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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public ▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990	OMB No 1545-0047 2015 Open to Public Inspection
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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2015 , and ending 06-30-2016			
B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY INC		D Employer identification number 58-1627547
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (404) 633-3777
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 2200 Lake Boulevard NE	Room/suite	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ATLANTA, GA 30319		G Gross receipts \$ 45,965,344
F Name and address of principal officer MARK ANDREJESKI 2200 Lake Boulevard NE ATLANTA, GA 30319		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
I Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(6) ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	
J Website: ► WWW.RHEUMATOLOGY.ORG		H(c) Group exemption number ►	
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ►		L Year of formation 1985	M State of legal domicile IL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities ADVANCES RHEUMATOLOGY THROUGH PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH, ADVOCACY AND PRACTICE SUPPORT		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	19
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	19
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	110	
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	950	
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	39,203	
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	27,446	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 4,417,797	Current Year 4,823,623
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	16,696,975	17,479,303
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,834,896	701,595
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	4,670,954	6,584,650
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	27,620,622	29,589,171
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	881,683
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		9,993,103	10,429,500
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ⁰			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		13,721,200	16,256,373
18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		24,595,986	27,930,918
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		3,024,636	1,658,253
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year		End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	43,754,469	45,276,354
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	6,929,312	7,848,201
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	36,825,157	37,428,153

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	*****	2017-02-22
	Signature of officer	Date
	MARK ANDREJESKI EXECUTIVE VP Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Amy Bibby	Preparer's signature Amy Bibby	Date 2017-02-22	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00445891
	Firm's name ▶ DIXON HUGHES GOODMAN LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 56-0747981	
	Firm's address ▶ 500 RIDGEFIELD COURT ASHEVILLE, NC 28806			Phone no (828) 254-2254	

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY IS AN ORGANIZATION OF AND FOR PHYSICIANS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND SCIENTISTS THAT ADVANCES RHEUMATOLOGY THROUGH PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH, ADVOCACY AND PRACTICE SUPPORT THAT FOSTER EXCELLENCE IN THE CARE OF PEOPLE WITH OR AT RISK FOR ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATIC AND MUSCULOSKELETAL DISEASES

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a	(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
THE ACR PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR ITS MEMBERS THROUGH SEVERAL VENUES. ITS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, HELD EACH FALL, IS DEVOTED TO THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES. THIS MEETING DRAWS THOUSANDS OF RHEUMATOLOGISTS AND ARTHRITIS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. A WINTER RHEUMATOLOGY SYMPOSIUM, SPRING CLINICAL MEETINGS, AND OTHER TOPICAL CONFERENCES ROUND OUT THE ACR'S EDUCATION OFFERINGS. THE ACR HAS TWO SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS: "ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATOLOGY", FOR RESEARCH IN THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES, AND "ARTHRITIS CARE & RESEARCH", WHICH FOCUSES ON THE HEALTH SERVICES AND CLINICAL ASPECTS OF RHEUMATOLOGY. THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY SUPPORTS THE RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, A RELATED ENTITY. THIS FOUNDATION INVESTS OVER \$10 MILLION ANNUALLY IN RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN THE US, INCLUDING FOSTERING MENTORSHIP AND COLLABORATIONS.	

4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ►

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2	Yes
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 	5	Yes
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	11b	Yes
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a	Yes
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> 	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> 	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> 	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> 	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> 	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> 	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	371	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	110	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **GA**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
COLLEEN MERKEL 2200 LAKE BOULEVARD NE ATLANTA, GA 30319 (404) 633-3777

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

[illegible]

2	Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 15			
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	Yes	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	Yes	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5		No

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 0		

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d	305,416				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,738,553				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,779,654				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			4,823,623			
Program Service Revenue	2a	MEETING REVENUE	Business Code 541900	13,172,796	13,172,796			
	b	MANAGEMENT FEE	541900	2,299,646	2,299,646			
	c	MEMBERSHIP DUES	541900	1,923,899	1,923,899			
	d	LABEL & MISC SALES	541900	82,962		39,203	43,759	
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			17,479,303			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		665,072			665,072
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .						
5		Royalties		6,547,057			6,547,057	
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal					
		b	Less rental expenses					
		c	Rental income or (loss)					
		d	Net rental income or (loss)					
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other					
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c	Gain or (loss)					
		d	Net gain or (loss)		36,523			36,523
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
		b	Less direct expenses	b				
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .					
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
		b	Less direct expenses	b				
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
		b	Less cost of goods sold	b				
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a		MISCELLANEOUS	900099	37,593			37,593	
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			37,593				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			29,589,171	17,396,341	39,203	7,330,004	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX



Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	500,000			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	745,045			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4	Benefits paid to or for members.				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	1,053,311			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7	Other salaries and wages.	7,004,195			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	613,932			
9	Other employee benefits.	1,191,310			
10	Payroll taxes.	566,752			
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.	181,716			
c	Accounting.	69,550			
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.				
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	6,907,020			
12	Advertising and promotion.	19,953			
13	Office expenses.	1,262,745			
14	Information technology.	822,845			
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.	289,018			
17	Travel.	1,476,245			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	4,022,104			
20	Interest.				
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	642,227			
23	Insurance.	142,331			
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	MISCELLANEOUS	301,786			
b	Bad Debt Expense	105,981			
c	UBI TAXES	12,852			
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	27,930,918			
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	500	1	499
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	5,462,763	2	6,859,527
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	2,594,899	4	2,813,454
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	451,721	9	662,206
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a10,620,884		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b2,989,561	7,597,213	10c7,631,323
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	24,899,841	11	24,595,506
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	2,747,532	12	2,713,839
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	43,754,469	16	45,276,354	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,881,010	17	1,946,534
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	5,048,302	19	5,901,667
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	6,929,312	26	7,848,201
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	36,825,157	27	37,428,153
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	36,825,157	33	37,428,153
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	43,754,469	34	45,276,354	

Part XI **Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	29,589,171
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	27,930,918
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,658,253
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . .	4	36,825,157
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-1,055,257
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	37,428,153

Part XII **Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	Yes	

Additional Data

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Software Version:
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Name: AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY INC

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
E William St Clair MD ACR President 2015	14 00 5 00	X		X				87,072	0	0
Joan M Von Feldt MD MSED ACR President Elect 2015/President 2016	14 00 5 00	X		X				65,353	0	0
David I Daikh MD Secretary 2015/2016	14 00 5 00	X		X				44,500	0	0
Sharad Lakhanpal MD Treasurer 2015/President Elect 2016	14 00 5 00	X		X				49,429	0	0
Paula Marchetta Member 2015/Treasurer 2016	14 00 5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Kamala M Nola ARHP President 2015	14 00 5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Elizabeth Schlenk ARHP President 2016	14 00 5 00	X		X				18,116	0	0
Enc Matteson Foundation President	14 00 5 00	X		X				2,250	0	0
David R Karp MD Member-at-Large	2 00 5 00	X						61,680	0	0
Emily M Isaacs Member-at-Large	2 00 5 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Timothy Laing MD Member-at-Large	2 00	X						0	0	0
Kenneth G Saag Member-at-Large	2 00	X						2,800	0	0
Joel Block Member-at-Large	2 00	X						3,000	0	0
Gary Firestein Member-at-Large	2 00	X						4,250	0	0
Edward Herzig Member-at-Large	2 00	X						3,000	0	0
Rodolfo Molina MD Member-at-Large	2 00	X						0	0	0
Richard A Fune MD Member-at-Large	2 00	X						1,050	0	0
Abby G Abelson MD Member-at-Large	2 00	X						0	0	0
Zsuzsanna H McMahan Member-at-Large	2 00	X						0	0	0
Bruce N Cronstein Member-at-Large	2 00	X						3,750	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Charles M King Member-at-Large	2 00	X						1,450	0	0
Deborah D Desir Member-at-Large	2 00	X						0	0	0
Lynn Punaro Member-at-Large	2 00	X						0	0	0
Joanne M Jordan Member-at-Large	2 00	X						0	0	0
Mark Andrejski EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	40 00			X				506,595	0	75,837
Colleen Merkel VP OPERATIONS AND FINANCE	40 00 11 00			X				152,066	0	33,668
Steve Blevins VP INFORMATION SYSTEMS	40 00					X		146,869	0	15,881
Rachel Myslinski VP, PRACTICE, ADVOCACY & QUALITY	40 00					X		153,929	0	34,034
Donna Hoyne VP EDUCATION	40 00					X		127,540	0	26,542
Jane Diamond MANAGING EDITOR, ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM	40 00					X		108,508	0	19,079

