



**FOUNDATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: MAY 28, 2021**

Please contact Corporate & Foundation Relations in the Office of Development at [devcfr@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:devcfr@mgh.harvard.edu) if you wish to submit a proposal in response to any of these opportunities. Note that proposals are still routed through the standard InfoEd/Research Management process.

Please be aware that any grant that brings in less than **15% in indirect costs (IDC)** will need to be supplemented up to the 15% equivalent by existing investigator or departmental sundry funds. Resolution of this issue must occur prior to submitting a proposal. Training fellowships from foundations, public charity, and non-profit organizations are excluded from this minimum IDC requirement.

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**1. Instagram Request for Proposals on Safety and Community Health, Facebook **NEW!****

In 2021, Instagram requests research proposals to help us better understand experiences on Instagram that may or may not contribute to the safety and health of our community. This includes, but is not limited to, research that will help us better understand equity and fairness issues facing our communities, develop better policies, assess possible improvements to protect our younger community, or better understand the mechanisms (e.g., social support, social comparison) through which Instagram usage would directly impact the people that use our service. We especially encourage researchers investigating topics that may affect teen communities or underserved or vulnerable communities to apply.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: \$50,000 for 1 year

Indirect Costs: Unspecified

Proposal Deadline: July 13, 2021

Website: <https://research.fb.com/programs/research-awards/proposals/2021-instagram-request-for-proposals-on-safety-and-community-health/>



Do you want to learn more about identifying external funding opportunities? Please [click here](#) to request a research consultation with **Amy Robb** or see ECOR's website for information on the [Pivot database](#).

## **2. Job Syndrome Research Grant, Job Research Foundation NEW!**

The Job Research Foundation is offering grant funding for researchers who are interested in researching the causes of, and treatments for, Job Syndrome. The Foundation's goal is to help advance research to find a cure for Job Syndrome. In the short term, we hope the research will improve the treatments for patients suffering from Job Syndrome.

Special consideration will be given to research focused on Job Syndrome and Pulmonary complications due to Job Syndrome, and therapies to help them.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: \$200,000 paid over 2 years

Indirect Costs: Unspecified

Application Deadline: October 15, 2021

Website: <https://www.jobresearchfoundation.org/grant-proposal-application>

## **3. Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award, March of Dimes Foundation**

Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Awards support young physicians/scientists committed to March of Dimes' mission to fight for the health of all moms and babies. Named in honor of our first chairman and president, this award includes a grant for outstanding investigators just embarking on their independent research careers.

March of Dimes invites request for proposals of impactful research that will advance our translational understanding of, or lead to improved clinical treatment of any serious medical conditions that affect the health of pregnancies and/or moms and newborns within the first year postpartum. Applications focused on preterm birth, developmental origins of health and disease, and health equity are prioritized. All applications must have a direct link to clinical translation. The eventual goal to cure or greatly mitigate conditions that adversely impact the health of pregnant people and newborns is required.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- PhD applicants should be four to nine years past their degree, must hold a full-time tenure-track faculty position (or equivalent) at their current U.S.-based institution, and must have received their first tenure-track appointment no more than four years prior to the submission deadline.
- For MD or MD/PhD applicants, the same timelines applies, but the four to nine year window begins upon completion of the last year of clinical training required for medical specialty board certification. Requests for exceptions (e.g. parental leave) may be submitted to the Director of Research.
- Applicants who have transition faculty-mentored awards (e.g. K99/R00) are welcome if the mentored portion has been completed by the time of submission. If not, application should be deferred.

- Candidates may not simultaneously hold a grant for any other March of Dimes research program and may not hold a major grant exceeding \$200,000 per year before the BOC award start date (e.g. R01). Those who have previously submitted an application to the Basil O'Connor program are ordinarily not eligible for resubmission; however, exceptions will be considered on an individual basis.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: \$150,000 paid over 2 years

Indirect Costs: 10%

Application Deadline: July 9, 2021

Website: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/research/research-grants.aspx>

#### **4. Biostatistics/Informatics Junior Faculty Award, National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)**

As part of our commitment to building a workforce of research leaders to drive pathways to MS cures, the National MS Society established a junior faculty award in biostatistics/informatics/computational biology, with funding from the Marilyn Hilton MS Research Fund. The goal is to create protected time for a junior faculty member to collaborate with an established MS research group to develop expertise in MS clinical trials, real-world evidence, epidemiology, data mining, and/or other related bioinformatics research, and to inspire them to pursue critical questions in MS research throughout their career.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- Eligible candidates hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) in biostatistics, data science, or informatics, and are within five years of completion of their terminal degree.
- They must have been offered or hold an academic appointment at the assistant professor (or equivalent) level at the initiation of the award.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: The award provides three years of partial (25-50%) salary support or teaching buy-out funds, as well as up to \$20,000 per year for access to datasets.

