

***Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Defense (DOD) Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP)  
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<p><b>Clinical Trial Award (CTA)</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>W81XWH-21-MSRP-CTA</p>	<p>Investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Pre-application submission required; application submission by invitation only</i></b></li> <li>• <b>Funding Level 1:</b> Supports small scale, 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</li> <li>• <b>Funding Level 2:</b> Supports larger-scale clinical trials at phase 1 or 2 to determine safety or efficacy (benefit clinical or paraclinical outcomes) in relevant patient populations</li> <li>• <b><i>Funding must support a clinical trial and may not be used for preclinical studies</i></b></li> <li>• Scientific rationale and preliminary data are <u>required</u></li> <li>• <b>Must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Promoting repair, neuroprotection, and remyelination in MS</li> <li>○ Treatment of MS symptoms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The FY21 CTA offers two funding levels:</p> <p><b><i>Funding Level 1</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum funding of <b>\$1,000,000</b> for direct costs (plus indirect costs)</li> <li>• Maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Funding Level 2</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum funding of <b>\$3,000,000</b> for direct costs (plus indirect costs)</li> <li>• Maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</b> June 30, 2021 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> October 1, 2021 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p><b>Early Investigator Research Award (EIRA)</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>W81XWH-21-MSRP-EIRA</p>	<p>The Principal Investigator must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possess a doctoral degree (or equivalent) from an accredited organization; and</li> <li>• Have 4 years or less of postdoctoral research experience at the time of application submission (excluding clinical residency or clinical fellowship training); and</li> <li>• Commit at least 50% of the effort toward the proposed project.</li> </ul> <p><i>Only postdoctoral fellows are eligible for this award. Faculty members and all other non-postdoctoral positions are not eligible to apply.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports MS-focused research opportunities for individuals in the early stages of their careers</li> <li>• Designated mentor who is an experienced MS researcher</li> <li>• Clinical trials not allowed</li> <li>• <b>Must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central nervous system regenerative potential in demyelinating conditions</li> <li>○ Correlates of disease activity and progression in MS</li> <li>○ Biology and measurement of MS symptoms</li> <li>○ Factors contributing to MS etiology, prodrome, onset, and disease course</li> <li>○ Interactions between MS and COVID-19</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum funding of <b>\$200,000</b> for direct costs (plus indirect costs)</li> <li>• Maximum period of performance is <b>2</b> years</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> September 7, 2021 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> October 1, 2021 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p><b>Exploration- Hypothesis Development Award (EHDA)</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>W81XWH-21-MSRP-EHDA</p>	<p>Established Investigators: Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p> <p>or</p> <p>New Investigators: Independent investigators no more than 5 years from the start of their faculty position (excluding time spent in residency or on family medical leave).</p> <p>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 grant(s).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Pre-application submission required; application submission by invitation only</i></b></li> <li>• Supports the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in the MS research field</li> <li>• Preliminary data not required</li> <li>• Clinical trials not allowed</li> <li>• New Investigator Option supports applicants early in their faculty appointments</li> <li>• <b>Must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central nervous system regenerative potential in demyelinating conditions</li> <li>○ Correlates of disease activity and progression in MS</li> <li>○ Biology and measurement of MS symptoms</li> <li>○ Factors contributing to MS etiology, prodrome, onset, and disease course</li> <li>○ Interactions between MS and COVID-19</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum funding of <b>\$150,000</b> for direct costs (plus indirect costs)</li> <li>• Maximum period of performance is <b>2</b> years</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</b> June 30, 2021 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> October 1, 2021 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p><b>Investigator-Initiated Research Award (IIRA)</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>W81XWH-21-MSRP-IIRA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Pre-application submission required; application submission by invitation only</i></b></li> <li>• Supports highly rigorous, high-impact research with the potential to make an important contribution to MS research and/or patient care</li> <li>• Preliminary data required</li> <li>• Clinical trials not allowed</li> <li>• <b>Must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central nervous system regenerative potential in demyelinating conditions</li> <li>○ Correlates of disease activity and progression in MS</li> <li>○ Biology and measurement of MS symptoms</li> <li>○ Factors contributing to MS etiology, prodrome, onset, and disease course</li> <li>○ Interactions between MS and COVID-19</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum funding of <b>\$600,000</b> for direct costs (plus indirect costs)</li> <li>• Maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</b> June 30, 2021 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> October 1, 2021 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>