

# 2021 CIORA Grant Award Recipients

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The CRA is pleased to announce that its granting division will be funding five two-year grants and one one-year grant for a total of \$631,151 CDN to projects that will enhance access to and innovation in rheumatology care.

Funding is provided as part of the Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology cAre (CIORA) 14th annual grant competition. CIORA has funded 109 projects and provided \$8,009,854 CDN in research funding since 2006.

CIORA provides funding based on various pillars; this year's grants include projects that promote:

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education (2 awards)
- Multi-disciplinary Care Teams
- Health Economics/Sustainability of Health Care/Quality Improvement
- Early Access for Rheumatic Disease Patients
- Community Rheumatology (new)

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Pillar	Title	Principal Investigator	Award
Awareness/Advocacy/Education	Supporting Equitable Outcomes in Diverse Populations with Rheumatoid Arthritis Through Appropriate Guideline Implementation, Practice and Policy Approaches	Barnabe, C.	\$99,796
	Going Beyond Pain: Expansion of the JIA Option Map to Support Young People and Their Families to Manage Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis in Their Daily Lives	Toupin-April, K. Stringer, E	\$119,865
Community Rheumatology	A Community-based Adaptation of the Small Changes Behavioural Weight Loss Treatment Approach for Psoriatic Arthritis Patients with Comorbid Obesity	Teo, M.	\$57,795
Early Access for Rheumatic Disease Patients	The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Access to Rheumatology Services and Treatment – A Population-based Approach	Widdifield, J.	\$115,000
Health Economics/Sustainability of Health Care/Quality Improvement	Biosimilars of Rituximab in ANCA-associated Vasculitis compared to the Originator (BRAVO): a CanVasc Multi-centre Study	Mendel, A. Barra, L. Pagnoux, C.	\$119,792
Multi-Disciplinary Care Teams	Adapting and Evaluating an Evidence-based Online Behavioural Intervention to Manage Insomnia in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis	Da Costa, D.	\$118,903

Congratulations to the 2021 grant recipients! A listing of all current and previous recipients is available to view at <https://rheum.ca/research/2021-grant-awards/>.

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CIORA is issuing another call for grants in 2022!

CIORA Online Grant Application System opens **January 24, 2022.**

Letter of Intent must be submitted by **February 25, 2022.**

CIORA Online Grant Application submission deadline is **April 8, 2022.**