



2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Rheumatology Research Foundation

Advancing Treatment | Finding Cures



The Rheumatology Research Foundation is a charitable 501(c)3 organization dedicated to advancing research and training to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease.

As we approach the 35th Anniversary of the Rheumatology Research Foundation, we celebrate the expansion of our funding programs and push forward toward the successful completion of our largest fundraising initiative to date. This momentum continues to accelerate the course of rheumatology research and training to improve the health of people with rheumatic disease.

The Foundation is dedicated to fiscal responsibility and transparency. None of this would be possible without the support of the rheumatologists, health professionals, patients, families, and corporate institutions who donated to the Foundation this year. This continued support is vital to our mission.

The 2019 Annual Report is based on activities during Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

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**COMMITTED
TO FUND**

\$9,481,750



01.

AWARDS

163 AWARDS GRANTED

26

**Career Development
and Innovative
Research Awards**

24

**Fellowship Training
Awards**

3

**Clinician Scholar
Educator Awards**

4

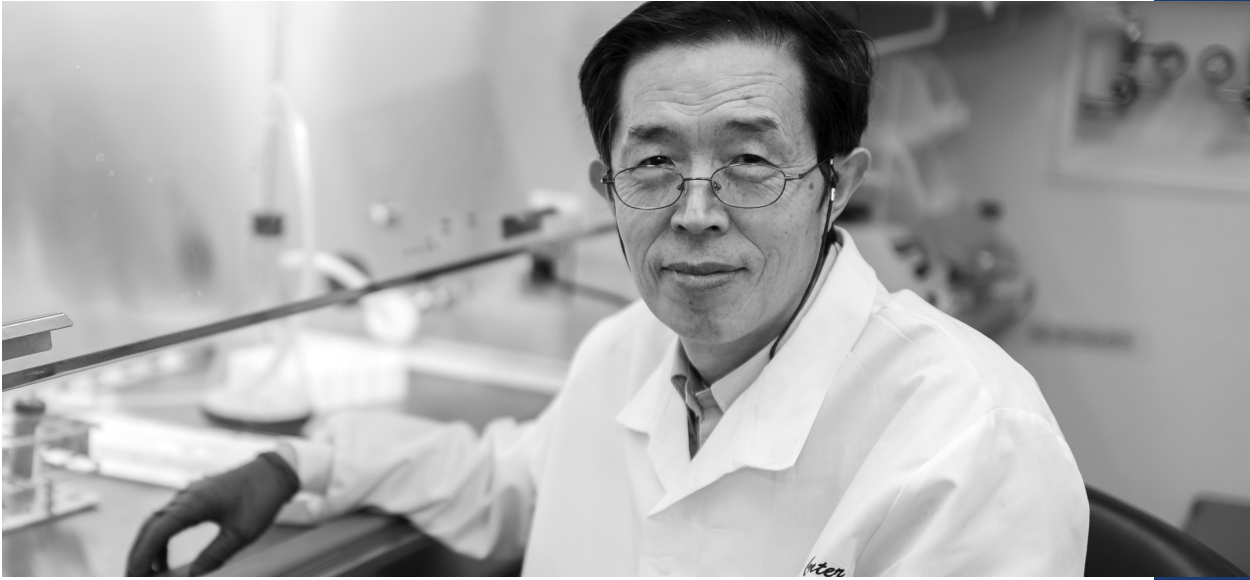
**Pediatric Visiting
Professorships**

42

**Annual Meeting
Awards**

64

Preceptorships



Awardees are using their funding to investigate the following diseases:

- + Arthritis**
- + Fundamental mechanisms of disease**
- + Gout**
- + Juvenile idiopathic arthritis**
- + Osteoarthritis**
- + Psoriatic arthritis**
- + Rheumatoid arthritis**
- + Sjögren's**
- + Spondyloarthritis**
- + Systemic lupus erythematosus**
- + Systemic sclerosis**

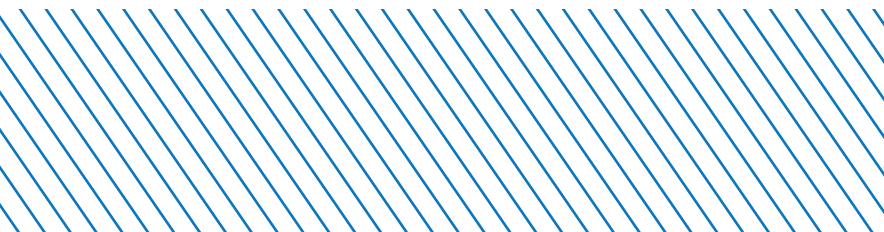
Studies could reduce the impact rheumatic diseases have on the:

