

***Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Defense Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP)
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements***

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| <p>Clinical Trial Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <p>HT942524MSRPCTA</p> | <p>Investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. • Funding Level 1: Supports early-phase, proof-of-principle clinical trials to demonstrate feasibility or inform the design of more advanced trials, or other clinical trials that are appropriate for this funding level. • Funding Level 2: Supports larger-scale clinical trials at phase 1 or 2 that seek to show preliminary evidence of safety or efficacy (benefit on clinical or preclinical outcomes) in relevant patient populations. • <i>Funding must support a clinical trial and may not be used for preclinical studies.</i> • Scientific rationale and preliminary data are required. • Must address at least one of the following focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promoting Repair, Neuroprotection, and Remyelination in MS ○ Treatment of MS Symptoms | <p>The FY24 Clinical Trial Award offers two funding levels:</p> <p>Funding Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding of \$2,000,000 for total costs (including direct and indirect costs). • Maximum period of performance is 3 years. <p>Funding Level 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding of \$4,000,000 for total costs (including direct and indirect costs). • Maximum period of performance is 4 years. | <p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 10, 2024 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 7, 2024 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |

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| <p>Early Investigator Research Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <p>HT942524MSRPEIRA</p> | <p>Investigators must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess a doctoral degree from an accredited organization; • Be involved in a postdoctoral training or medical residency program and possess at least 1 and up to 4 years continuous postdoctoral research experience; and • Commit at least 50% of their effort toward project. <p>May receive only one Early Investigator Research Award</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-application submission (Letter of Intent) is required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required. • Supports MS-focused research opportunities for individuals in the early stages of their careers. • Investigator must have a <u>designated mentor</u> who is an experienced MS researcher. • Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed. • Must address at least one of the following focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Central Nervous System Repair, Protection, and Regenerative Potential in MS ○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in MS ○ Biology and Measurements of MS Symptoms ○ Mechanisms Contributing to or Associated with MS Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding of \$320,000 for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs). • Maximum period of performance is 2 years. | <p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): July 24, 2024 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 7, 2024 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Confidential Letters of Recommendation: October 14, 2024 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time</p> |

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| <p>Exploration - Hypothesis Development Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <p>HT942524MSRPEHDA</p> | <p>Established Investigators:</p> <p>Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>New Investigators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent investigators no more than 5 years from the start of their faculty position. • Must not have received more than \$300,000 in total direct costs for previous or concurrent MS research as a PI of one or more non-mentored, peer-reviewed grants from any agency. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. • Supports the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in the MS research field. • Preliminary data are <u>not</u> required. • Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed. • <i>New Investigator Option</i> supports applicants early in their faculty appointments. • Must address at least one of the following focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Central Nervous System Repair, Protection, and Regenerative Potential in MS ○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in MS ○ Biology and Measurements of MS Symptoms ○ Mechanisms Contributing to or Associated with MS Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding of \$250,000 for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs). • Maximum period of performance is 2 years. | <p>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</p> <p>June 10, 2024 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application:</p> <p>October 7, 2024 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |

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| <p>Investigator-Initiated Research Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <p>HT942524MSRPIIRA</p> | <p>Established Investigators:</p> <p>Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>New Investigators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent investigators no more than 5 years from the start of their faculty position. • Must not have received more than \$300,000 in total direct costs for previous or concurrent MS research as an investigator of one or more non-mentored, peer-reviewed grants from any agency. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. • Supports highly rigorous, high-impact research with the potential to make an important contribution to MS research and/or patient care. • Preliminary data are <u>not</u> required. • Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed. • New Investigator Option supports applicants early in their faculty appointments. • Must address at least one of the following focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Central Nervous System Repair, Protection, and Regenerative Potential in MS ○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in MS ○ Biology and Measurements of MS Symptoms ○ Mechanisms Contributing to or Associated with MS Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding of \$1,000,000 for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs). • Maximum period of performance is 3 years. | <p>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</p> <p>June 10, 2024 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application:</p> <p>October 7, 2024 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |