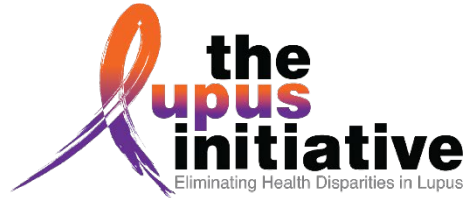


# Lupus.

Know When It's Lupus. Know When to Refer.

## Lupus Education Is Critical.



### Opportunity to participate in the Teaching Fellows in Lupus Project

ACR's Collaborative Initiatives department is currently looking for rheumatology fellowship training programs and FITs to participate in the **2020-2021 Teaching Fellows in Lupus Project (TFLP)**. Through this project, rheumatology FITs hold lupus education seminars for PCPs to help improve the recognition of the signs and symptoms of lupus and rheumatology referral for diagnosis and treatment. We will select 7 Fellowship Programs to participate in this year's project, which runs from January 2021 to August 2021.

#### TFLP aims to address the following issues:

- PCPs may only receive 90 minutes of training on lupus in medical school
- The signs and symptoms of lupus may go unrecognized when patients go to primary care settings at the onset of illness, thereby delaying diagnosis and treatment
- There is a shortage of rheumatologists available to offer ongoing education to PCPs

#### Benefits of participating for Program Directors and FITs:

- Fellows will be able to achieve multiple rheumatology-specific milestones under at least two competencies required by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, including interpersonal and communication skills and systems-based practice
- Fellows are given the opportunity to get involved with the American College of Rheumatology and gain skills in delivering education to PCPs
- Participating training programs receive a stipend of \$4,000 to support the fellows in coordinating and hosting education sessions to reach at least 50 non-rheumatology providers at community health organizations and/or local chapters of medical associations
- Select FITs may have the opportunity to present at either the FIT Educational Session at the Annual Meeting, or the Program or Division Director Forum or Conference

#### Program Directors of participating training programs will be expected to:

- Identify 2 or more FITs who wish to coordinate and lead the education sessions (preferably fellows who are in their second year of training)
- Participate, along with your participating FITs, in a project orientation and training conference call
- Provide support to your fellows to ensure the successful scheduling, recruitment, delivery of education, and evaluation of each session

**To Apply:**

**If your training program and FITs would like to participate in the Teaching Fellows in Lupus Project, please email a letter of interest that includes the following information to Markay Russell at [mrussell@rheumatology.org](mailto:mrussell@rheumatology.org) by February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

- a. statement of your interest in participating;
- b. the names of the 2+ fellows from your program who are interested in participating; and
- c. the degree to which your program can assist in identifying potential groups to which your fellows can present and provide logistical support in successfully coordinating and holding presentations in your locale

Please email Markay Russell at [mrussell@rheumatology.org](mailto:mrussell@rheumatology.org) if you have any questions as you consider this opportunity.