- | | | |
|-------------|---------|-------------------------|
| + Brain | + Spine | + Knees |
| + Eyes | + Lungs | + Skin |
| + Mouth | + Heart | + Joints |
| + Shoulders | + Hips | + Cardiovascular system |

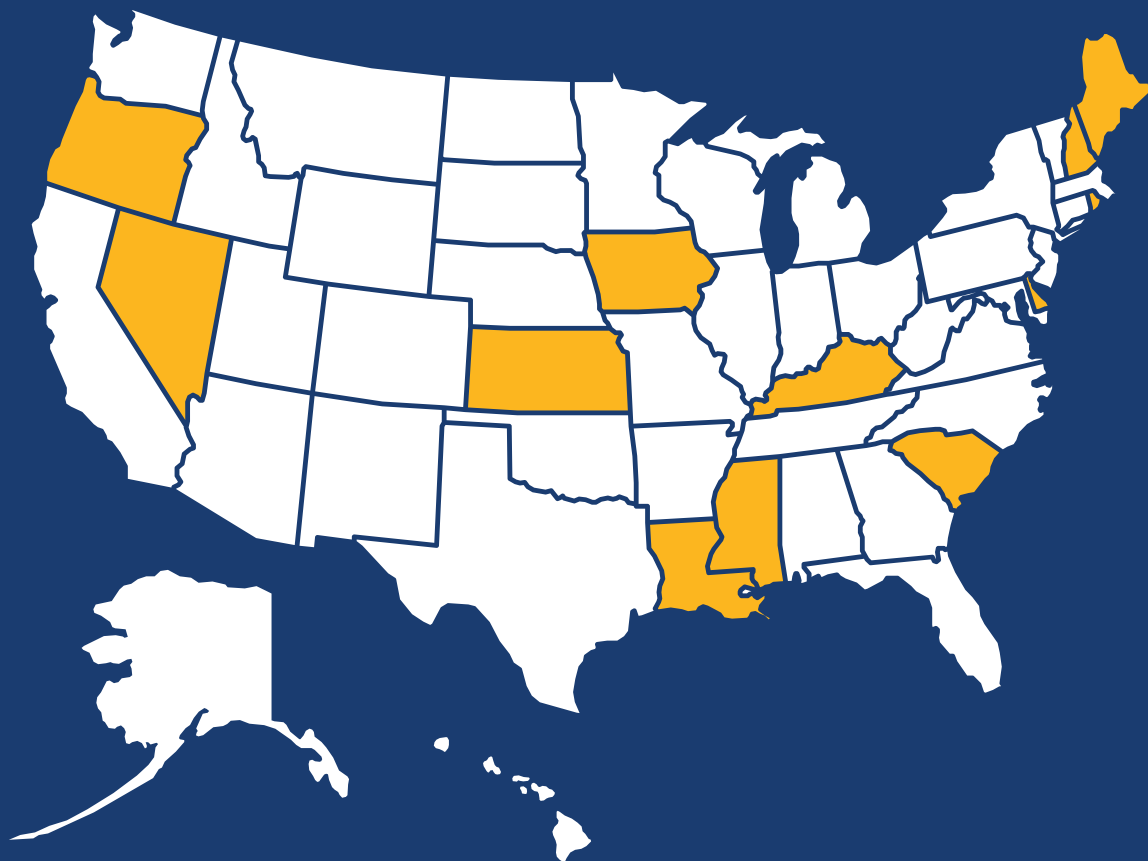
Research investigates factors that might cause or worsen rheumatic diseases, including:

- | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| + Cell characteristics | + Genetics | + Obesity |
| + Chemical exposure | + Gut microbiota | + Prior injuries |
| + Diet | + Immune dysfunction | + Smoking |
| + Epigenetics | + Joint features | |

**61 INSTITUTIONS
IN 28 STATES
RECEIVED AWARDS
FROM THE
FOUNDATION.**



42 Annual Meeting Awards and Scholarships exposed medical and graduate students and residents to rheumatology, encouraging them to choose rheumatology as their specialty.



Annual Meeting Scholarships provide funding to attend the ACR/ARP Annual Scientific Meeting to students and residents in states underserved by rheumatology.

