

CRAF Update

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We are pleased to announce that, as of July 13th, the Canada Revenue Agency has approved charitable status for the Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation (CRAF). This is a significant milestone in our journey to establish the CRAF to help fund activities of the Canadian Rheumatology Association.

Stakeholder engagement remains a top priority for the CRAF. We continue to work closely with our members and partners as we activate the roll-out plan. Our priorities are to establish formal operational governance, documentation, and a foundation launch plan.

The main objective is to create an organization that allows us to build capacity to fund activities that are in line with the CRA mission, which is focused primarily on serving and representing rheumatologists so they can deliver the best care possible to their patients.

We continue to believe in building strong, synergistic partnerships with aligned charitable health and patient organizations so we can all better reach our collective goals.



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We will continue to provide updates as we prepare for the soft launch this Fall and our public launch in the new year. For more information on how you might be able to support the CRAF, please contact Dr. Ahmad Zbib (by email: executivedirector@crafoundation.ca or by phone: 905-952-0698 extension 8.

"We are excited to be working on launching the new charitable organization, the Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation (CRAF) which will focus on building sustainable sources of revenues to support and fund programs serving the rheumatology community."

- Dr. Ahmad Zbib
CEO, CRA

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CIORA is issuing another call for grants in 2023!

CIORA Online Grant Application System opens on **January 23, 2023.**

Letter of Intent must be submitted by **February 20, 2023.**

CIORA Online Grant Application submission deadline is **March 31, 2023.**