

## **Research**

The Arthritis Foundation plays a unique and leading in arthritis research, providing grants for the study of arthritis-related clinical treatment and health services, as well as grants that focus on specific conditions, such as osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. Those grants are

More than 2,100 scientists, physicians and health professionals have received support from the Arthritis Foundation to pursue cutting-edge arthritis research. The level of research funding has increased substantially over the years - beginning with \$10,000 in 1948 to \$28.5 million in awards and grants in 2001-2002. During the current research year we have awarded 284 grants, including 102 new and 182 continuing grants to researchers in over 100 academic institutions.

### **Our Focus**

The Arthritis Foundation is the largest private, non-profit contributor to arthritis research in the world. Our Research Program complements government and industry-based arthritis research by focusing on training new investigators and pursuing innovative strategies for preventing, controlling and curing arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation funds three major types of grant mechanisms:

- **Career development and training programs** -- These grants encourage scientists to begin research careers in the arthritis field and then help them nurture their development into independent arthritis researchers.
- **Investigator-initiated** -- These grants support basic, clinical and health services research relevant to arthritis.
- **Special targeted research initiatives** -- These grants focus on promising areas of arthritis research or on specific types of arthritis.

**Funded Grants at Top 20 Rheumatology Hospitals**

In 2006, U.S. News and World Report came out with the 100 Top Hospitals in the United States. They included a separate listing of the Top 20 Rheumatology Hospitals. The Arthritis Foundation funds research in every one of these hospitals. In fact, we fund more than 109 researchers in these 20 hospitals alone.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Active AF- Funded Research Grants</b>
1	Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland	7
2	Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota	1
3	Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, New York	3
4	Cleveland Clinic	5
5	Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston	18
6	University of Alabama Hospital at Birmingham	4
7	UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles	5
8	Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston	1
9	NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York	3
10	University of California, San Francisco Medical Center	17
11	Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.	6
12	Stanford University Hospital and Clinics, Stanford, Calif.	9
13	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	5
14	University of Michigan Hospitals and Health System	6
15	New York-Presbyterian University Hospitals of Columbia and Cornell	2
16	Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University, St. Louis	3
17	University of California, San Diego Medical Center	8
18	Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	4
19	Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago	1
20	University of Washington Medical Center	1