+ Delaware

+ Iowa

+ Kansas

+ Kentucky

+ Louisiana

+ Maine

+ Mississippi

+ Nevada

+ New Hampshire

+ Oregon

+ Rhode Island

+ South Carolina



02.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

Based on 25 final reports

**Recipients shared the following
research outcomes as a result of
Foundation funding:**

10

Defined new pathways

6

New animal models

3

Novel gene signatures

5

New drug targets

3

Improved diagnostic tests

3

Novel educational products developed

1

New cell lines developed

5

New epidemiologic findings

5

New collaborative networks

2

New patient databanks

7

New insights into clinical associations

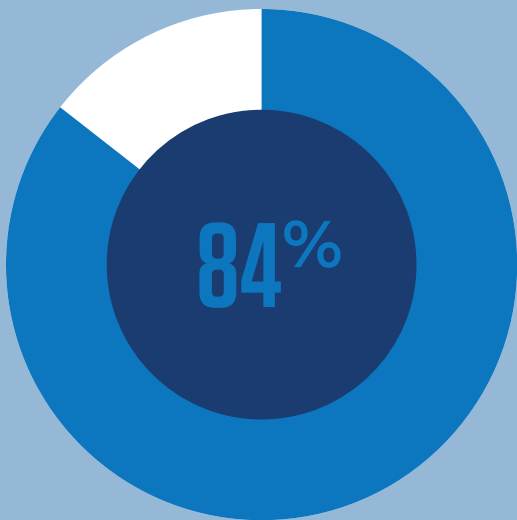


03. CAREER OUTCOMES

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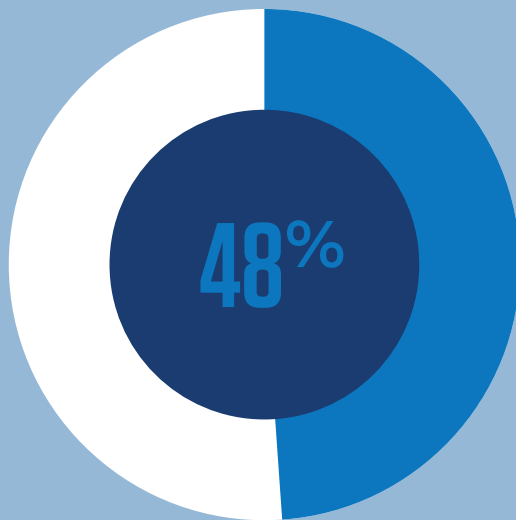
There are 54 peer reviewed publications either published or in-process to be published regarding Foundation funded projects.





of recipients have gone on to receive additional funding for their projects, while many others are in the process of applying for additional funding.

This includes institutional awards, NIH awards, DoD awards and awards from other private foundations.



of recipients received a promotion during their award period.

**RECIPIENTS HAVE PRESENTED THEIR
FOUNDATION FUNDED WORK 96 TIMES.**

04.

SUPPORTERS

The generosity of our supporters is integral to our mission.

Without the invaluable contributions of the rheumatology community, family members and friends, and the Corporate Roundtable, we could not spearhead the effort to end rheumatic disease.

Thank you to the donors whose support was vital to Foundation programming:

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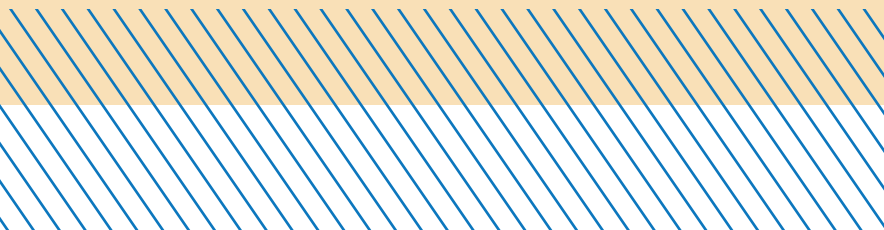
Organizations

311

**Patients, family
members and friends**

609

**Rheumatology
community**



Thank you to the members of the Corporate Roundtable:

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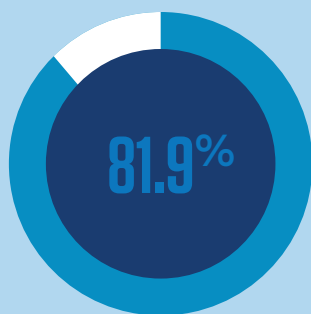
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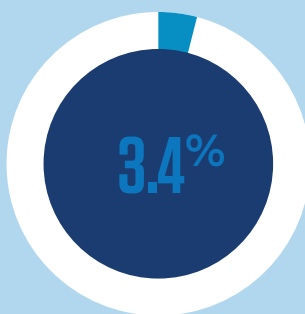
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FINANCIALS

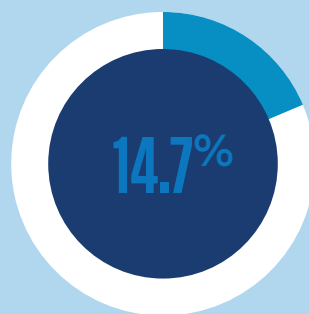
Rheumatology research and training is at the forefront of everything we do. Our high level of fiscal responsibility ranks us among the top charities in the nation and allows us to focus on what is the most important: the health of people living with rheumatic disease.



Programs



Administration



Development



Charity Navigator is the nation's largest charity evaluator, providing the Foundation with its highest rating of four stars for the 11th consecutive year!

