



# Arthritis National Research Foundation 2024 Grant Application Requirements

The Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF) is pleased to announce the release of the 2024 grant application. This grant aims to provide financial support to **early-career researchers studying arthritis and autoimmune disease**. *(ANRF qualifies ‘early-career’ as researchers who have not yet received an R01 grant from the NIH, or K08, DOD or NSF grant plus other support totaling more than \$300,000 per year.)* In 2024, grants will be funded for 2 years and awarded up to a total of \$250,000. We invite researchers and innovators from diverse fields to submit their grant applications for this funding opportunity.

## Directions on How to Apply and What to Include in Your Application

All ANRF grant applications must be submitted online no later than **January 19, 2024** at 11:59 p.m. PST on ProposalCentral, accessed through <https://curearthritis.org/research-grants/>. Detailed information, instructions, and the opportunity to register as a user can also be accessed through this URL. Follow all instructions and prompts. All required forms are preloaded and will be available to you upon registration to ProposalCentral.

### Select which grant you are applying for:

- All Arthritis Grants
- The Psoriatic Arthritis Grant

### Budget:

A full list of budget policies can be found in the [ANRF Grant Policies Document](#). Budget policies directly relating to the application process are found below:

- ANRF will fund salaries, supplies, equipment and justified travel to scientific meetings directly related to the proposed studies.
- Salaries funded may not exceed [the NIH salary cap](#).
- Overhead, indirect costs, post-doctoral researchers and graduate students “to be named” will not be funded.
- Senior personnel (Associate Professor level and/or above) including mentors will not be funded.

### Research Plan:

The scientific content (body) of the proposal may not exceed 6 pages and must contain:

- **Specific Aims** – specific goals of the research project including relevance to arthritis and/or autoimmune diseases (one page recommended).
- **Research** – if this is a new area of interest for you, please list who you will be utilizing a mentor to assist with the research.
- **Experimental Design** – how will the hypothesis be tested? Include relevant methods, statistical analyses, all figures and tables.
- **Project Timeline.**

All margins in document may not be less than 1 inch. Font size not less than 11-point Arial. No less than standard single-spaced lines. Applications violating this guideline may not be selected for review.

### Supporting Documents:

Additional items which **MUST** be included in the proposal. These documents are separate from the 6-page scientific content limit.

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- **Career Development Plan** – discuss your future plans in 350 words or less. Include brief history of your (applicant's) association with the research institution, background leading to development of this project, etc.
- **Project Ownership Plan** – in 350 words or less, discuss how the Mentor and the Applicant agree upon the ownership for the project and resources generated therein. Describe what part of the proposed project belongs to the Applicant, and whether the Applicant has overall responsibility for and ownership of this portion of the project. Describe what portions (materials, resources, tools, etc.) of the project the Applicant will take to an independent research position and use to pursue additional grant funding.

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- **Current and Pending Support** – list of all grant support you receive or are have applied to receive.

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- **Biographical Sketch** – use the [five-page NIH Bio Sketch format](#). Uploads may not exceed 5 pages.
- **Letter(s) of Support** – from your institution and/or mentor indicating their knowledge of and support of your proposed project.
- **References** – complete reference with title of article.

### Grant Terms:

All grants are funded from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Applicants are typically notified of the grant review results by the end of April 2024.

## Application for a Second-Year Grant Award:

- If applying for second year funding, complete the additional questions as part of your mid-year Progress Report through ProposalCentral.
- Second-year funding is awarded on a competitive basis with all other applications. Receipt of a year-one award does not guarantee a second year of support.
- Use the provided form in ProposalCentral to delineate progress made since receiving the ANRF grant, include your Hypothesis and Specific Aims for the second year.
- If there have been any changes since your original application, provide an explanation.
- Include any publications or presentations resulting from the work done thus far.
- Outline any pending support.

## Additional Resources:

- Documents:
  - ANRF Grant Policies  
*Understand the policies BEFORE you submit your application.*
  - ANRF Grant Application Scoring Criteria
  - ANRF Grant Application FAQs
- Live Questions: Meet the Funders at ACR Convergence; November 10-15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in San Diego, CA
- Email Questions: [grants@curearthritis.org](mailto:grants@curearthritis.org)
- Watch: [2023 Interview with SAB Member, Dr. Michelle Kahlenberg](#)
- <http://www.curearthritis.org/research-grants/>
- Submit: [ProposalCentral](#)

## Questions:

We are happy to help! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments. Contact [grants@curearthritis.org](mailto:grants@curearthritis.org) or call 1-800-588-2873 x103.

*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.*