

## Hong Kong Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation and the Hong Kong Society of Rheumatology **Scholarship 2024-2025**

### ***Addendum***

*This year's scholarship will be open to participants for 26th Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology Congress to be held in Singapore in August. Special consideration will be given to allied health participants who have accepted oral presentation or poster presentation in the Congress / are providing direct service to rheumatic patients at HKARF or direct contribution to HKARF.*

The Hong Kong Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation (HKARF) and the Hong Kong Society of Rheumatology (HKSR) are inviting applications for a limited number of awards to support overseas specialty training in rheumatology for the year 2024 to 2025. Details of applications are listed below:

1. The primary objective of these scholarships is to provide financial support to allied health professionals currently working in the area of rheumatology and who plan to obtain specialty training in overseas countries. Priority will be given to candidates who intend to develop special skills or novel therapeutic modalities in rheumatology in our locality.
2. Applying candidates will be short-listed by a Selection Panel appointed by both the HKARF and the HKSR, based on working experience, academic merits and the nature of the overseas programs/attachments. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview.
3. The amount of grants available is as follows:  
\$10,000 per person  
Coverage: lump sum subsidy for costs of airfare and accommodation  
A total of 4 scholarships will be awarded per year
4. Applicants must be full time allied health professionals (including nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, dieticians who are involved in rheumatology service.
5. Applicants must submit endorsement of Department Head for the training concerned, correspondence showing acceptance of the receiving academic unit and details together with the application form.
6. Applicants must disclose offers of financial support from other sources, including those that are still under consideration. Candidates who have secured other sources of funding will not be considered for the award.
7. Upon approval of the application, reimbursement of the expenditure will be made during / upon completion of the training, with a ceiling amount as depicted in clause number 3.

8. Successful candidates are required to submit a report each to the Hong Kong Society of Rheumatology / Hong Kong Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation regarding their training activities within 2 months of their return to Hong Kong. The final installment of the grant will be paid only after receipt of this report.
9. Every application must comprise two copies of the following:
  - a. The completed application form
  - b. A proposal of the training program in no more than 1,500 words
  - c. Recommendation letters from the immediate supervisor and the head of Department (if applicable)
  - d. Letters from referees (if available)
  - e. A brief curriculum vitae
  - f. Copies of relevant qualifications attained
10. Applications should be submitted during the submission period from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to:  
Hong Kong Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation  
Re: HKSR/HKARF scholarship / training grant  
Flat 103-106, G/F,  
Nam Wai House,  
Nam Shan Estate,  
Shamshuipo, Kowloon  
OR mail@hkarf.org

## Application form (Scholarship / training grant)

(Please print)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name) (Last name)

In Chinese: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Age: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Corresponding address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Office telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name and address of present employer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Present and past job positions (in reverse chronological order, excluding internship):

Period	Position	Place of work	Employer
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Member of professional bodies

☐ Yes ☐ No if yes, the name of the professional body:

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Training institute and name of supervisor / trainer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Brief description of the training program (in less than 1,500 words, please submit as a separate document to this application form)

11. Do you apply or consider for any other sources of financial support for this training program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please give details.

Name of the supporting organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of support: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funding applied \_\_\_\_\_

12. Declaration

I declare that all information provided in this grant application is accurate and complete. I have read and agreed to the terms and conditions as mentioned in this application form. I shall respect the final decision of the HKSR / HKARF.

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_