

***Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Defense (DOD) Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP)
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements***

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<p>Clinical Trial Award (CTA)</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</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"> • <i>Pre-application submission required; application submission by invitation only</i> • Funding Level 1: 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 • Funding Level 2: Supports larger-scale clinical trials at phase 1 or 2 to determine safety or efficacy (benefit clinical or paraclinical 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 <u>required</u> • 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 FY21 CTA offers two funding levels:</p> <p><i>Funding Level 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding of \$1,000,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs) • Maximum period of performance is 3 years <p><i>Funding Level 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding of \$3,000,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs) • Maximum period of performance is 4 years 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 30, 2021 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 1, 2021 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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

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<p>Exploration- Hypothesis Development Award (EHDA)</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</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"> • <i>Pre-application submission required; application submission by invitation only</i> • Supports the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in the MS research field • Preliminary data not required • Clinical trials not 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 regenerative potential in demyelinating conditions ○ Correlates of disease activity and progression in MS ○ Biology and measurement of MS symptoms ○ Factors contributing to MS etiology, prodrome, onset, and disease course ○ Interactions between MS and COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding of \$150,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs) • Maximum period of performance is 2 years 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 30, 2021 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 1, 2021 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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