



Arthritis National Research Foundation Grant Policies

The Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF) is dedicated to funding highly qualified, early-career investigators associated with major research institutes, universities and hospitals throughout the United States who are seeking to discover new knowledge for the prevention, treatment and cure of arthritis and other rheumatic diseases.

Grant Policies:

Applications:

1. The Scientific Advisory Board and Board of Directors review grant proposals annually.
2. Clinical and basic studies will be considered. Clinical studies should have a translational component that helps reveal the underlying mechanisms or response to therapy.
3. One (1) application may be submitted per lab annually. It is highly encouraged that interested applicants discuss the desire to apply with their lab and PI. If multiple applicants from the same lab submit an application, only the first application submitted will be reviewed.
4. Investigators must possess either a M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree or equivalent.
5. Applicants are not required to be U.S. citizens.
6. Applicants must be affiliated with, and complete all grant-funded research, at a qualified U.S. nonprofit research institution.
7. Preference will be given to senior post-doctoral investigators transitioning to independent investigator status and new assistant professors.
8. Applications that list a Co-PI will not be accepted.
9. Applicants may not have, or ever had, an NIH R01 grant or equivalent (“or equivalent” is defined as receipt of an NIH K08, DOD or NSF grant plus other support totaling more than \$300,000 per year). *Do not apply if you’ve had an NIH R01 or equivalent support.*
10. Applicants may not apply for funding if they have already received a grant from ANRF.
11. The ANRF funds 10-20 grants each year based on funding availability and number of acceptable applications.
12. Additional administrative review may be rendered to determine priority for funding when multiple proposals are received from a single laboratory, division or department.

Funding:

1. Grants are awarded for up to two years.
2. Grants are awarded up to \$250,000 (\$125,000 max per year).

3. Partial funding may be awarded if grantee has documentation that the remainder of the funding for proposed research has been acquired.
4. Salaries, supplies and equipment directly related to the proposed study are included in funding.
5. Salaries funded may not exceed [the NIH salary cap](#).
6. Awardees must commit a minimum of 50% protected research time to total research activities.
7. Post-doctoral researchers and graduate students “to be named” will not be funded.
8. Senior personnel (considered Associate Professor level or above) and mentors will not be funded.
9. Overhead or indirect costs will not be funded.
10. Justified travel to scientific meetings directly related to the proposed studies is an allowed expense.
11. Expenditures for each individual line item on the approved budget shall not vary by more than 10% and any variance within that percentage shall not materially change the scope and focus of the project. Any anticipated change of greater than 10% requires written consent of ANRF.
12. Any funding remaining at the end of the grant term must be immediately returned to ANRF. Contact ANRF at grants@curearthritis.org prior to returning any funds.

Working with Human and Animal Models:

Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for the use of human subjects or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval for the use of animal subjects can be pending at time of submission but must be approved prior to funding.

Researchers are expected to follow their institution’s policies when working with live subjects.

Cohort Commitments:

ANRF is committed to ensuring the success of our cohorts. Therefore, we offer several opportunities to learn more about topics relevant to navigating a successful career. When accepting the grant funding, the grantee agrees to make every attempt to attend the following events:

- Quarterly cohort meetings – 1-hour meetings held virtually in July, October, January, and April
- Annual Symposium – held in-person on a Saturday in March (travel and accommodations through ANRF)

Additionally, ANRF welcomes all current and former grantees into our Alumni Program, the Scholars Society. This community is designed to provide opportunities to continue networking, research-sharing, and attaining career goals with other ANRF alums. All grantees are automatically enrolled into the Scholars Society upon completion of the grant agreement and remain in the program in perpetuity, at no cost.

Reporting:

Starting in 2024, grantees must complete 2 Midterm Progress Reports through their 2-year funding period; at 6 months and 15 months. In this report, grantees must document progress made towards their aims and any changes made to the initial proposal.

Within 8 weeks of the final award term ended, the grantee's submission of the below items is required:

- 1–2-page final project report
- Financial accounting report
- A copy of any publications currently in progress – accepted or in publication
- A list of any public presentations of ANRF-funded work, not limited to: lectures, symposium presentations, posters, etc. Include name, location, date, and number of attendees for each event where applicable.

In order to document the foundation's effectiveness in funding research, ANRF will continue to follow up with grantees 2 and 5 years after the conclusion of funding. At those times, grantees will be asked to submit progress reports on any additional research conducted from the original ANRF grant and share their career journey.

Acknowledgement:

Any publication or presentation resulting in-whole or in-part from this research funding shall give credit to the ANRF and the grantee will provide an electronic copy of the publication to ANRF.

No-Cost Time Extensions:

No-cost extensions (NCE) may be approved for grant awards at the discretion of the Foundation but should not exceed 9 months. NCE requests from current grant recipients must be submitted in writing via email to grants@curearthritis.org.

Transfer of Grant Awards:

If an investigator changes institutions during the grant award period, ANRF requires 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.

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How to Apply:

Applicants must apply through Proposal Central to be considered. Applicants will be asked to setup an account so the completed application may also be uploaded to our secure online system. Any required templates are provided within the Proposal Central Application.

The Grant Application Requirements Document is available online at <https://curearthritis.org/research-grants/>. This document provides a detailed description of required submissions for the application.

Questions:

We are happy to help! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments. Contact 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.