ANRF Grant Application Policies

Understand the policies of applying for an ANRF grant BEFORE you submit your application.

The Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF) is dedicated to funding highly qualified investigators associated with major research institutes, universities and hospitals throughout the country who are seeking to discover new knowledge for the prevention, treatment and cure of Arthritis and other Rheumatic Diseases. We look forward to your interest and applications.

Grant Policies

- The Scientific Advisory Board and Board of Directors review grant proposals annually.
- Clinical and basic studies will be considered. Clinical studies should have a translational component that helps reveal the underlying mechanisms or response to therapy.
- Investigators must possess either a M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree or equivalent, affiliated with a qualified, U.S. non-profit institution.
- Preference will be given to senior post-doctoral investigators transitioning to independent investigator status and new assistant professors.
- Applicants may not have (or ever have had) an NIH R01 grant or equivalent. (“Or equivalent” is defined as receipt of an NIH K08 grant plus other support totaling more than $300,000 per year). Do not apply if you’ve had an NIH R01 or equivalent support.
- Grants are awarded for one year. First-year recipients may submit a second-year application during the year of their award. See guidelines for details.
- Applicants may not apply for funding if they have already received a grant from ANRF (excluding applicants seeking a second year of funding).
- Grants are awarded up to $100,000. Partial funding may be awarded if grantee has documentation that the remainder of the funding for proposed research has been acquired.
- Salaries, supplies and equipment directly related to the proposed study are included in funding. Overhead or indirect costs will not be funded.
- The ANRF funds 10-20 grants each year.
- Additional administrative review may be rendered to determine priority for funding when multiple proposals are received from a single laboratory, division or department.
- Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens, however, all work must be done at a qualified U.S. nonprofit research institution.
No-Cost Time Extensions on Arthritis National Research Foundation Grant Awards

No-cost extensions may be approved for grant awards at the discretion of the Foundation but should not exceed 9 months. Requests from current grant recipients must be submitted in writing (email is acceptable).

Transfer of Arthritis National Research Foundation Grant Awards

If an investigator changes institution during the grant award period, the Arthritis National Research Foundation requests the following:

- A letter from the new institution—preferably the head of the department—stating the investigator will be working on the same project, have the laboratory facilities needed and time available to work on the project. The letter should indicate the start date of the investigator in the new environment, investigator’s contact information, address, e-mail and phone for disbursement of the remaining Arthritis National Research Foundation grant funds. The letter must be co-signed by the responsible business/grants management official of the new institution.

- The original institution is responsible for sending unused funds (prorated depending on the date) to the Arthritis National Research Foundation. A new check will then be forwarded (in the amount of the unused funds) to the new institution.

*Applications not in strict compliance with stated policies and guidelines will be subject to administrative inactivation.

How to Apply

The Grant Application Requirements details are available online. Click the text or the link below. A standard cover sheet and budget page are required, with templates provided in the requirements section of the site. Applicants will be asked to setup an account so the completed application may also be uploaded to our secure online system.

If there are questions/comments, please contact grants@curearthritis.org or call 1-800-588-2873

*The Arthritis National Research Foundation is committed to discovery and innovation in the search for effective therapies and lasting cures for Arthritis and related Autoimmune Diseases.*