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RESIDENT RESEARCH PRECEPTORSHIP

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 purpose of this Resident Research Preceptorship is to introduce residents to the specialty of rheumatology by supporting a full-time research experience, with the goal of attracting promising physicians to develop an investigative career in the field of rheumatology.

Award Amount

\$15,000 for a three-month research preceptorship, to be completed within 12 months of the award's start date.

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.

Timeline

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

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/ARP](#) member at the time of submission and for the duration of the award (residents are not required to be members at the time of submission).
- A preceptor may be eligible to receive the award multiple times; however, they must work with a different resident each time. Previous resident awardees are not eligible.
- Residents currently enrolled in a U.S.-based ACGME-accredited training program in internal medicine or pediatrics
- Residents may apply during any year of their residency and must have identified a research preceptor by the time of application.
- Preceptor must be a faculty member actively engaged in basic or clinical research relevant to rheumatology with a strong current record of peer-reviewed research, specifically an NIH-R01-level or equivalent (e.g., Innovative Research Award).
- Preceptors are responsible for approving the research plan.
- The award must be completed during the time frame of the approved residency.

Review Criteria

Each application will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- Scientific merit and relevance to rheumatic disease research (clinical and basic science)
- 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 resident's role in the project
- Likelihood that the resident will apply to a rheumatology fellowship program

Awardees will be notified within 6 weeks of the deadline and all award payments will be made within 2 weeks of receipt of required paperwork.

Award Terms and Funding

Residents will be allowed to complete the 3-month preceptorship within 12 months of the award start date. Specific starting and ending dates should be provided by the applicant with the understanding that the total time commitment must sum to 3 months; the proposed training period should not be divided into individual blocks of time less than one month in duration.

The applicant must present a budget not to exceed \$15,000. Funds may be used to offset resident salary (including fringe benefits not to exceed 30%), related laboratory/research expenses, appropriate living expenses (if the experience is off-site), or other reasonable and appropriate institutional expenses. No institutional indirect support will be given. All funds must be expended with the completion of the project within one year of the award start date.

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

Funding Source

Funding for up to two awards per year is made possible through an endowment from Dr. Ephraim P. Engleman.

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.

Resident Information

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

Resident's 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.

Preceptor Information

Applicants will be asked to identify their primary preceptor and provide a statement detailing the preceptor's peer-reviewed research experience, specifically NIH-R01-level or equivalent (e.g., Innovative Research Award). In addition, applicants will be asked to upload the following documents:

Preceptor Biosketch

Preceptor 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.

Letter of Support - Limit 1 page

A letter of support is required from the preceptor describing the institutional research environment (i.e., potential interactions with other research trainees, other laboratories, etc.) and any proposed plans/experiences intended for the resident during this preceptorship including research seminar(s) attendance, rheumatology rounds, and provisions for relevant coursework or participation in research activities as well as a description of preceptor's past research and mentoring activities.

Budget Detail & Justification

Applications must include an itemized budget indicating how the \$15,000 funds will be spent. Funds may be used to offset resident salary and related laboratory/research expenses. Registration for ACR Convergence is complementary for all residents; however, expected travel expenses to the meeting should be included.

Required Documents

Project Proposal (Up to 3 pages)

- Description of resident's current and future research interests.
- State specific aims of the proposed project and address how each aim will be accomplished during the preceptorship.
- Goals and expectations to be achieved during the preceptorship. Include research seminar(s) attendance; rheumatology rounds; provisions for relevant coursework; or participation in research activities.
- Description of preceptor's previous mentoring experience (past five years). Please include any awards or recognition received as well as any teaching activities.
- Provide a listing of other faculty/investigators that the resident is likely to interact with during the research rotation. Please include names, explanation of relationship to preceptor or preceptor's institution and research interests.

Program Director's Statement - Limit 1 page

- Verification of the resident's resident status
- Confirmation that the resident will be excused from clinical duties during the three-month research elective

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.

NAME:

POSITION TITLE:

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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