

***Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Defense Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP)
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements***

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<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: HT9425-23-MSRP-CTA</p>	<p>Must be <i>at or above</i> the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Scientific rationale and preliminary data are required. • Funding must support a clinical trial and may not be used for preclinical studies. • Research must address at least one of the following Focus Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promoting Repair, Neuroprotection, and Remyelination in Multiple Sclerosis ○ Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms • Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. 	<p>The FY23 Clinical Trial Award offers two funding levels:</p> <p>Funding Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1,600,000 for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs). • The maximum period of performance is 3 years. <p>Funding Level 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$4,500,000 for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs). • Maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 8, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 6, 2023 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: HT9425-23-MSRP-EIRA</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>Can only receive one Early Investigator Research Award.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports MS-focused research opportunities for individuals in the early stages of their careers. • Investigator must have a designated mentor who is an experienced MS researcher. • Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed. • Research 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 Multiple Sclerosis ○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in Multiple Sclerosis ○ Biology and Measurement of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms ○ Factors Contributing to or Associated with Multiple Sclerosis Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course • <i>Pre-application submission (Letter of Intent) is required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$320,000 for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs). • The maximum period of performance is 2 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): July 24, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Confidential Letters of Recommendation: October 12, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time</p> <p>Application: October 6, 2023 11:59 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>HT9425-23-MSRP-EHDA</p>	<p><i>Established Investigators:</i> Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p><i>New Investigators:</i></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"> • Supports the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in the MS research field. • Preliminary data are not required. • Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed. • <i>New Investigator Option</i> supports applicants early in their faculty appointments. • Research 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 Multiple Sclerosis ○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in Multiple Sclerosis ○ Biology and Measurement of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms ○ Factors Contributing to or Associated with Multiple Sclerosis Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course • <i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$250,000 for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs). • The maximum period of performance is 2 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 8, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 6, 2023 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: HT9425-23-MSRP-IIRA</p>	<p><i>Established Investigators:</i> Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p><i>New Investigators:</i></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"> • 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>required</u>. • Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed. • <i>New Investigator Option</i> supports applicants early in their faculty appointments. • Research 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 Multiple Sclerosis ○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in Multiple Sclerosis ○ Biology and Measurement of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms ○ Factors Contributing to or Associated with Multiple Sclerosis Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course • <i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1,000,000 for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs). • The maximum period of performance is 3 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 8, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 6, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>