

Hong Kong Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation and the Hong Kong Society of Rheumatology **Scholarship 2025-2026**

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 2025 to 2026. Details of applications are listed below:

1. The primary objective of these scholarships is to provide financial support to trainees / fellows in rheumatology who plan to obtain specialty training in overseas countries. Priority will be given to candidates who intend to develop special skills or novel diagnostic / 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. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview.
3. The amount of grants available is as follows:
3-months' training – HK\$30,000 (lump-sum)
6-months' training – HK\$60,000 (lump-sum)
Coverage: lump sum subsidy for costs of airfare and accommodation
4. Applicants must be full time doctors who are involved in rheumatology service. Trainees must be undertaking a supervised training program under the Hong Kong College of Physicians. Fellows must be registered under the specialty Rheumatology in the Medical Council of Hong Kong.
5. Applicants must submit endorsement of Department Head for the training concerned, correspondence showing acceptance of the receiving academic unit and training course 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
 - d. Letters from referees (if available)
 - e. A brief curriculum vitae
 - f. Copies of relevant qualifications attained
10. Applications should be submitted before 30 June 2025 to:
Hong Kong Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation
Re: HKSR/HKARF scholarship / training grant
Flat 103-106, G/F,
Nam Wai House,
Nam Shan Estate,
Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon

OR mail@hkarf.org

Application form (Scholarship / training grant)

(Please print)

1. Name: _____
(First name) (Last name)

In Chinese: _____

Age: _____

2. Corresponding address:

3. Mobile phone number: _____ Office telephone: _____

4. Email address: _____

5. Name and address of present employer:

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

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

7. Fellow of Hong Kong College of Physicians / Hong Kong Academy of Medicine registered under the specialty of Rheumatology

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Trainee of rheumatology under the Accreditation Board of Rheumatology / Immunology of Hong Kong College of Physicians

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, proceed to question 10.

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: _____