

# ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION MICHIGAN CHAPTER RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Funding Year: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Letter of Intent Due Date: on or before September 1, 2009  
Grant Submission Due Date: October 6, 2009 at 5:00 pm Eastern time

Must be submitted electronically through **ProposalCentral**  
Log on to: <https://proposalcentral.altum.com>  
Or access through: [www.arthritis.org/research](http://www.arthritis.org/research)

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, through the peer review process of the Medical and Scientific Committee of the National Arthritis Foundation, is accepting applications from Michigan researchers for two types of research grants in the 2010 funding year: Chapter Grants and Training Awards/Post-Doctoral Fellowships. Applications must be submitted electronically through ProposalCentral. Details appear below.

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

A national peer review service assists chapters of the Arthritis Foundation by providing impartial peer review of research applications submitted by local investigators. Review is conducted by the grant review study sections of the national Medical and Scientific Committee. The national peer review process provides both a priority score rating the merit of the proposed research, and a rank score comparing one application to other grants submitted for peer review. These scores are used in determining Michigan Chapter funding priorities.

All applications are collected by the Research Department of the National Office and distributed to study section members for review. Recommendations for approval and disapproval are made, and approved applications are ranked using the National Institutes of Health (NIH) scoring system, 1-5, with 1 being the best. The resulting critiques and rankings of the applications are reviewed by the Michigan Chapter Medical and Scientific Committee, and funding decisions are made through this process as budget allows.

## **SPECIFICATIONS FOR CHAPTER GRANT:**

- ❑ Application category: **Chapter Grants**
- ❑ Type of research award: **Individual Investigator-Initiated Research**
- ❑ Code for Michigan Chapter grant submission: **MICH10**
- ❑ Chapter grant maximum amount: **\$40,000**
- ❑ Chapter grant time frame: **One year beginning July 1, 2010**

- Indirect costs: **Not allowed**

### **CRITERIA FOR WILLIAM D. ROBINSON FELLOWSHIP AWARD**

The Michigan Chapter has established a *William D. Robinson Fellowship* to be awarded annually (when budget allows) by the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter. This fellowship will be awarded to one or more researchers (MD or DO or PhD) in training programs in Michigan, to include anyone involved with musculoskeletal diseases, including bone and joint radiology, orthopaedic surgery, and physical medicine and rehabilitation.

The applicant(s) will have submitted a Training Award/Postdoctoral Fellowship grant application, or other equivalent application, to the National Arthritis Foundation. This application will have been approved for funding, but not awarded funds due to limitations of national resources. The recipient(s) selected will be among the highest ranked applications not funded in that year, and must not hold other major fellowship awards that provide more than 50% salary support from the National Institutes of Health or from other foundations, concurrent with the *William D. Robinson Fellowship*.

The amount of the award will be not less than \$10,000 each year per recipient, and the Chapter will make every effort to fund the award(s) up to the full amount approved at national peer review.

Each award will be for one year commencing on July 1 and ending June 30. An individual may be selected for this award for two consecutive years if he/she fulfills the above criteria in each of those years.

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

***It is the policy of the Arthritis Foundation that all research be reviewed as part of the national peer-review system, and that no research be funded which does not meet the standard of being within three standard deviations of the mean of all applications actually funded by the national budget in each year, in order that the Foundation meet its promise of funding highest quality efforts.***

***The guiding principle is that the Michigan Chapter has responsibility to use its funds to support the best research. Chapters shall not provide duplicate funding for research projects funded by the National Office.***

