Areas of expertise for potential clinical and/or research mentors at host institution

- Dr Sanjay Jain - Takayasu arteritis
- Dr Aman Sharma - Small and Medium vessel vasculitis, SLE, Relapsing polychondritis
- Dr Shefali Sharma - Systemic Sclerosis
- Dr Varun Dhir - Rheumatoid Arthritis

Description of institution and its areas of excellence

PGIMER Chandigarh was conceived in 1960 as a center of excellence which would endeavor to develop patterns of teaching in postgraduate medical education in as many branches as possible and attempt to produce specialists in several disciplines of medicine. It was also envisaged that these specialists would spread out in the country in various medical colleges and medical institutions and impart medical education of highest standard to the students and set up nucleus of excellence in their own institutions. The PGIMER was also given the responsibility to broaden the horizons of medical knowledge by intensive research in the field of health.

PGIMER was one of the first institutes in India to start dedicated rheumatology services in early 1970s. The clinic presently runs twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays with annual registration of around 30,000 patients. The Institute has been pioneer in research in Indian in of areas of Vasculitis especially ANCA associated vasculitis and Takayasu arteritis, Sarcoidosis, SLE, and RA. The institute is running the DM Clinical Immunology and rheumatology program in
adults as well as in pediatrics.

Fellows’ clinical and didactic schedule during four week exchange period:

- Weekly program
- Monday- Clinic with exposure to uveitis patients
- Tuesday - DM bedside
- Wednesday- Rheumatology Clinic
- Thursday- Seminar
- Friday- Clinic
- Saturday- Journal Club