

Pfizer Fellowship Grant Request for Proposals *2025 Rheumatology Fellowship – United States*

Competitive Grant Program – using Expert Review Panel



Overview

It is our intent to support adult and pediatric rheumatology fellowship programs for rheumatologists at institutions with clinical training programs that have a strong focus on clinical practice, research, and education to further the understanding of rheumatologic diseases (Rheumatoid Arthritis, Spondyloarthropathies, Idiopathic Inflammatory Myositis, Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, and Lupus).



Geographic Scope

United States



Project Types and Area of Interest

The goal of this RFP is to offer salary support for adult and pediatric rheumatology fellowship programs. We aim to support new and established fellowship programs that have a robust clinical and research program.

Grants will be awarded based on the strength of the requesting organization's ability to provide expert mentorship, training, and guidance to the fellow.



Key Milestones

- Application submission deadline: **September 24, 2024**
- Anticipated decision notification date: **October 29, 2024**
- Anticipated project start date: **July 2025**



Funding Range and Project Length

Grant funding is available to support a **one year fellowship** up to **\$80,000**. Total funding available is \$160,000.

I. Eligibility

Geographic Scope:

- **United States**

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Accredited, US-based academic institution.
- Do not include the name of the potential fellow(s) in application materials. This grant will be awarded to an institution, not an individual.
- Institutions with fellowship programs that include independent research and a strong mentoring program. Clinical training must be included in the program.
 - Examples of independent research may include: observational studies and outcomes research studies where the primary focus is the scientific understanding of disease; use of screening tools and their impact on improvement of patient health.
 - Examples of research that would **not** be eligible include research involving the study and/or evaluation of any pharmaceutical product and basic science and/or fundamental research (in animal model, in-vitro, etc.).
 - Examples of clinical training include: educational time with an interdisciplinary team in review of case examples and relevant didactic training as well as use of tools for improvement in patient health for rheumatological conditions.
- Fellow time spent in the clinical setting that is supported through grant funds must not be billed as patient care.
- No aspect of the fellowship program can benefit Pfizer's business or a Pfizer asset.

II. Requirements

Date RFP Issued

- **July 30, 2024**

Specific Area of Interest for this RFP:

- It is our intent to offer salary support to adult and pediatric rheumatology fellowship programs with clinical training programs that have a strong focus on clinical practice, research, and education to further the understanding of rheumatologic diseases (Rheumatoid Arthritis, Spondyloarthropathies, Idiopathic Inflammatory Myositis, Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, and Lupus). Consideration will be given to *new* and established fellowship programs.

Preference will be given to programs that:

- Are located in states underserved by limited adult and pediatric rheumatology fellowships and serving an underserved population.
- Incorporates Generative AI applications in the training program.
- Includes diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) principles, address health care disparities, and social determinants of health.
- It is our intent to support fellowship programs at institutions with clinical training programs in regions where there are continued workforce challenges and that have a strong focus on clinical practice, research, and education to further the understanding of Rheumatologic Diseases (Rheumatoid Arthritis, Spondyloarthropathies, Idiopathic Inflammatory Myositis, Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, and Lupus).
- Grants will be awarded based on the strength of the requesting organization's ability to provide expert mentorship, training, and guidance to the fellow.

Requirements for Prospective Fellows:

- Institution must ensure that any fellow that will receive grant funds must be a U.S. Worker (U.S. citizen, permanent resident, refugee, or asylee), or hold an appropriate non-immigrant visa status authorizing employment in the U.S.
- Fellows must hold an M.D. or equivalent degree and are recent graduates from an accredited internal medicine or pediatric residency program or current fellows.
- U.S. Physician Payments Sunshine Act (“Sunshine Act”) and other transparency law requirements must be satisfied with respect to meals, payments and other transfers of value. As a condition of the grant, the selected fellow will be named in transparency reporting as a recipient of grant funding.

Budget

- Grant funding is available to support fellows for up to **one year** at **\$80,000**. The budget can only include salary and support of the fellow benefits.
- Grant funds cannot be used for overhead or indirect costs.
- Funding will be awarded to the institution, not an individual.
- Fellow time spent in the clinical setting that is supported through grant funds must not be billed as patient care.
- No aspect of the fellowship program budget can reflect a benefit to Pfizer’s business or a Pfizer asset.

Key Dates:

- RFP Release Date: **July 30, 2024**
- Full Proposal Due Date: **September 24, 2024**
Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5).
- Review of Full Proposals by ERP: October 22, 2024
- Anticipated Full Proposal Notification Date: October 29, 2024
- Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement.
- Anticipated Project **Start and End Dates: July 2025 to June 2026**

How to Submit:

Note: Please read this section carefully since applications submitted not following these instructions will not be accepted and will be cancelled.

- Please go to www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/GMGFellowship and sign in. First-time users should click “Create your password”. *[Note: there are individual portals for each grant application type. Please be sure to use the URL above.]*
- Click the “Start A New Fellowship Application” button.
- Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: **2025 I&I US Rheum FEL**
- Requirements for submission:
 - Complete all required sections of the online application
 - **Upload Proposal using the required Proposal Template - [Click here](#)**
- If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the “Technical Questions” link at the bottom of the page.

IMPORTANT: Be advised applications submitted after the due date will not be reviewed.

Questions:

- If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, **Sue Lee** (sue.lee@pfizer.com), with the subject line “**2025 I&I US Rheum FEL - July 2024.**”

Review and Approval Process

- A specific grant program RFP uses an expert review panel (ERP) to make final grant decisions.
- The panels are comprised of professionals from the medical community with advanced degrees and expertise in particular clinical areas, or specific needs of a geographic region/learner group, or expertise in research, continuing professional development or quality improvement.
- Proposals will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria: fellowship goals, objectives, medical needs and population health, patient care experience, program criteria, mentoring, training opportunities, and resources.

Mechanism by which Applicants will be Notified:

- All applicants will be notified via email by the dates noted above.
- Applicants may be asked for additional clarification during the review period.

About Pfizer Global Medical Grants

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) supports the global healthcare community’s independent initiatives (e.g., research, quality improvement or education) to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with Pfizer’s medical and/or scientific strategies.

Pfizer’s GMG competitive grant program involves a publicly posted Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a specific area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an expert review panel (ERP). Institutions are invited to submit an application as outlined in the specific RFP.

This RFP reflects Pfizer’s commitment to advancing research, innovation, and training for medical, nursing, and allied health professionals.