1, 2025

Guidelines

Eligibility

- All award recipients must abide by Foundation [Awards and Grants Policies](#) at all times.
- The applicant must be a rheumatology fellow-in-training enrolled in an adult or pediatric rheumatology training program at an U.S. ACGME- accredited institution.
- The applicant must be an author or co-author of an abstract submitted to ACR Convergence 2025 via the ACR/ARP abstract submission portal by the **May 13, 2025** deadline.
- The applicant must have made a significant contribution to the work submitted to be considered for the award.

Review Criteria

Each application will be ranked on the following criteria:

1. Evidence of abstract submission
2. Review of applicant's credentials
3. Merit of applicant
4. Relevance of the applicant's research to rheumatology

Applicants will be notified as to the status of their award in September.

Award Terms and Funding

Awardees will receive an award of \$1,500, plus complimentary registration for ACR Convergence. This is a one-year award. Awardees are also eligible for reimbursement of up to \$1,000 for travel-related expenses (including airfare, ground transportation, hotel, and meals), plus complimentary registration to attend ACR Convergence 2025.

Attendance at ACR Convergence 2025 is required or award funds must be returned to the Foundation within 30 days. Based on federal tax guidelines, individuals receiving an award or grant of at least \$600 will receive a [Form 1099-MISC](#) for the calendar year in which payment was disbursed.

Funding Source

Funding for this award is made possible through an endowment from the Marshall J. Schiff family.

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 or abbreviations. 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: The Foundation does not require an official signature from an authorized institutional research office at the time of application. However, many institutions require an application to be reviewed prior to submission. Please check with your research office for your institution's requirements.

Applicant Information

You will be asked to confirm your eligibility and provide contact information in this section.

Applicant Resume, CV, or Biosketch

You will also be asked to upload the applicant's Resume, CV or Biosketch. Limit to 5 pages.

Abstract Information

- Abstract Title
- Author(s) Names
- Abstract control number (from ACR/ARP submission portal)

Required Documents

Statement of Applicant

Limit to 1 page. The fellow must provide the following:

- A. Details regarding their involvement in the project reported in the abstract
- B. Details regarding their past achievements and future career plans

Letter of Recommendation

Limit to 1 page. The mentor must provide a letter of recommendation detailing the fellow's contributions to the research project and any achievements.

ACR Convergence Abstract Submission

A copy of the complete abstract. Applications received without a copy of the abstract submitted to the ACR Convergence will **not** be reviewed.

Please note that the Foundation does not have any information regarding the status of your abstract submission to the ACR or ARP. The ACR/ARP abstract selection process and the Foundation award selection process are conducted independently.

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