

AMERICAN COLLEGE of RHEUMATOLOGY

Empowering Rheumatology Professionals

Fellows-in-Training Subcommittee **Description and Eligibility**

The Fellows-in-Training (FIT) Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Committee on Training and Workforce (COTW) Issues, shall comprise of eleven members. Subject to the direction and guidance of the Committee on Training and Workforce, the Subcommittee shall organize the Fellows Educational Sessions at the State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium and the ACR/ARP Annual Meeting, influence Fellow-in-Training volunteer opportunities, and enhance Fellow-in-Training educational resources.

Mission Statement

To enhance and improve fellowship training, encourage the matriculation of students and residents into the field of rheumatology, and improve the utilization of resources within the College.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply and hold a seat on the Subcommittee, fellows-in-training are required to be:

- Available to serve one consecutive two-year term on the Subcommittee.
- An active ACR Fellow-in-Training member in good standing.
- Actively enrolled in an ACGME accredited or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) rheumatology training program during the duration of the two-year term.

Note: Institution faculty members, students, and residents are ineligible to hold a seat on the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members must be active fellows-in-training for all years of his/her term.

Commitment Level

The Subcommittee meets in-person at the State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium and at the ACR/ARP Annual Meeting and hosts multiple conference calls and online correspondence annually.

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Term Length

Subcommittee members are required to serve one consecutive two-year term on the Subcommittee.

- **Adult Rheumatology Fellow-in-Training Nominees**
 - Fellows enrolled in a two-year adult training program must be in their first year of fellowship to apply and sit on the subcommittee.
 - Fellows enrolled in a three-year adult training program can be in their first or second year of fellowship to apply and sit on the subcommittee.
- **Pediatric Fellow-in-Training Nominees**
 - Fellows enrolled in a three-year pediatric training program can be in their first or second year of fellowship to apply and sit on the subcommittee.
- **Chair Nominees**
 - A Subcommittee member can be elected Chair while in his or her second year of fellowship, third year of fellowship, or immediately starting post-fellowship. A Subcommittee member is eligible to serve a final, consecutive third year on the Subcommittee only upon being elected as Chair. The Chair must remain an active ACR Fellow-in-Training member in good standing.

Member Selection Process

The Fellows-in-Training Subcommittee leadership works very closely with the Committee on Training and Workforce leadership to elect new members of the Subcommittee. The subcommittee nominations open annually in August and close in September. The leadership reviews the submitted documentation of each applicant, including:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Personal Statement
3. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's program director, including:
 1. A commitment from the program director to provide protected time for the Subcommittee activities, and
 2. A description of what area of expertise the applicant would bring to the subcommittee