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• Supports highly rigorous, high-impact research projects that have the potential to make an important contribution to multiple sclerosis (MS) research and/or patient care.  
• Preliminary and/or published data are required.  
• Clinical trials are not allowed. | • Anticipated that budgets will not exceed $600,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
• Period of performance not to exceed 3 years. | Pre-Application  
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| Exploration - Hypothesis Development Award | Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) | • Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.  
• Supports initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in the MS research field.  
• Preliminary and/or published data are not required.  
• Clinical trials are not allowed. | • Anticipated that budgets will not exceed $150,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
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