

CARRA PReS Travel Award

Grant Funding Amount: up to \$ 2,000 for meeting registration and travel expenses

Grant Availability: up to 2 awards

Application Deadline: May 5, 2026

Award Notification: July 2026

Program Description

CARRA is funding up to 2 travel awards for Early Investigators and/or Fellows to attend the [33rd Annual Pediatric Rheumatology European Society \(PReS\) Congress](#), and the preconference meeting for young/early investigators in Belgrade, Serbia from September 15 through September 19, 2026. This opportunity is open to all CARRA US and Canadian Early Investigator and Fellow members. This is an outstanding meeting and a great chance to present your work and network.

The goals of this travel award are to:

1. Create collaboration between the CARRA Early Investigator group and the PReS Young Investigator group.
2. Give CARRA members an opportunity to give a scientific presentation (oral or poster) at an international meeting.
3. Allow CARRA members to attend the highly regarded Young Investigators Meeting on September 15-16.
4. Provide an opportunity for CARRA Early Investigators to network and collaborate with international colleagues.

Eligibility

The applicant must be an Early Investigator or Fellow 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:

- Draft Abstract
- Personal Statement: This should consist of less than one page describing yourself, your career goals, and any ongoing research projects. Include details on how you will benefit from this opportunity, which working party sessions you plan to attend, and what, if any, specific impact your participation will have on CARRA.
- CV or NIH Biosketch

- Letter from division chief stating that the applicant will be allowed to take the time to attend the meeting.

Awardees must register for and attend the [Young Investigators Meeting](#) on September 15-16 and must commit to attending the entire Congress.

PReS abstracts are due May 13, 2026: <https://www.pres.eu/pres2026/abstracts.html>.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Supplement of the Pediatric Rheumatology Journal by BMC and will be available on the Congress website two weeks prior to 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](#)

CARRA will review abstracts and make selections by July 1, 2026. Awardees must provide confirmation from PReS confirming abstract acceptance.

Contact Emily Klein, Senior Manager, Grants & Awards (grants@carragroup.org) with questions about the application process.