

Arthritis Foundation 2012 Research Grants Request for Applications

Grantor: Arthritis Foundation

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Application Deadline: February 6, 2012 (5:00 pm Eastern)

The Arthritis Foundation is pleased to announce the 2012 RFA for Clinical to Research Transition Awards, Postdoctoral Fellowships, Doctoral Dissertation Awards, and New Investigator Grants.

Proposals must be submitted through proposalCENTRAL.

Application forms available through proposalCENTRAL. Do not submit more than one application per applicant.

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TRAINING AWARDS

Training Awards are intended to provide support for young investigators at the beginning of their research careers as they investigate questions related to arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases. The institution or supervisor is expected to provide any additional needed support.

Clinical to Research Transition Award (CRTA)

This award is for MDs/DOs who are clinically trained in adult or pediatric rheumatology and intend to pursue a research career in academic rheumatology. The award is designed to allow candidates to gain initial research experience in preparation for application for mentored awards requiring research experience and productivity such as the ACR/REF Rheumatology Scientist Development Award, the ACR/REF Rheumatology Investigator Award, NIH Mentored Career Development Award (K23, K08) or other similar awards. CRTA funds may be used to supplement salary derived from an NIH T32 Training Grant.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants may not simultaneously accept the CRTA and another mentored training award. However, if the applicant subsequently applies for and receives a mentored training award (see above), the CRTA may be re-budgeted and funded for a second year. The CRTA will not be allowed to continue if the awardee received individual research funding. Applicants must be within the final year of training leading to board eligibility for either pediatric or adult rheumatology or be within a two-year time limit after completion of clinical training and have less than two years of research experience

when funding begins on July 1, 2012. Candidates holding PhD or MD/PhD degrees are not eligible, but those holding Masters degrees who meet the other requirements are eligible.

Citizenship/Work Abroad

U.S. citizenship is not required but the applicant must hold a full-time appointment at a U.S. institution. Research may be conducted at institutions outside of the U.S.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Provides support for individuals with PhD, MD or DVM degrees who are not eligible for CRTA awards. Funding is for a maximum period of two-years. A minimum of seventy-five percent time must be devoted to arthritis-focused research. The award amount is \$50,000 per year for salary and fringe benefits or research-related costs. Indirect costs are not allowed.

Eligibility Criteria

Academic Background - As of the beginning date of the award, individuals must have received a doctoral degree from an accredited institution. Research Background - Applicants are not eligible after four years of post degree laboratory experience. This experience is counted from the completion of the terminal degree until the beginning date of the award (as early as July 1). Applicants will not count time spent in clinical training defined as more than 50% time in clinical activities. Individuals at or above the Assistant Professor level or those who have tenured positions are ineligible to apply for the award.

Citizenship/Work Abroad

Fellowships may be awarded to U.S. citizens for study abroad if it seems in the best interest of the candidate's future career. However, no provisions are made for travel expenses. Foreign citizens may be funded only if their training is conducted at a U.S. institution. Awards may not be transferred outside the U.S.

Doctoral Dissertation Award for Arthritis Health Professionals

Provides one or two years of salary and/or research support. The research project must be related to arthritis management and/or comprehensive patient care in rheumatology practice, research or education. Not for laboratory research. The award amount is \$30,000 per year.

Eligibility Criteria

The Doctoral Dissertation Awards are designed for pre-doctoral students who will receive doctoral degrees from U.S. institutions. Applicants should be entering the research phase of their degree program. The thesis supervisor must approve

the project which must be related to arthritis management, comprehensive patient care in rheumatology practice, or arthritis research. Suitable studies include, but are not limited to, functional, behavioral, nutritional, educational, occupational, or epidemiological aspects of patient care and management. Drug studies and laboratory in vitro studies are not appropriate. A candidate must have membership or eligibility for membership in his/her professional organization.

Citizenship/Work Abroad

US citizenship is required. Awards may be used to study abroad if it seems in the best interest of the candidate's future career and has approval from the degree granting U.S. institution. However, no provisions are made for travel expenses.

New Investigator Grant for Arthritis Health Professionals

New Investigator Awards are intended to provide the support for young Arthritis Health Professionals such as physical therapists as they initiate independent research related to arthritis. These grants typically cover the cost of salaries, consumable supplies, equipment, travel and other items to conduct the proposed research. Applicants must be establishing their first independent, self-directed laboratory for whom the institution provides space and other resources. The New Investigator Award provides funding for a period of up to two years and is not for wet bench laboratory research. Suitable studies include, but are not limited to, functional, behavioral, nutritional, occupational, or epidemiological aspects of patient care and management. The award amount is \$50,000 per year.

Eligibility Criteria

New Investigator Grants are designed for individuals with a doctoral degree and demonstrated research experience related to arthritis and/or the care of patients with arthritis or education relevant to arthritis. These awards are limited to applicants who have received a doctoral degree within the last five years prior to the submission date. MDs and individuals at the NIH and CDC are not eligible. A candidate must have membership or eligibility for membership in his/her professional organization.

Citizenship/Work Abroad

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident at the time of application. Awards may not be transferred outside of the U.S.

PEER REVIEW

All research proposals funded through the Arthritis Foundation undergo a national peer review process in which proposals are ranked according to scientific merit. An online review mechanism is used to assign an initial priority score. Each grant will be evaluated and scored by at least three experts in the field.

ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS

For questions regarding eligibility, policies, terms and conditions or application instructions, please contact the Arthritis Foundation Research Department at Grantsupport@arthritis.org or 404.965.7537. For technical assistance with proposalCENTRAL, please call 1.800.875.2562.

Link: <http://www.arthritis.org/research-funding-opportunities.php>

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Audience: Doctoral Student, Junior Investigator, Junior Researcher, Junior Scientist, New Investigator, New Researcher, Young Investigator, Young Scientist