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Nancy Ketchum VP INFORMATION SYSTEMS	40 00					X		106,673	0	15,770

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY INC	Employer identification number 58-1627547
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	\$
3	Volunteer hours	

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	\$
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	\$
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	\$
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	\$
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	\$
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns														
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														

☐ Yes

☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	No
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	No
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	No

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	1,923,899
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	673,650
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	673,650
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	673,650
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
►

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4) (B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a☐ Public exhibition

d☐ Loan or exchange programs

b☐ Scholarly research

e☐ Other

c☐ Preservation for future generations

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

	Amount
c	Beginning balance
d	Additions during the year
e	Distributions during the year
f	Ending balance

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		972,195		972,195
b Buildings		5,916,440	1,833,157	4,083,283
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		935,890	289,977	645,913
e Other		2,796,359	866,427	1,929,932
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				7,631,323

Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	28,533,914
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-1,055,257
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-1,055,257
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	29,589,171
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	29,589,171

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	27,930,918
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	27,930,918
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	27,930,918

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	THE COLLEGE IS RECOGNIZED AS AN ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (THE "CODE") AS AN ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(6) WHEREBY ONLY UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME, AS DEFINED BY SECTION 512(A) OF THE CODE, IS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL INCOME TAX. DURING 2016 AND 2015, THE COLLEGE RECORDED TAX EXPENSE OF \$12,852 AND \$4,354 FROM UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME. THE COLLEGE HAS PAID THE RELATED TAXES FOR THE UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME ACTIVITY, AND THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DEFERRED TAX ASSETS OR LIABILITIES AS OF JUNE 30, 2016 OR 2015. The College has evaluated its tax positions and determined that it does not have any material unrecognized tax benefits or obligations as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Part IIIGrants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
(1) TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND FELLOWS CONFERENCE AT THE STATE-OF-THE-ART CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM	72	72,889			
TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH (2) WORKSHOP	70	67,759			
TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND (3) ACR/ARHP ANNUAL MEETING	42	501,613			
(4) DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS AWARD	10	15,000			
(5) ARHP MERIT AWARDS	12	21,500			

Part IVSupplemental Information.

Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2	THE ACR MAINTAINS DETAILED RECORDS ON ALL GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN THROUGH THE FELLOWS EDUCATION FUND, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ALL APPLICANTS APPLICATIONS FOR THE RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH WORKSHOP UNDERGO REVIEW AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL AND REQUIRE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ABSTRACT THE ACR/ARHP ANNUAL MEETING, STATE-OF-THE ART CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM APPLICANTS ARE AWARDED BASED ON FELLOWSHIP YEAR ELIGIBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE USED TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS ALL RECIPIENTS AGREE TO USE THE FUNDS AS OUTLINED IN THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS AWARD EACH YEAR UP TO TEN FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING, NOMINATED BY THEIR PROGRAM DIRECTORS, ARE SELECTED TO RECEIVE THIS CELEBRATED AWARD DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING DESIGNED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RHEUMATOLOGY FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING WHO HAVE PERFORMED MERITORIOUSLY IN THE AREAS OF CLINICAL CARE, TEACHING, RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, THIS AWARD HAS IDENTIFIED MANY FUTURE LEADERS AND HAS BECOME AN ACR TRADITION ELIGIBLE FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING FROM ACGME-ACCREDITED RHEUMATOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAMS MUST BE NOMINATED FOR THIS HONOR BY THEIR SUPERVISOR, TRAINING PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR AN ACR MEMBER THE ACR COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS EVALUATES EACH APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS - CURRICULUM VITAE - RESEARCH/ABSTRACT - TEACHING - CLINICAL CARE - COMMUNITY SERVICE THE PROCESS RHEUMATOLOGY FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING BENEFIT IN MANY WAYS FROM THE ABILITY TO ATTEND NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXPOSURE TO CUTTING EDGE SCIENCE, THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ORIGINAL RESEARCH IN A PEER-REVIEW FORUM, IN DEPTH REVIEW OF CLINICAL SCENARIOS, CHALLENGES OF DIFFICULT TO DIAGNOSE CASES, EXPOSURE TO MENTORS OUTSIDE OF THE HOME INSTITUTION AND THE ABILITY TO MEET RHEUMATOLOGISTS FROM DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS FOR POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THE ACR FELLOWS EDUCATION FUND PROVIDES RHEUMATOLOGY FELLOWS WITH EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING WHO PARTICIPATE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FIRSTHAND FROM NATIONALLY KNOWN RHEUMATOLOGY EXPERTS DURING EACH MEETING THE FELLOWS EDUCATION FUND ALLOWS FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPREHENSIVE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION MEETING THAT ARE CHALK FULL OF PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH WORKSHOP THIS COURSE IS A TWO DAY WORKSHOP DESIGNED TO PROMOTE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN YOUNG AND ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATORS TO FOSTER COLLABORATION AND CAREER MENTORING THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE SCIENTIFIC LECTURES, ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS, POSTER SESSIONS AND SCHEDULED TIME FOR INTERACTION WITH SENIOR INVESTIGATORS ATTENDING THE RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION'S INVESTIGATORS MEETING THE PROCESS APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT AS PART OF THEIR APPLICATION AND ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED ARE USED AS THE BASIS FOR AWARDDING THE SCHOLARSHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED BASED ON THE QUALITY OF SCIENCE OF THE ABSTRACT THE ACR EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATORS SUBCOMMITTEE EVALUATES EACH APPLICATION AND SELECTS THE FINAL RECIPIENTS TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND STATE OF THE ART CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM (SOTA) THIS SCHOLARSHIP ALLOWS FELLOW-IN-TRAINING TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH THE FELLOW-IN-TRAINING EDUCATIONAL PRE-MEETING AND TWO DAY SOTA MEETING THE PRE-MEETING EXPOSES FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING TO DIDACTIC LECTURES, PROVIDES AN AVENUE TO EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND ALLOW FOR PARTICIPATION IN HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS DESIGN TO FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERTISE IN ESSENTIAL RHEUMATOLOGIC AREAS EACH FELLOW-IN-TRAINING WHO PARTICIPATES HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FIRSTHAND FROM NATIONALLY KNOWN RHEUMATOLOGY EXPERTS DURING EACH MEETING THE PROCESS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE ADVERTISED TO RHEUMATOLOGY PROGRAM DIRECTORS, EACH PROGRAM DIRECTOR IS THEN CHARGED WITH SELECTING THE APPROPRIATE FELLOW TO ATTEND A MEETING BASED ON THE FELLOW'S AREA OF INTEREST AND LEVEL OF EXPERTISE IF AN INSTITUTION HAS BOTH AN ADULT AND PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY PROGRAM, THEN ONE FELLOW-IN-TRAINING FROM EACH PROGRAM MAY BE APPOINTED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND ACR/ARHP ANNUAL MEETING THIS SCHOLARSHIP ALLOWS FELLOW-IN-TRAINING TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH THE FELLOW-IN-TRAINING EDUCATIONAL PRE-MEETING AND THE ANNUAL MEETING THE PRE-MEETING EXPOSES FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING TO ANNUAL MEETING, PROVIDES AN AVENUE TO EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS THE ANNUAL MEETING IS THE PREMIER SCIENTIFIC MEETING DEVOTED TO THE RHEUMATIC DISEASE THE PROCESS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE ADVERTISED TO RHEUMATOLOGY PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING AWARDEES WERE SELECTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS WITH PREFERENCE GIVEN TO FELLOWSHIP YEAR
SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2	ARHP MERIT AND APPRECIATION AWARDS THE ASSOCIATION OF RHEUMATOLOGY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (ARHP), A DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY (ACR), IS A PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP SOCIETY COMPOSED OF NON-PHYSICIAN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS SPECIALIZING IN RHEUMATOLOGY, SUCH AS ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES, NURSES, WORKERS, EPIDEMIOLOGISTS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, EDUCATORS, CLINICIANS, RESEARCHERS, RESEARCH COORDINATORS AND OFFICE STAFF EACH YEAR DURING THE ACR/ARHP ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, THE ARHP RECOGNIZES TWELVE NOMINATED MEMBERS BY AWARDDING THEM THE FOLLOWING MERIT AND APPRECIATION AWARDS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - IS PRESENTED TO A CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF ARHP WHO'S CAREER HAS DEMONSTRATED A SUSTAINED AND LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF RHEUMATOLOGY AND RHEUMATOLOGY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AWARD AMOUNT IS \$5,500 ADDIE THOMAS SERVICE AWARD - IS PRESENTED IN HONOR OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS FIRST PRESIDENT AND RECOGNIZES AN ARHP MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER INVOLVED WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ARTHRITIS-RELATED ACTIVITIES AWARD AMOUNT IS \$3,000 ANN KUNKEL ADVOCACY AWARD - IS PRESENTED TO AN ARHP MEMBER WHO HAS PROVIDED EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO ADVOCATE FOR PATIENTS WITH ARTHRITIS/RHEUMATIC DISEASES OR FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RHEUMATOLOGY AWARD AMOUNT IS \$3,000 DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD - IS PRESENTED TO AN ARHP MEMBER WHO DEMONSTRATES EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES PERTINENT TO ARTHRITIS AND THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES AWARD AMOUNT IS \$3,000 DISTINGUISHED CLINICIAN AWARD IS PRESENTED TO AN ARHP MEMBER WHO IS ENGAGED IN CLINICAL PRACTICE AND DEMONSTRATES OUTSTANDING CLINICAL EXPERTISE IN ARTHRITIS AND THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES AWARD AMOUNT IS \$3,000 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD - IS PRESENTED TO AN ARHP MEMBER WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS, MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS, GRADUATE STUDENTS, AND/OR FELLOWS, WITH THEIR PRIMARY FOCUS BEING RHEUMATOLOGY RELATED CONTENT AWARD AMOUNT IS \$3,000 ARHP PRESIDENT'S AWARD - IS PRESENTED TO THE ARHP OR ACR MEMBER OR TEAM PERFORMING OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITHIN THE PRESENT YEAR IN ADVANCING THE GOALS, IDEALS, AND STANDARDS OF ARHP AWARD AMOUNT IS \$0 ARHP MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARD - IS PRESENTED TO ONE ARHP AND ONE ACR MEMBER WHO HAVE RECRUITED THE MOST MEMBERS IN THE CURRENT YEAR AWARD AMOUNT IS \$0 EACH FOR TWO AWARDEES OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN RHEUMATOLOGY AWARD - IS AWARDED TO TWO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS, OF ARHP MEMBERS, WHO ARE RECOGNIZED FOR CREATIVE ADVANCING RHEUMATOLOGY ON ONE THE FOLLOWING AREAS EDUCATION, PRACTICE, RESEARCH, AND/OR ADVOCACY THIS AWARD WAS CREATED TO ENCOURAGE THE INTEREST OF NON-PHYSICIAN GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE FIELD OF RHEUMATOLOGY AWARD AMOUNT IS \$500 EACH FOR TWO AWARDEES THE PROCESS ALL ARHP MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO NOMINATE THEMSELVES OR ANOTHER ARHP AND INCLUDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT, AND THEIR RESUME/VITA NOMINATIONS DEADLINE IS MARCH 1 THE ARHP MEMBERSHIP & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SELECTS EACH AWARDEE AFTER REVIEWING THEIR NOMINATION MATERIALS AGAINST THE AWARD CRITERIA AWARDEES ARE ANNOUNCED BY MAY 1

