



# Rheumatology Research Foundation

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## Choose Rheumatology Scholarship – Workforce Expansion

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

A goal of the Rheumatology Research Foundation is to expand recruitment efforts towards future rheumatologists and rheumatology professionals. As part of our ongoing efforts to increase patient access to care, the Foundation is also committed to increasing the rheumatology workforce in underserved areas. The purpose of this scholarship is to introduce students and residents in areas of the United States underserved by rheumatologists and rheumatology health professionals to the field of rheumatology.

Recipients of the scholarship will have the ability to attend, 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).

**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. For more information about ACR Convergence check out [ACR Convergence 2024](#).

#### **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](mailto: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 must be a permanent resident of, or be enrolled at an accredited institution in an area that has been designated as "underserved", based on definitions provided by [IDeA](#) and [HRSA](#) programs.
- The applicant exhibits a personal commitment to furthering the goal of increasing the rheumatology workforce in underserved areas.

### Award Terms and Funding

This is a one-year award and awardees will receive 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

***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.

- Description of applicant's current career plans and interest in rheumatology, including why this award is needed.
- Statement regarding eligibility and personal commitment to furthering the goal of increasing the rheumatology workforce in underserved areas.

### 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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