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NOTICE OF SPECIAL INTEREST (NOSI)

EDUCATION & TRAINING IN METABOLIC BONE HEALTH

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Advance research and training to improve the health of patients living with rheumatic diseases.

Purpose

The Rheumatology Research Foundation is issuing a notice of special interest (NOSI) to highlight the availability of funds for projects aimed at providing robust education and training materials for rheumatologists and health professionals in the areas of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. Submissions will be accepted through the Foundation's **Clinician Scholar Educator Award**. These funds are made available via the **Andrew J. Laster, MD Fund for Education and Training in Metabolic Bone Disease**.

Please note, the NOSI complements but does not replace the Foundation's annual programs.

Proposals should address creation of a comprehensive curriculum and educational materials to increase the knowledge and skillset of the rheumatology workforce in osteoporosis and metabolic bone health. The curriculum or materials created should be something that can be widely and easily disseminated to fellows-in training, program directors, APPs and/or practicing rheumatologists throughout the U.S. Multiple recipients of this NOSI may be considered if the proposed content does not overlap, the educational approach differs, or materials created address differing audiences.

- Strong applications will clearly outline how the curriculum will be easily implemented or replicated at other training sites in the U.S. Preliminary plans on how this project and resulting curriculum will be made publicly available should be included.
- Plans for distribution of curriculum/educational materials, once developed, may include, but are not limited to, submission of proposals to ACR educational meetings such as:
 - [ACR Convergence](#)
 - [ACR Educators Conference](#)
 - ACR Committee on Training "Mini-Curriculum" to be included as a part of the [ACR Rheumatology Fellowship Training Program resources](#).
- Submissions should incorporate plans to create NEW educational materials relevant to osteoporosis and metabolic bone health, rather than updating existing training materials.
- Strong applications will include a detailed assessment plan to determine the effectiveness of the curriculum and educational materials once disseminated. Plans should describe appropriate outcome measures (e.g. number of individuals trained, learner engagement, knowledge or skills development, changes in practice, or broader impact), and may reference established evaluation frameworks, such as the Kirkpatrick Model, where applicable. The proposed metrics should be aligned with the goals and scope of the project.

Examples of curricular elements that would be included in a comprehensive curriculum include:

- Management strategies for the treatment of osteoporosis
- Recommendations on the assessment/ screening for reduced bone density
- Recognition and management of other forms of metabolic bone disease
- DXA interpretation
- Primary and secondary prevention of fractures
- Evaluation and management of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis (GIOP)
- “Train the Trainer” resources for faculty development at fellowship training programs with less expertise in this area.

Submissions will be accepted through the Foundation’s **Clinician Scholar Educator Award**. Successful proposals will be funded for 3 years and up to \$210,000 (\$70,000 per year). Applications should be submitted at [this link](#) and are **due no later than June 1, 2026**. Please make sure to refer to the [Request for Applications](#) for full award details including eligibility and review criteria.

Unlike the standard policy for the Clinician Scholar Educator (CSE) Award, previous CSE recipients are eligible to apply for this NOSI.

The Foundation has created a cohort of prior recipients of the Clinician Scholar Educator (CSE) Award called the “CSE Advisory Panel.” Applicants are encouraged to reach out to Foundation staff if they are interested in being connected with a member of the CSE Advisory Panel for mentorship or guidance in creating the project proposal.

If you have questions about your eligibility, or the application process, please inquire by email to foundation@rheumatology.org or by phone at 404-365-1373 prior to preparing your application. A member of the Awards & Grants team will be happy to guide you through the process.

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