



ASIA PACIFIC LEAGUE OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR RHEUMATOLOGY

TO: Presidents and Secretaries of APLAR member countries

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Dear Colleagues

**APLAR RESEARCH GRANTS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

APLAR is pleased to announce the introduction of up to three grants of USD \$12,000 which will be awarded to doctors striving to improve the lives of rheumatology patients through research.

Applications are invited from science and medical graduates from APLAR member societies. The grants are to promote and support basic and clinical research directed to the causes, prevention, and treatment of rheumatic diseases.

Applicants should demonstrate how they will impact improvements in education and/or the clinical practice of rheumatology.

We would be very grateful if you could send this announcement to your members and ask them to submit the attached application to the Secretary General, APLAR, Dr T H Chan. This notice and application form will also be available on the website:

<http://www.aplar.org/Education/Pages/FellowshipsAwards.aspx>

The offer is valid only for:

1. Medical or science graduate of less than 40 years of age.
2. Nationals of countries in the Asia Pacific area who are members of APLAR.

The following documents should be enclosed with the application:

1. Photocopy of birth certificate.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. A reference of good standing from the Head of Department of the candidate's medical school / university.
4. Project outline
5. Recommendation of the National Rheumatology Society

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Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee. The successful candidates will be required to submit data from their research work for presentation at a subsequent APLAR Congress of Rheumatology, and for publication as a full scientific article in the International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases.

APLAR is committed to advancing the education and clinical practice of rheumatology in Asia Pacific.

Best wishes  
Yours sincerely

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President, APLAR