



MDA Research Grants Programs

Muscular Dystrophy Association - USA

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PURPOSE

MDA supports research aimed at developing treatments for the muscular dystrophies and related diseases of the neuromuscular system. These are the muscular dystrophies (among which are Duchenne and Becker); motor neuron diseases (including ALS and SMA); the peripheral nerve disorders (CMT and Friedreich's ataxia); inflammatory myopathies; disorders of the neuromuscular junction; metabolic diseases of muscle as well as other myopathies. Please see [diseases](#) for complete list.

RESEARCH GRANT

To be eligible to apply for an MDA research grant, an applicant must:

1. Be a professional or faculty member at an appropriate educational, medical or research institution and be qualified to conduct and supervise a program of original research;
2. Have access to institutional resources necessary to conduct the proposed research project; and
3. Hold a Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Science or equivalent degree.

Proposals from applicants outside the United States will be considered for projects of highest priority to MDA and when, in addition to the applicant's having met the requirements noted above, one or more of the following conditions exist:

- a. The applicant's country of residence has inadequate sources of financial support for biomedical research;

- b. Collaboration with an MDA-supported U.S. investigator is required to conduct the research;
- c. An invitation to submit an application has been extended by MDA.

DEVELOPMENT GRANT

MDA will consider an application for a research grant from a candidate who may be a member of a research team in the laboratory of a senior investigator under whose guidance the applicant will be given flexibility to conduct a neuromuscular disease research project.

To be eligible for a Development Grant, an applicant must:

1. Hold a Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Science or equivalent degree;
2. Be a professional member at an appropriate institution;
3. Be qualified to conduct a program of original research;
4. Have an acceptable research plan for a specific disease in MDA's program;
5. Have access to institutional resources necessary to conduct the proposed research project; and
6. Have 18 months of post-doctoral training at the time of application.

TENURE

Awards are for either one, two or three years for all grant types.

AWARDS

Funding levels for primary Research Grants are unlimited. Development grants are a maximum of \$45,000 per year. Overhead is limited to a maximum of eight (8) percent of direct costs to be included in the total amount of the grant request.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A pre-proposal form must be completed to formally request an application for an MDA research grant. Requests for applications can be sent to MDA anytime prior to the applicable deadline date and to the address listed below.

Applications are not sent to institutions for general distribution.

ONLY TWO GRANT REVIEW ROUNDS ARE HELD EACH YEAR.

ONLY ONE "REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION" IS PERMITTED PER GRANT REVIEW ROUND.

DEADLINE DATES - NOW ACCEPTING FOR JUNE 15, 2002 -

SPRING REVIEW

Request for Grant Application: December 15