



Choose Rheumatology Scholarship - Underrepresented in Medicine

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

A joint goal of the [Rheumatology Research Foundation](#) and the [American College of Rheumatology](#) is to increase diverse representation of professionals choosing rheumatology as a career path to better reflect the diverse population and communities in which rheumatology professionals serve. The purpose of this scholarship is to increase the number of individuals from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine (URiM) choosing rheumatology, including but not limited to those defined as URiM by the [Association of American Medical Colleges](#).

Recipients of the scholarship will have the ability to attend [ACR Convergence 2024](#), the world's premier rheumatology experience. Participation at this meeting will introduce recipients to the specialty of rheumatology and rheumatology-related health care in order to better serve patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. Awardees will be invited to attend several invite-only networking and learning opportunities with other students and residents as well as leaders in the rheumatology community. This includes:

- Invitation to the Foundation's award recipient's luncheon.
- Attendance at an exclusive half-day *Choose Rheumatology* event (see below).
- Exclusive opportunities to network with ACR leadership and URiM rheumatology professionals.
- Invitation to the Fellows-in-Training (FIT) program.

Award Amount: \$2,000 for travel expenses, complimentary registration to ACR Convergence 2024, plus a one-year [ACR/ARP Membership](#).

Additional Event Details:

ACR Convergence *(November 14 - 19 in Washington, DC)*

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 and networking that allows attendees to expand their knowledge and to develop new areas of interest and focus in rheumatology.

Choose Rheumatology Experience

The event will take place during ACR Convergence and involves a breakfast and introductory educational session followed by an opportunity for students and residents to network with rheumatology fellows-in-training, subject matter experts, and other rheumatology professionals. Additional details will be provided at a later time.

All applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM ET on August 1, 2024** 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.

Guidelines

Eligibility

- All award recipients must abide by Foundation [Awards and Grants Policies](#) at all times.
- The applicant must be a currently enrolled graduate student; medical student; or internal medicine, pediatric, or combined medicine/pediatrics resident at a U.S. institution.
- The applicant exhibits a personal commitment to furthering the goal of increasing diverse representation of professionals choosing to pursue rheumatology as a career path.

Award Terms and Funding

This is a one-time award including the following:

- \$2,000 award for travel expenses to attend ACR Convergence 2024
- Complimentary registration to ACR Convergence 2024
- One-year [ACR/ARP membership](#)
- Invitation to attend exclusive networking events onsite at ACR Convergence 2024

Partial funding of this award is provided by the [American College of Rheumatology](#).

Attendance at ACR Convergence 2024 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. Submission of travel receipts totaling the amount of \$2,000 post Convergence will eliminate the need to issue a 1099 tax form.

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. In addition to the applicant information requested, you will be asked to upload the following documents:

Applicant Resume, CV, or Biosketch

Limit to 5 pages.

Statement of Need

Limit to 1 page.

- Statement of commitment to furthering the goal of increasing diverse representation of professionals choosing to pursue rheumatology as a career path.
- Description of applicant's current career plans and interest in rheumatology, including why this award is needed.

Letter of Recommendation

Limit to 1 page.

- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member from the applicant's institution confirming their enrollment at the institution and availability to attend ACR Convergence, as well as the Choose Rheumatology Experience.

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