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY INC	Employer identification number 58-1627547
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☒ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☒ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b Yes	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2 Yes	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☒ Compensation committee ☒ Written employment contract ☒ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Compensation survey or study ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III	4a No 4b No 4c No	
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	5a 5b	
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	6a 6b	
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Mark Andrejski EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	(i)	503,547 -----	0 -----	3,048 -----	30,283 -----	45,554 -----	582,432 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Colleen Merkel VP OPERATIONS AND FINANCE	(i)	151,514 -----	0 -----	552 -----	14,715 -----	18,953 -----	185,734 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Steve Blevins VP INFORMATION SYSTEMS	(i)	146,224 -----	0 -----	645 -----	6,490 -----	9,391 -----	162,750 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Rachel Myslinski VP, PRACTICE, ADVOCACY & QUALITY	(i)	153,737 -----	0 -----	192 -----	15,122 -----	18,912 -----	187,963 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Donna Hoyne VP EDUCATION	(i)	127,180 -----	0 -----	360 -----	11,567 -----	14,975 -----	154,082 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 1a	THE ORGANIZATION'S VOLUNTEER POLICY ALLOWS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPLIMENTARY SPOUSE/PARTNER TRAVEL FOR 3 MEETINGS TO BE USED ANYTIME DURING THE OFFICIAL YEAR. ONE MEETING CAN BE INTERNATIONAL. DURING THE YEAR THE ORGANIZATION COVERED THE COST FOR THREE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES TO ATTEND THE EULAR CONGRESS IN ROME, ITALY. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO COVERED THE COST FOR ONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND THEIR SPOUSE TO ATTEND THE 30TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INDIAN RHEUMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION IN CHANDIGARH, INDIA.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)**Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 1	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE THE POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DURING THE INTERVALS BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, IN THE MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION OF THE OPERATIONS, BUSINESS, AND AFFAIRS OF THE ACR, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW OR THE BYLAWS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVALUATING ANNUALLY THE PERFORMANCE AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT AND ALL ACR STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARE REPORTED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE NEXT MEETING THEREOF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH CONSISTS OF THE PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, THE VICE-PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY AND THE TREASURER
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	A DRAFT COPY OF THE FORM 990 WAS SENT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR THEIR REVIEW AND COMMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF THE RETURN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD OF THE MEETING WAS HELD WITH ASSI STANCE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS AND FINANCE, AND THE TAX PREPARER AND WAS DOCUM ENTED IN THE MINUTES THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE RETURN AFTER CONSIDERING COM MENTS

