

INTRODUCTION

CARRA is a North American-based research organization of over 600 pediatric rheumatology investigators spanning more than 150 clinical practice sites. The majority of board-certified Pediatric Rheumatologists are members of CARRA. CARRA's providers treat and study patients with all pediatric diseases such as JIA, lupus, dermatomyositis, localized scleroderma, systemic sclerosis, vasculitis, fibromyalgia, Kawasaki's Disease, PFAPA, Sjögren's Syndrome, CRMO, periodic fever syndromes in addition to other auto-inflammatory diseases.

In the United States, 300,000 children are afflicted with arthritis and other rheumatic conditions, yet there are only (~360) pediatric rheumatologists across the country available to care for these children and half of children with rheumatic disease are seen by adult providers. To address the shortage of pediatric rheumatologists and to expose pediatric residents to the field of pediatric rheumatology, CARRA and the Arthritis Foundation are offering the Pediatric Residents Program.



The goals of the CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Pediatric Residents Program are to:

- Provide pediatric residents with access to the broad pediatric rheumatologic community through participation in CARRA's Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Encourage interested pediatric residents to consider pediatric rheumatology as a subspecialty, thus improve patient access to pediatric rheumatologists.
- Introduce Pediatric Residents to the resources of the Arthritis Foundation.
- Engage interested pediatric residents in ongoing research efforts in pediatric rheumatology.

To help achieve these goals, CARRA, the Arthritis Foundation, and our meeting sponsors are providing funds to support pediatric residents' attendance at the Annual CARRA Scientific Meeting at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans in New Orleans, Louisiana from March 27-29, 2023. Awardees will be teamed with a CARRA fellow to help guide their experience at the meeting. **Participants will need to arrive at the hotel in time to attend the Pediatric Residents orientation session from 1-3pm Central time on Monday March 27 and stay through the closing session which ends at 3pm Central on Wednesday March 29.** The orientation will include resident-specific programming to introduce participants to the mission and inner-workings of CARRA and the Annual Scientific Meeting, in addition to an introduction to the resources and opportunities for engagement with the Arthritis Foundation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply to the CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Pediatric Residents Program, you will need to apply for CARRA membership (if you are not already a member) or renew your current membership. CARRA trainee membership for pediatric residents is free. Click [here](#) for more information on about CARRA membership and click [here](#) to join or renew.

You will also need to apply separately to the CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Pediatric Residents Program. Your online application must include the following items:

1. **Your up-to-date CV**
2. **A personal statement:** This should consist of less than one page describing yourself, your career goals, and reasons you would like to attend the CARRA meeting.

3. **Letter of support from your current program director.** The letter needs to state that you will be allowed to attend the entire CARRA meeting (March 27-29, 2023).
4. **Letter of support from a current CARRA member or a pediatric rheumatology mentor who supports your participation in this program.** If you are interested in attending the meeting but do not have a pediatric rheumatology mentor, please contact CARRA's Director of Communications and Engagement, Kelly Mieszkalski (kelly.m@carragroup.org).

Upload your completed application at [here](#). Applications are due by 11:59 PM PT on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. All applicants will be notified regarding the outcome of their applications by Friday, February 10, 2023.

TRAVEL SUPPORT

Travel support is made possible for this program through the generous support of the Arthritis Foundation (<https://www.arthritis.org/>) and our meeting sponsors. If you are selected to participate in the CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Pediatric Residents Program, you will be eligible to receive reimbursement from CARRA for the following travel/meeting related costs as outlines below:

Eligible Expenses

- Coach Airfare
- 1/2 of total rooming costs* for a hotel room at the Conference Hotel (covered nights include Sunday 3/26 (if needed), Monday 3/27 and Tuesday 3/28)
- Ride-share/taxi/shuttle to/from the New Orleans airport
- Local Airport Parking Fees
- Baggage Fees

Ineligible Expenses

- Airfare upgrade, insurance or change fees
- Rental cars
- Meals
- Mileage to/from your local airport
- Passport or travel visa fees
- Expenses submitted without the original receipt

*We will pair you with another resident to share a hotel room or you may share a room with another conference attendee of your choosing. You may stay in a private room; however, you will be responsible for the additional costs. CARRA will not charge a meeting registration fee and will provide group meals to conference attendees during the conference.

Requirements/Restrictions

- Awardees are required to attend the full CARRA meeting (from pediatric residents orientation session through the closing session) and complete a meeting evaluation.
- Scanned copies of all receipts are required for reimbursement.
- All reimbursement will be provided by CARRA after the meeting.



2023 PEDIATRIC RESIDENTS PROGRAM

Application Deadline: January 25, 2023

ABOUT CARRA

CARRA's Mission

CARRA's mission is to conduct collaborative research to prevent, treat and cure pediatric rheumatic diseases and its largest research project is called the CARRA Registry. The CARRA Registry is a long-term observational study being conducted at over 70 research sites in the US, Canada, and Israel. The CARRA Registry is studying the long-term safety of medications used to treat pediatric rheumatic diseases and will follow at least 10,000 patients for 10 years. CARRA also participates in clinical trials and has a growing internal grant program, funded in large part by the Arthritis Foundation.

CARRA's Vision

A world free of limitations from pediatric rheumatic diseases.

ABOUT THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

The Arthritis Foundation is fighting for all people who live with arthritis. As a Champion of Yes, it's the Arthritis Foundation's mission to turn the obstacles arthritis causes into opportunities. The Arthritis Foundation champions life-changing solutions and medical advancements, and it also provides ways for people to connect, break down barriers in health care and join the fight for a cure — uniting hearts, minds, and resources to change the future of arthritis. To learn more about the Arthritis Foundation, visit <https://www.arthritis.org/>.

QUESTIONS

For any questions about the CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Pediatric Residents Program or application, please contact CARRA's Director of Communications and Engagement, Kelly Mieszkalski (kelly.m@carragroup.org)