

2026 CARRA VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research

Grant Funding Amount: up to \$ 1,000- Funds will be awarded as a reimbursement of expenses

Grant Availability: up to 2 awards

Application Deadline: January 23, 2026

Award Notification: February 2026

Course Dates: April 7-10, 2026

Program Description

The purpose of this funding mechanism is to provide travel support to Early Investigators who attend the VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research, a 4-day course (April 7-10, 2026) at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA, aimed at early-stage (typically residents, fellows or junior faculty) investigators pursuing clinical/patient-oriented/epidemiologic research studies in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. Participants will develop or refine a research protocol or specific aims for a grant proposal during the course.

Eligibility

- The project PI must be an Early Investigator who is a current CARRA member in good standing and who is up to date on both membership dues and membership information (location, contact information, and membership status). CARRA Board of Directors and Executive Committee members are not eligible to apply.
- Prior awardees are not eligible.

Application Requirements

The following documents are required for this application:

- 1) Applicant CV
- 2) Personal Statement (one page maximum) that includes the following information:
 - a. A short description of the applicant and their interest in translational work
 - b. A short description of the career goals of the applicant and how the course will help them now or in the future
 - c. A statement about how the applicant will benefit from this opportunity and how the course will lead to future engagement with CARRA
- 3) Letter of Support from the Division Chief or Program Director of the applicant

The following documents are optional:

- 1) A letter of support from CARRA workgroup leader speaking to how the coursework will relate to the applicant's engagement with CARRA

Awardee Expectations/Reporting Requirements

- Submit documentation of all travel expenses
- Provide a written summary and photos of the event

Online Submission

CARRA uses an electronic grant submission process. All applicants must submit their full application packages through Proposal Central 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 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).
- Still need help with Proposal Central? Reach out to [Proposal Central's Support Desk](#).

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