



## Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium (PRSYM) Abstract Award

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

The ACR's Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium (PRSYM) meeting provides the most up-to-date, practical clinical information and basic science knowledge on the diagnosis and management of pediatric patients with rheumatic diseases and immune disorders. The purpose of the Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium Abstract Award is to provide outstanding students and residents the opportunity to attend the 2026 Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium.

**Award Amount:** \$1500 award amount plus travel expenses up to \$1,000 (including air fare, hotel and meals) plus complimentary registration to attend the 2026 Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium to be held in Minneapolis, MN on March 18–21, 2026.

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

| ACR's Abstract Deadline           |
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| 11/12/2025                        |
| Foundation's Application Deadline |
| 02/02/2026                        |

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).

### Guidelines

All applicants and awardees are required to comply with the Foundation's Awards and Grants Policies at all times. A list of current policies is available at [Awards and Grants Policies](#).

#### Eligibility

- The applicant must meet citizenship and other eligibility requirements as outlined in the [Awards and Grants Policies](#).
- The applicant must:
  - Be a medical student enrolled in a LCME- accredited medical school, or a graduate student enrolled in an accredited institution, or;
  - Be a resident enrolled in an ACGME-accredited pediatric or combined medicine/pediatric residency program who is interested in pediatric rheumatology.
- The applicant must be an author or co-author of an abstract submitted and accepted to the 2026 Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium.
- The 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. Letter of support from faculty mentor
4. Accomplishments, track record and experiences of applicant

Applicants will be notified as to the status of their award by February 15, 2026.

## Award Terms and Funding

A recipient will receive \$1500 award amount, and it will cover travel expenses (including air fare, hotel and meals) up to \$1,000 to attend the 2026 Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium. Awardees will also receive complimentary registration for the meeting.

## Applicant Information

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

### Required Documents

**Student/Resident Resume, CV, or Biosketch – Limited to 5 pages.**

**Statement of Applicant – Limited to one page.**

The applicant must briefly describe their current career plans and reasons for their interest in pediatric rheumatology.

**Letter of Recommendation – Limited to one page.**

The mentor must provide a letter of recommendation detailing the applicant's contributions to the research project and any achievements. Letter must also confirm enrollment at the institution and availability for attendance at the PRSYM meeting.

### Abstract Submission

Please include the following:

- a. Author's name(s)
- b. Abstract control number (from [ACR/ARP PRSYM submission portal](#))
- c. A copy of the complete abstract. Applications received without a copy of the abstract submitted to the ACR/ARP PRSYM portal 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.**