



Rheumatology Research Foundation

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Resident Research Preceptorship

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

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 physician scientists to the field of rheumatology.

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

One recipient per year will be selected to receive the Dr. Ephraim P. Engleman Resident Research Preceptorship award designation.

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

Upcoming applications deadlines as detailed below:

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

- Preceptor must meet all eligibility requirements as outlined in the [Awards and Grants Policies](#).
- Preceptor must be an [ACR](#) member at the time of submission and for the duration of the award (residents are not required to be members).
- A preceptor may be eligible to receive the award multiple times; however, they must work with a different resident each time. Previous resident participants 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:

1. Scientific merit and relevance to rheumatic disease research (clinical and basic science)
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 resident's role in the project.
5. 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 the receipt of required paperwork.

Award Terms and Funding

Residents will be allowed to complete the 3-month preceptorship over reasonable portions provided the preceptorship is completed 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 award start date.

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, applicants will be required to create a Professional Profile in ProposalCentral, if they have not already done so. To do so, visit [this link](#) to create 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. 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 the applicant.

Applicant/Preceptee 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 in [NIH Format](#)

Limit to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

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 in [NIH Format](#)

Limit to 5 pages; should include any pending support.

Letter of Recommendation – Limit 1 page

A letter of recommendation 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.

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 and 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.

Statement of the Preceptor – 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
- Description of preceptor's past research and mentoring activities