



The ACR and the Foundation are planning to develop two coordinated and data-driven strategic plans that will be sensitive to current environmental factors, prioritize areas of focus, and identify sustainable and vibrant paths forward for the organizations.

We are currently seeking members interested in serving on complementary strategic planning task forces over the next six months. *We are issuing this call for volunteers outside of the normal volunteer cycle as it is a short-term volunteer opportunity.*

Benefits of serving include:

- A significant role in advancing the strategies of the ACR and Foundation and enhancing value to the rheumatology community for the next three to five years;
- The opportunity to exchange ideas and perspectives with other volunteer leaders.

### **Who should consider submitting a Letter of Interest to serve on these task forces?**

Members in Good Standing with relevant volunteer expertise and/or interest are invited to submit a Letter of Interest for service on either the ACR or Foundation strategic planning task force. Up to four members for each task force will be selected from this Open Call.

The College seeks task force members from a cross-section of the rheumatology community, including new or longstanding ACR and ARP members, clinicians in community practice, junior and senior investigators and academicians, educators, and pediatric rheumatologists. The aim is for this task force to be a culturally diverse group whose skills, cultures and spoken languages reflect the communities the College serves.

Task Force members will be expected to uphold the College's commitment to building an environment that does not just welcome diversity, equity and inclusion but also makes it a core value in the work of the organization.

In addition, all participants in the strategic planning process will be required to maintain the College's mutually held expectations on discrimination, harassment and intimidation with volunteer leadership, staff, partners, and vendors.

### **The Letter of Interest**

A Letter of Interest, including task force preference (ACR or Foundation) should be submitted by email to the contact below by **May 10, 2021**. Please outline your current professional and volunteer roles and anything else you believe would be helpful for the Executive Committee(s) to know. Consider also including the following:

- Demonstrate the reason(s) for your interest in participating in strategic planning.
- Describe the competencies, insights and perspectives you could contribute to the task force.
- Affirm your availability to serve from June 2021 through December 2021.
- Indicate whether you have an interest in serving as chair or co-chair or providing any other form of leadership for this effort.

In addition, please provide an updated biosketch or CV with your letter of interest.

**Please email letters of interest and supporting documents to:**

**[ACRNominations@rheumatology.org](mailto:ACRNominations@rheumatology.org) with Strategic Planning Task Force in subject line.**