1. **Clinical Rheumatology Training Track**
A 2-year ACGME accredited training track for rheumatologists committed to a career in clinical practice (or as an academic clinician scholar) leading to a board eligibility in Rheumatology after the 2 years of fellowship.

**Featured Clinical Activities**

Clinics:
- UCSD General Rheumatology Continuity Clinic
- VA Medical Center General Rheumatology Continuity Clinic
- UCSD Ultrasound Clinic
- Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic (Rady Children’s Hospital)
- Electives in endocrine/metabolic bone disease, joint dermatology-rheumatology and lupus nephrology-rheumatology clinics, and advanced-interventional musculoskeletal ultrasound

**Teaching conferences**
- [Rheumatology Grand Rounds](#) and Case Conferences
- [Rheumatology Journal club](#)
- Rheumatology San Diego City-Wide Teaching Conference (with Scripps program and the San Diego Rheumatology Community)
- [Core curriculum conferences](#)
- [Formal Ultrasound Curriculum Conferences](#) enhanced with hands on sessions
- Rheumatology-Radiology Teaching Rounds
- Immunology school
- Inter-Disciplinary Conferences

2. **Academic Rheumatology 3-year Clinical-Translational Rheumatology Research Training Track**

- Board eligibility after 2 years of training employing most of the same array of clinical training activities in the clinical track
- Often coupled with a NIH T32-supported training program to given an opportunity for the 3rd year of training, [https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/medicine/divisions/rai/fellowships/T32/Pages/default.aspx](https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/medicine/divisions/rai/fellowships/T32/Pages/default.aspx)
- During the 2nd year fellows schedules are attuned to their individual scholarly activity and research needs
- Clinical and translational research testing of novel therapies at the [Center for Innovative Therapy](#) including biologics and other forms of immune modulation, or at the VA and other sites offers training in HSR&D, clinical trials, and outcomes research
- During the 3rd year fellows are presented an opportunity to get experience and transition to clinical educator role
- Formal training in clinical and translational research and epidemiology is offered through NIH Sponsored CREST program at UCSD ACTRI, [https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/actri/education/crest-program/Pages/default.aspx](https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/actri/education/crest-program/Pages/default.aspx)
- Advanced degrees such as MAS or MPH are available and are offered in conjunction with San Diego State University of Public Health

3. **Basic-Translational Rheumatology Research Track**

- Board eligibility after 2 years of training employing most of the same array of clinical training activities in the clinical track
During the 2nd year fellows schedules are attuned to their individual scholarly activity and research needs.

Often coupled with a NIH T32-supported training program to given an opportunity for the 3rd year of training, [https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/medicine/divisions/rai/fellowships/T32/Pages/default.aspx](https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/medicine/divisions/rai/fellowships/T32/Pages/default.aspx)

Can be integrated with the UCSD Physician Scientist Training Pathway (PSTP), [https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/medicine/education/residency/physician-scientist/Pages/default.aspx](https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/medicine/education/residency/physician-scientist/Pages/default.aspx)

Specialized Research Training Courses in Ethics and Grantsmanship for his Track

Specialized Rheumatology Research Journal Club and Affinity group meetings

Examples of training opportunities include work with these mentors:

**Clinical research**

**Arthur Kavanaugh**  
Spondyloarthropaties, Clinical trials, Outcome research

**Ken Kalunian**  
Lupus, Clinical trials, Outcome research in SLE

**Gary Firestein**  
Rheumatoid arthritis

**Robert Terkeltaub**  
Gout and crystal arthropathies

**Nunzio Bottini**  
Scleroderma

**Monica Guma**  
Dietary influences in rheumatic diseases

**Arnold Ceponis**  
Interventional rheumatology, musculoskeletal ultrasound

**Innate Immunity, Inflammation, Connective Tissue Biology:**

**Gary Firestein**  
RA Synovial Biology, Kinase Signaling, Epigenetics

**Michael Karin**  
Inflammation Transcriptional Signaling

**Mark Ginsberg**  
Inflammation Biology and Signaling, Leukocyte Adhesion and Trafficking, Angiogenesis and Vascular Biology in Rheumatic Disease

**Dennis Carson**  
Member: Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences; TLR Innate Immunity in Translational Immune Modulation, Purine Metabolism in Immunology, Nanotechnology

**Jack E Dixon**  
Member: National Academy of Sciences; Fam20 Secreted Protein Kinases in Arthritis, Mitochondrial Biology in Connective Tissue Disease

**Hal Hoffman**  
Inflammasome Biology and Pediatric Autoinflammatory Diseases

**Robert Terkeltaub**  
Interfaces between Inflammation and Connective Tissue Biology, Crystal Arthropathies

**Eyal Raz**  
Mucosal Immunity, Innate Immunity, Translational Immune Tolerization for SLE and RA

**Maripat Corr**  
Innate Immunity in Arthritis, Wnt Signaling in Rheumatic Disease

**Paul Insel**  
Mechanisms of Fibrosis

**Monica Guma**  
Inflammation Signal Transduction, Microbiome in rheumatic disease

**Ru Liu-Bryan**  
Inflammation Modulation and Metabolic Regulation of Inflammation in Cartilage Disease

**Adaptive Immunity:**

**Dennis Carson**  
B cell biology, and life and death mechanisms, Immune tolerance, immunization and adjuvanticity

**Nunzio Bottini**  
T cell signaling, T cell Phosphatases, Nanotechnology

**Maripat Corr**  
Adaptive Immunity in RA, SLE, and Spondyloarthritis

**Mark Ginsberg**  
B and T cell trafficking and activation

**Joseph Cantor**  
B Cell Signaling, CD96

**Mentors based nearby in the La Jolla research community, including**

**Mitch Kronenberg**  
Director, LIAI - Antigen Presentation, NK and iNKT cells

**Mick Croft**  
LIAI - T cell biology, Translational Immune Tolerance

**Klaus Ley**  
LIAI - T cell Immunity in Atherosclerosis
Carl Ware  Sanford-Burnham - TNF superfamily, Autoimmunity, Viral Immune Evasion in Rheumatic Diseases

**Allergic inflammation:**
- David Broide  Lung inflammation and tissue remodeling, Mast Cells
- Bruce Zuraw  Kinins, Angioedema
- Seema Aceves  Eosinophilic Inflammation
- Taylor Doherty  TNF superfamily in lung inflammation

**Basic Mechanisms and Translation in Pediatric and Autoinflammatory Rheumatic Diseases:**
- Hal Hoffman  Inflammasome Biology and Pediatric Autoinflammatory Diseases
- Jane Burns  Kawasaki's Disease Pathophysiology and Immune Modulation Based Therapy
- Lori Broderick  Autoinflammatory Diseases, based in the Hal Hoffman lab group