

CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Small Grant

Grant Project Period Length: 2 years

Grant Funding Amount: \$50,000

Grant Availability: Up to 2 awards (at least 1 JIA, with a focus on pilot data or new research)

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 opportunity is available to support research projects in development. The research project can be a pilot, continuation of ongoing research, or other projects that move forward research that furthers the CARRA mission under the 2023-2025 [Strategy Plan](#) and [2023-2025 Research Agenda](#).

This grant program does not allow for CARRA Registry and Biosample use and collection. For any questions you may have, please contact the CARRA grants manager at grants@carragroup.org.

Up to two grants will be awarded. At least one of the awards must focus on juvenile arthritis and areas identified in the 2023-2025 CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Inflammatory Arthritis [Research Agenda](#). Special consideration will be given to applications addressing topics identified in the CARRA – AF Inflammatory Arthritis Agenda listed below. These were considered to be of critical importance by patients, caregivers and providers.

- Precision Medicine
 - Biomarker identification; diagnostic and prognostic
 - Starting/stopping medication
 - Safety and the impact of use of specific medications (e.g., TNFi in non-systemic JIA)
- Patient Outcomes and Outcome Measures
 - Patient reported outcomes (PROs); impact on health-related quality of life; health disparities and related issues
 - Long-term outcomes; impact on childbearing, occupation, college, marriage, delays vs. peers, growth, and reproductive health
 - Transition
 - Health-related quality of life (HRQOL)
 - Environmental factors
 - Tools/outcome measure development, implementation, and ongoing validation
- Representativeness
 - Social determinants of health
- Treatment Development

- Working with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on acceptable trial designs in pediatric patients
- Evidence development (use of Registry and community data)
- Comparative Effectiveness Research
 - Consensus Treatment Plan (CTP) Program (development, revision, and implementation)

New and early career investigators are encouraged to apply.

Preference will be given to research that is collaborative in nature.

Eligibility

- The 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.
- The following current CARRA members are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators on CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Small Grants:
 - Pediatric Rheumatologists
 - Other Physicians and Health Care Professionals*
 - Research professionals (research scientists, investigators, and coordinators) *
 - Fellows*
 - Residents*
 - Patient/Caregiver Associate Members*
 - **Must have a Pediatric Rheumatologist as a Co-I on the grant*
 - **Not eligible:** 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 eligible for CARRA grants but not permitted to serve as PIs.

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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