

CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Clinical Management of JIA Grant

Grant Project Period Length: 2 years

Grant Funding Amount: \$75,000

Grant Availability: 1 award

Combined Letter of Intent and Data Request: Due by January 15, 2025

Application deadline: February 28, 2025

Project period: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

CARRA's culture of collaboration focuses on facilitating, accelerating, funding, and performing research driven by academicians, clinicians, patients, and families to fulfill its mission: to conduct collaborative research to prevent, treat, and cure pediatric rheumatic diseases. CARRA's peer-reviewed Intramural Grant Program offers various funding opportunities to support investigators at all career levels and advance research that furthers our mission.

Program Description

This award supports a retrospective study of existing CARRA Registry data that directly addresses an impactful clinical treatment decision in the management of JIA. It is anticipated that proposed studies will likely assess the effectiveness or safety of medications used in the treatment of JIA, although other topics will be considered. Comparative effectiveness studies are encouraged, while purely descriptive and cross-sectional studies are highly discouraged.

As part of this award, CARRA will fund the conduct of the analysis by the biostatistician team at the Institutional Centers for Clinical and Translational Research at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH), which is independent from the CARRA Informatics Center. CARRA will directly fund BCH to generate all study results

The awardees will work closely with BCH to develop the details of the project analysis plan and interpret the results. This will necessitate frequent video conferences between the awardees and BCH during the conduct of the study (e.g., every 1-2 weeks) and timely responses to BCH questions about implementing the analysis plan.

Eligibility

- The project PI for all grants must be a current CARRA member who is up to date on membership dues and has ensured their membership information (location, contact information, and membership status) is current and accurate.
- Experience in observational study design and/or successful use of Registry data with published results is strongly preferred
- The following current CARRA members are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators:
 - Pediatric Rheumatologists
 - Other Physicians and Health Care Professionals
 - Research professionals (research scientists, investigators)
- **Not eligible:** Fellows, Residents, Medical and graduate students, Research professional members who are regulatory or data coordinators, Business and Industry Associate members,

Nonprofit/Government Associate members, members of CARRA's Board of Directors. Emeritus members are not permitted to serve as PIs but can serve as key personnel.

- Priority will be given to new and/or early investigators - within 7 years of completion of rheumatology fellowship training and at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor (or equivalent at your institution) but no higher.

New: Letter of Intent and Data/Sample Share Request: CARRA Registry and Biorepository

- LOIs are due in Proposal Central January 15, 2025, by 11:59PM ET
- No separate data and sample request is required when applying for a CARRA Grant in 2025.
- Grant applicants who intend to utilize the CARRA Registry or CARRA-related data and/or samples must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for prior approval. This year, in an effort to streamline the user experience and improve operational workflow, we are combining the LOI and data /sample requests into one process.
- If you would like to know more about conditions of use, please review our data and sample share policy on the [CARRA Research Portal](#).
- *CARRA will only accept proposals that utilize the current Registry CRFs and standard biosample collection kit. However, with CARRA approval, the subsequent extramural funding project plan may include plans for supplemental data collection.*

Application instructions and other required information can be found [here](#).

Online Submission through Proposal Central

CARRA uses an electronic grant submission process. All applicants must submit their full application packages through Proposal Central's online grants management system. Paper applications will not be accepted.

- All applicants must register as users on Proposal Central [here](#).
- Click [here](#) for Proposal Central's guide on how to set up an account.
- Click [here](#) for Proposal Central's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).
- Still need help with Proposal Central? Reach out to [Proposal Central's Support Desk](#).

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