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# LAWREN H. DALTROY PRECEPTORSHIP IN HEALTH COMMUNICATION

**Request for Applications**

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# OUR MISSION

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

## Purpose

The Lawren H. Daltroy Preceptorship in Health Communication was established with the aim of improving patient-clinician interactions and communications. Dr. Daltroy was an internationally recognized authority on health education and enhancing communication between physicians and patients. He performed groundbreaking studies on patient self-medication in hospitals, spousal support for cardiac patients, and worksite health education. He was also a distinguished teacher, mentoring generations of graduate students and physicians in doctor-patient communication and clinical research methods.

This award provides resources to support the training, career development, and/or enhancement of research skills of researchers and clinicians. Eligible candidates for this mentored award include trainees, junior researchers or health professionals with no current or prior R01 or R01-equivalent funding.

Applicants must propose a project or projects to be carried out during the one-year award period. Projects must directly address patient-clinician interactions and communications. Projects could include (but are not 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.
- Creating patient-facing materials to enhance patient's understanding of disease status based on clinical or patient assessments.
- Studies of the impact of health literacy/numeracy on patient outcomes or creation of low literacy/numeracy materials to improve communication with patients.
- Studies to enhance shared decision making in healthcare settings.

## Award Amount

Up to \$15,000 for one year

**All applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm ET on the deadline day through [ProposalCentral](#).**

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).

**Timeline** Applications are accepted 2 times per year.

Application Open	Application Deadline	Notifications
March 1	May 1	June 16
September 1	November 2	December 15

# Award Eligibility and Guidelines

All award recipients must abide by Foundation [Awards and Grants Policies](#) at all times.

## Eligibility

- Applicant and preceptor must meet all eligibility requirements as outlined in the [Awards and Grants Policies](#).
- Preceptor must be an [ACR](#) or [ARP](#) member.
- A co-preceptor is allowed if the mentorship provided is needed to meet the project goals.
- This mentored award is intended for trainees, junior researchers, or health professionals with no current or prior R01 or R01-equivalent funding.

# Award Terms and Funding

Awards are funded for one calendar year. No continued support is available. The award amount of up to \$15,000 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 is issued.

## Funding Source

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

# Review Criteria

Each application will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- Scientific merit and relevance to patient-clinician interactions or patient communications
- Preceptor's credentials as related to the project and previous experience as a mentor
- Quality of the mentorship environment provided by the preceptor
- Appropriateness and feasibility of the preceptee's role in the project
- 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 of receipt of required paperwork.

# Application Instructions

Before starting the online application, you will be required to create a Professional Profile account in Proposal Central to begin creating your account [at this link](#).

All files must be saved as a PDF. Documents that do not have a required template should be formatted with ½ inch margins, 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. 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:** This application does not require an official signature from an authorized institutional research office at the time of application. Institutional signature will be required if the award is received by applicant.

## Applicant/Preceptee 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 listed:

### Preceptee Biosketch

Preceptee must submit a Biographical Sketch using the provided template. A [SciENCv-generated biosketch](#) will also be accepted. The biosketch is limited to five (5) pages, regardless of format.

## Abstract/Project Information

- **Project Title (limit to 200 characters including the spaces):** Make your title specific and detailed. It should clearly state the topic of your proposal.
- **Abstract (limit to 2,000 characters including spaces):** 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 (limit 1,000 characters including spaces):** Briefly describe how your proposed project is relevant to the Foundation’s mission to improve the health of patients with rheumatic diseases.
- **Keywords**  
Enter three keywords that accurately describe the project.

## Preceptor Information

You will be asked to identify your preceptor and provide contact information in this section.

You will be asked to upload the following documents:

### Preceptor (Co-Preceptor, as applicable) Biosketch

Applicant must submit a Biographical Sketch using the provided template. A [SciENCv-generated biosketch](#) will also be accepted. The biosketch is limited to five (5) pages, regardless of format.

## Budget Detail & Justification

Applications must include an itemized budget indicating how the funds in the amount of \$15,000 annually will be spent. 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.

## Required Documents

### Project Proposal (Up to 4 pages)

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

- Goals and objectives
- Method/approach

- Detailed description of the training or career development activities or research project that will be carried out
- Rationale/justification for the activities planned, including citation of relevant literature
- Evaluation plan/metrics and data analysis (if applicable)
- Selected references

## Applicant/Preceptee Statement

Statement must include:

- Rationale for selection of preceptor
- A statement of how the preceptor (and co-preceptor, as applicable) adds value to both the project and the applicant
- Specific detail about the applicant's role in the project and the amount of time that will be dedicated to it
- Specific details on how the proposed project will improve patient-clinician interactions or patient communications
- Applicant's long-term career goals

## Preceptor Statement

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

- Description of previous experience as a mentor
- Financial and other resources are available to support the applicant specific to the project
- The amount of time (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.) allocated for meetings to discuss project status, evaluation, and ongoing tasks

- Type of structure proposed/in place to support mentoring process
- Formal documentation stating participation agreement in the project

## Additional Uploads

Additional documents which support the application may be uploaded.

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# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Applicants should provide the following information. This information may also be requested for Co- Principal Investigator, Key Personnel, Other significant contributors, and mentors. Follow this format for each person.  
DO NOT EXCEED FIVE PAGES.

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NAME:

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POSITION TITLE:

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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.)

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	COMPLETION DATE MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY

- A. Personal Statement
- B. Positions and Honors
- C. Contributions to Science
- D. Additional Information: Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance

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