

***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><b>Clinical Trial Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Program Announcement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">General Application Instructions</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b> <a href="#">HT9425-23-MSRP-CTA</a></p>	<p>Must be <i>at or above</i> the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Funding Level 1:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Funding Level 2:</b> 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.</li> <li>• Scientific rationale and preliminary data are required.</li> <li>• <b>Funding must support a clinical trial and may not be used for preclinical studies.</b></li> <li>• <b>Research must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Promoting Repair, Neuroprotection, and Remyelination in Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>○ Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</b></li> </ul>	<p>The FY23 Clinical Trial Award offers two funding levels:</p> <p><b>Funding Level 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$1,600,000</b> for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs).</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding Level 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$4,500,000</b> for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs).</li> <li>• Maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</b> June 8, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> October 6, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p><b>Early Investigator Research Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Program Announcement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">General Application Instructions</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b> <a href="#">HT9425-23-MSRP-EIRA</a></p>	<p>Investigators must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possess a doctoral degree from an accredited organization;</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Commit at least 50% of their effort toward project.</li> </ul> <p>Can only receive one Early Investigator Research Award.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports MS-focused research opportunities for individuals in the early stages of their careers.</li> <li>• Investigator must have a designated mentor who is an experienced MS researcher.</li> <li>• Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed.</li> <li>• <b>Research must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central Nervous System Repair, Protection, and Regenerative Potential in Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>○ Biology and Measurement of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms</li> <li>○ Factors Contributing to or Associated with Multiple Sclerosis Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Pre-application submission (Letter of Intent) is required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$320,000</b> for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs).</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>2</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> July 24, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Confidential Letters of Recommendation:</b> October 12, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> October 6, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p><b>Exploration - Hypothesis Development Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Program Announcement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">General Application Instructions</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p><a href="#">HT9425-23-MSRP-EHDA</a></p>	<p><b><i>Established Investigators:</i></b> Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p><b><i>New Investigators:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent investigators no more than 5 years from the start of their faculty position.</li> <li>• <b>Must not</b> 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in the MS research field.</li> <li>• Preliminary data are not required.</li> <li>• Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed.</li> <li>• <b><i>New Investigator Option</i></b> supports applicants early in their faculty appointments.</li> <li>• <b>Research must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central Nervous System Repair, Protection, and Regenerative Potential in Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>○ Biology and Measurement of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms</li> <li>○ Factors Contributing to or Associated with Multiple Sclerosis Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$250,000</b> for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs).</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>2</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</b> June 8, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> October 6, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p><b>Investigator-Initiated Research Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Program Announcement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">General Application Instructions</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b> <a href="#">HT9425-23-MSRP-IIRA</a></p>	<p><b><i>Established Investigators:</i></b> Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p><b><i>New Investigators:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent investigators no more than 5 years from the start of their faculty position.</li> <li>• <b>Must not</b> 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 are <u>required</u>.</li> <li>• Clinical trials are <u>not</u> allowed.</li> <li>• <b><i>New Investigator Option</i></b> supports applicants early in their faculty appointments.</li> <li>• <b>Research must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central Nervous System Repair, Protection, and Regenerative Potential in Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>○ Correlates of Disease Activity and Progression in Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>○ Biology and Measurement of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms</li> <li>○ Factors Contributing to or Associated with Multiple Sclerosis Etiology, Prodrome, Onset, and Disease Course</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$1,000,000</b> for total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs).</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</b> June 8, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> October 6, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>