

2026 CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Data Analysis Support Grant

Grant Project Period Length: 1 year

Grant Funding Amount: Up to \$15,000

Grant Availability: Up to 8 awards

Application Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

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 grant program offers various funding opportunities to support investigators at all career levels and advance research that furthers our mission.

Program Description

The CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Data Analysis Support Grant funding opportunity is available to researchers to support qualitative or quantitative data analyses on existing CARRA-related datasets from collaborative research projects. The investigator should have the necessary data in hand and already collected at the time of the application submission. Up to \$15,000 may be requested to complete a fixed set of tasks that will result in timely analysis and publication of results. It is anticipated that the majority of funds will be used for programmer and/or statistician effort/fees for service to support database cleaning and/or statistical analyses. Funds are not to be used for investigator effort for drafting manuscripts, publication, or printing costs.

Eligibility

- The project principal investigator (PI) must be a 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.
- Applicants must hold an advanced degree (MD or equivalent, PhD, or MD/PhD).
- The following current CARRA members are eligible to serve as PI:
 - Pediatric rheumatologists
 - **Not eligible:** Fellows, 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.

CARRA Data Analysis Support Grant Submission Requirements:

- Data and Sample Share Approval Number (if CARRA Registry data)
- Project Summary/Abstract (300 words max)
- Lay Summary (150 words max)
- Explanation of Prior Funding
- Specific Aims
- Research Plan:
Briefly describe the following:
 - The study, what data have been collected, and the study outcome.
 - Indicate if you have all the data in hand that are needed to complete this project.
 - Any collaborations and previous funding that are not located in your original data request.
- References
- Budget Table:

- The budget provided must indicate how funds are to be allocated.
- CARRA will allow up to 10% Facilities & Administration (indirect) costs, and these must be incorporated into the project budget. If indirect costs are requested, total costs for this project must not exceed \$15,000.
 - Funds are NOT to be used to provide PI or co-investigators (co-I) salary support but can be used to support other personnel essential to the project.
 - Salary support will be limited to a base-salary cap of \$200,000 but can include payment of local fringe rates (in addition to salary cap).
 - Effort must be specified for all personnel, even when cost-sharing.
 - Please review [CARRA's statement of direct and indirect support](#).
 - Other expenses should be discussed with CARRA personnel prior to application submission.
- Budget Justification:
 - The budget justification provided must indicate how funds are to be allocated for each year.
- NIH-formatted Biosketches for all PI(s), co-PI(s), and all co-I(s). Limit 5 pages per biosketch and combine all biosketches into one PDF with the PI(s) biosketch listed first.
- Research Support:
 - List both selected ongoing and completed research projects for the past 3 years that relate specifically to these data and or related research. (Federal or non-Federal support). Please include funding amounts if possible.
- Research Assurances:
 - Applicants are expected to provide an IRB approval letter, a copy of the IRB application, or an exemption letter.
- Appendix (limit 1 attachment):
 - The only allowable appendix materials are:
 - Blank data collection forms, blank survey forms, and blank questionnaire forms — or screenshots thereof
 - Simple lists of interview questions
 - Lists of additional key personnel or sites that do not fit in the space provided in the application sections
 - Descriptions or drawings/figures/diagrams of data collection methods or machines/device as relevant
 - Not allowable:
 - Data, data compilations, lists of variables and acronyms, data analyses, publications, and manuals or instructions

Applicants must use the templates provided when submitting their final applications. CARRA Staff is available to assist with the application process and to answer questions. Contact us by emailing grants@carragroup.org.

APPLICATIONS NOT FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Important Information for Data Analysis Support Grant Submissions

- Applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Funds will be provided to the awardee's institution in one payment to be used by the PI according to the project budget.
- For projects requesting budget support to cover CARRA Registry and Biorepository costs, requested funds will be held by CARRA and paid directly to CARRA Registry vendors, if applicable.
- If the PI is unable to complete the project, any unexpended balance must be returned to CARRA.
- Awardees are expected to submit an abstract and attend the CARRA annual meeting(s) until the project is complete/final results have been presented.
- If the project is not completed within the project period, the award recipient may request a no-cost extension (NCE) for up to 6 months. Requests for NCEs can be made up to 90 days prior, but no less than 30 days prior, to the project period end date.
- Awardees must submit a final progress report no later than 45 days after the project period end date.
 - Timely provision of progress reports is required to be eligible for future CARRA-Arthritis Foundation

grants.

- All awardees of CARRA funding must abide by the procedures outlined in the current CARRA [Publications and Presentation Guidelines](#) when presenting/publishing findings from their projects. This includes submitting all abstracts and manuscripts to CARRA for approval prior to submission and acknowledging the support of CARRA and the Arthritis Foundation by including the following language: “The authors wish to acknowledge CARRA and the ongoing Arthritis Foundation financial support of CARRA.” For more detailed acknowledgement guidelines, please visit CARRA’s [Policies & Templates](#) page.

Evaluation of Proposals

CARRA has procedures for assessing the technical and scientific merit of applications to provide for an objective review and to assist you in understanding the standards against which your application will be reviewed. CARRA has indicators for each review criterion to assist you in presenting pertinent information related to that. Generally, at least two scientific reviewers and one caregiver reviewer will assess every application that passes the initial administrative review. The NIH 9-point review system will be utilized.

Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
3	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
7	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses

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