Rheumatology Research Foundation
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Lawren H. Daltroy Preceptorship in Health Communication

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

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 [Proposal Central](#)

Applications are accepted 2 times per year as detailed below:

Applications Open	Applications Due	Notifications
March 1	May 1	June 16
September 1	November 1	December 15

Guidelines

All award recipients must abide by Foundation Awards and Grants Policies at all times.

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.

Eligibility

➢ Preceptee must meet all eligibility requirements as outlined in the Awards and Grants Policies.

➢ Preceptor must be an ACR or ARP member.

➢ 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 year. No continued support is available. The award amount of $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 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:

1. Scientific merit and relevance to patient-clinician interactions or patient communications
2. Preceptor's credentials as related to the project and previous experience as a mentor
3. Quality of the mentorship environment provided by the preceptor
4. Appropriateness and feasibility of the preceptee's role in the project
5. 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

You will be required to create a Professional Profile in ProposalCentral before starting the online application. 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 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 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:

Preceptee Biosketch or CV

Limit to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

Abstract/Project Information

Project Title
Make your title specific and detailed. It should clearly state the topic of your proposal and is limited to 200 characters, including spaces between words.

Abstract (limit 2,000 characters)
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)
Briefly describe how your proposed project is relevant to the Foundation's mission to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease. This narrative is made public for all awarded grants and used by the Foundation for marketing efforts.

Keywords
Enter **three keywords** that accurately describe the project.

Preceptor Information

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

You will be asked to upload the following documents.

Preceptor Biosketch of CV

Limit to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

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 – Limit 4 Pages

Applicants should submit a description of their project that includes the following:
   a. Goals and objectives
   b. Method/approach
   c. Detailed description of the training or career development activities or research project that will be carried out
   d. Rationale/justification for the activities planned, including citation of relevant literature
   e. Evaluation plan/metrics and data analysis (if applicable)
   f. Selected references

Applicant/Preceptee Statement

Statement must include:
   a. Rationale for selection of preceptor.
   b. A statement of how the preceptor adds value to both the project and the applicant.
   c. Specific detail about the applicant's role in the project and the amount of time that will be dedicated to it.
   d. Specific details on how the proposed project will improve patient-clinician interactions or patient communications.
   e. Applicant's long-term career goals.

Preceptor Statement

Statement must specifically speak to the mentor's involvement in the project and must include:
   a. Description of previous experience as a mentor.
   b. Financial and other resources available to support the applicant specific to the project.
   c. The amount of time (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.) allocated for meetings to discuss project status, evaluation, and ongoing tasks.
   d. Type of structure proposed/in place to support mentoring process.
   e. Formal documentation stating participation agreement in the project.

Additional Uploads

Additional documents which support the application may be uploaded.