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	ANNUAL SUBMISSION OF DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED BY ALL OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, JOURNAL EDITORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, COMMITTEE, TASK FORCE MEMBERS AND SENIOR STAFF TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO GIVES NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT IS TO ABSTAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS WHICH BECOMES BEFORE THE BOARD
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT INCLUDES REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLLEGE, USE OF DATA AS TO COMPARABLE COMPENSATION, AND CONTEMPORANEOUS DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDKEEPING THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING COMPENSATION FOR ALL OTHER COLLEGE EMPLOYEES IS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT WITH THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES USES COMPARABILITY DATA TO DEVELOP COMPENSATION RANGES AND TARGETS THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES CONTEMPORANEOUSLY DOCUMENTS AND MAINTAINS CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS OF ALL DECISIONS AFFECTING COLLEGE EMPLOYEES

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Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES IT GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST AND ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	Professional Fees 5,258,171 Honorarium 838,170 Temp Employee 583,600 Computer Consulting 227,079

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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY INC

Employer identification number
58-1627547

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2200 LAKE BOULEVARD NE ATLANTA, GA 30319 58-1654301	TO SUPPORT RESEARCH AND TRAINING OF RHEUMATIC DISEASES	IL	501(c)(3)	Line 7			No

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
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m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b	Yes	
1c	Yes	
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l	Yes	
1m		No
1n	Yes	
1o	Yes	
1p	Yes	
1q	Yes	
1r	Yes	
1s		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds			
(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION	B	500,000	cash
(2)RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION	L	2,299,645	CASH
(3)RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION	C	305,416	cash

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, SCHEDULE R, PART V, LINE 2	THE MANAGEMENT FEE OF \$2,299,645 REPRESENTS PAYMENT FROM RELATED ORGANIZATION RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR SHARED EMPLOYEES, SHARED SPACE, AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES