

## **Annette Lightner Research Award in Rheumatology, Autoimmune Diseases, and Rheumatoid Arthritis**

The Annette Lightner Fund is an endowment, the income from which supports medical research in **rheumatology, autoimmune diseases, and rheumatoid arthritis (with particular interest in dermatomyositis)**. Please note: proposals for research on diabetes will not be accepted by this program.

It is anticipated that there will be a single award of up to \$25,000.

**Eligibility:** Principal Investigators must hold a full-time, primary appointment at the School of Medicine at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher (any track).

**Deadline:** October 1, 2024

**Award:** The award will be announced during the summer, with funds available immediately thereafter. The grantee must submit a written final report to the dean no later than 60 days following the completion of the award year, describing study results and publications and grant proposals resulting from the award. The Annette Lightner Research Award is meant to provide one-time seed funds for innovative projects, and will not provide ongoing support.

**Submission:** The required components and structure of the application are detailed on the [submission site](#).

- Cover page with project title, PI name and department, and amount requested.
- Proposal of up to two pages including figures/tables, but exclusive of references.
- NIH biosketch, including other support information. There may not be any overlap of funding between existing/pending awards and the proposal submitted under this program.
- Detailed budget, using a PHS 398 form (see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp4.pdf>). Investigator salary and fringe benefits may not be supported by this award; however trainees and technical staff may be included. General staff, administrative support, tuition costs, and F&A costs are not allowed. In general, the purchase of equipment is not allowed.

Research involving human subjects, animals, recombinant DNA, or radiation must be approved by appropriate UVA committee(s) before the onset of the project.

**Questions:** Please direct any questions concerning this program to [Danny Burdine](#).