Indirect Costs: 10%

Pre-Application Deadline: August 11, 2021

Application Deadline: August 18, 2021

Website: <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Training-Grants-and-Fellowships/Biostatistics-Informatics-Junior-Faculty-Award>

#### **5. Harry Weaver Neuroscience Scholar Awards, National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)**

A limited number of awards will be offered to highly qualified candidates who have concluded their research training and begun academic careers as independent investigators in an area related to multiple sclerosis. The awards are designed to provide salary and grant support for a

five-year period, thus permitting the awardee to establish competence in his/her chosen research area.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- Candidates are eligible who hold a doctoral degree (MD, PhD or equivalent) and have received sufficient research training at the postdoctoral level to be capable of independent research.
- Individuals who are more than seven years beyond the completion of their postdoctoral training are not eligible for this award.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount:

- The Principal Investigator may request up to 75 percent salary, but not more than \$75,000/year for salary plus applicable fringe benefits in the first year. A 3 percent annual increase in salary is allowed.
- The research budget may not exceed \$30,000 in year 1 and may increase by \$2,500 in subsequent years to a maximum of \$40,000 in year 5.

Indirect Costs: 10%

Pre-Application Deadline: August 11, 2021

Application Deadline: August 18, 2021

Website: <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Training-Grants-and-Fellowships/Harry-Weaver-Neuroscience-Scholar-Awards>

## **6. Mentor-Based Postdoctoral Fellowship In Rehabilitation Research, National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)**

The Society welcomes applications for support of mentors and institutions that provide training of postdoctoral fellows in research related to multiple sclerosis rehabilitation that may serve to advance the mission of the Society.

This program provides support for a mentor-institution combination that is responsible for the recruitment, selection, and training of postdoctoral fellows to pursue a career in rehabilitation research applied to multiple sclerosis and similar disorders. The mentor should be an established and active researcher in MS or a related field. The fellowship will provide for support of a postdoctoral fellow who will work closely with the mentor. The mentor and fellow may come from a variety of different fields including medicine, physical, occupational, or speech therapy, psychology, rehabilitation engineering, nursing, or other fields. The research training may focus on fundamental as well as applied studies but must be relevant to both rehabilitation of individuals with MS and to the Society's mission.

Award Amount: Each mentor-based fellowship award will provide sufficient funds to support a single postdoctoral fellow for five years.

Indirect Costs: None

Pre-Application Deadline: August 11, 2021

Application Deadline: August 18, 2021

Website: <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Training-Grants-and-Fellowships/Mentor-Based-Postdoctoral-Fellowship-In-Rehabilita>

### **7. Postdoctoral Fellowships, National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)**

The Society seeks to attract and train promising young investigators and doctors into the field of MS by supporting the training of postdoctoral fellows in studies related to MS in its efforts to end MS forever. The Society supports fundamental as well as applied studies, non-clinical or clinical in nature, including projects in patient management, care and rehabilitation.

The Society offers postdoctoral fellowship grants to unusually promising recipients of MD, PhD or equivalent degrees when it appears that the program of training to be supported by the grant will enhance the likelihood that the trainee will perform meaningful and independent research relevant to MS in the future, and obtain a suitable position which will enable them to do so.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- Applicants with 0-36 months of previous postdoctoral training at the time of the application submission deadline may apply for this award.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: \$176,100 paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: None

Pre-Application Deadline: August 11, 2021

Application Deadline: August 28, 2021

Website: <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Training-Grants-and-Fellowships/Postdoctoral-Fellowships>

### **8. Sylvia Lawry Physician Fellowship Program, National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)**

With the increasing number of new therapies being developed for use in MS, there is a need for physicians trained in conducting clinical trials. To this end, the Society established the Sylvia Lawry Physician Fellowship Program, named in honor of its founder. Clinical trials to test the safety and efficacy of therapies for multiple sclerosis are highly complex and require special expertise and knowledge to monitor this highly variable disease. This program provides the individual with an MD or equivalent medical degree with up to 3 years of formal training, under the tutelage of an established investigator, in key elements associated with conducting clinical trials in MS.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- Residents who have or will have received training in neurology or physiatry in the United States, and who are in the PGY3 or PGY4 stage or beyond, are eligible to apply.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: \$195,000 paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: 10%

Pre-Application Deadline: August 11, 2021

Application Deadline: August 28, 2021

Website: <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Training-Grants-and-Fellowships/Sylvia-Lawry-Physician-Fellowships>