



Rheumatology Research Foundation

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Student and Resident Research Award

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

As part of the *Choose Rheumatology* campaign, the Foundation encourages students and residents to explore a career in the field of rheumatology. The purpose of the *Student and Resident Research Award* is to recognize outstanding students and residents for significant work in the field of rheumatology as evidenced by being an author or co-author of an abstract submitted to ACR Convergence 2025.

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 discover new areas of interest and focus within rheumatology. For more information about ACR Convergence check out [ACR Convergence 2025](#).

Award Amount: \$1,000 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.
- Applicant must be one of the following:
 - A medical student enrolled in a U.S.-based LCME- accredited medical school, or a graduate student enrolled in an accredited institution.
 - A resident enrolled in a U.S.-based ACGME-accredited pediatric, medicine or combined medicine/pediatric residency program who is interested in rheumatology.
- Applicant must be an author or co-author of an abstract submitted to the 2025 ACR Convergence via the ACR/ARP abstract submission portal by the **May 13, 2025** deadline.
- Applicant must have made a significant contribution to the work submitted in order to be considered for the award.

Review Criteria

Each application will be ranked on the following criteria:

1. Evidence of abstract submission
2. Applicant's interest in the field of rheumatology
3. Support of nominee from faculty member
4. Accomplishments, track record and experiences of applicant

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

Award Terms and Funding

Awardees will receive an award of \$1,000, 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.

***ACR membership is required to receive complimentary registration to attend the ACR Convergence. Membership is free to all student and resident awardees. Join ACR online at [ACR Membership](#).**

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.

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 student/resident'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 applicant must include 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 student's/resident'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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