



2017 Multiple Sclerosis Scientific Research Foundation Multi-Centre, Collaborative Team Grant Competition

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The Multiple Sclerosis Scientific Research Foundation (MSSRF) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2017 [Multi-Centre, Collaborative Team Grant \(Team Grant\) Competition](#). The Team Grant is designed to fund multiple sclerosis research conducted by researchers and clinician scientists in Canadian institutions in collaboration with other national and international experts in the field or related fields. Studies funded by the Team Grant stimulate exchange of knowledge, data, and research techniques, and provide opportunities for scientific training for young researchers. The Team Grant supports transformative research that can advance knowledge in the field, and have significant impacts on the management of MS disease and quality of life for people affected by MS.

Eligibility

- Each Team Grant must include a collaborative team led by a Lead Principal Investigator (PI) who will oversee operations of the grant and the activities of the collaborative team members. The Lead PI must hold an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree, have an academic or research appointment, and be conducting research in a recognized Canadian institution. The Lead PI need not be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. To encourage collaboration, the Lead PI and Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs) are advised to be from different institutions to leverage resources. **Note:** Co-PI(s) conducting research at an institution(s) outside of Canada may be considered eligible under certain circumstances. If the team consists of one or more international Co-PIs, justification must be provided in the application indicating that the proposal would be significantly improved by having certain components of the research being conducted by Co-PIs at study sites outside of Canada. For additional details on eligibility, including definitions for each member of the collaborative team, please see the Team Grant [Program Guide](#).

Term and Amount

Applicants can request up to **\$4,500,000 for up to three years**. Based on the nature of the research, applicants may request to extend the funding term to a maximum of 5 years; however, proper justification must be provided. The Team Grant is intended to support research that can provide immediate translational impacts during their term of the grant. Thus, there is a maximum one term for funding. No renewals or extension funding will be granted.

Application Process

The MSSRF invites interested investigators to submit a **Letter of Intent (LOI)**. Those teams who are successful at the LOI stage will be invited to submit a **Full Application**. Applications will be accepted online only, via the MS Society of Canada's web-based research grants and awards management system called [Easygrants](#). For details additional regarding the LOI and Full Application, as well as the online application process, please see the Team Grant [Program Guide](#) and [Application Guidelines](#).

Terms and Policies

The successful recipients must adhere to the Team Grant [Terms, Conditions and Policies](#).

Timeline

- Letter of Intent Opens: March 22, 2017
- FAQ Teleconference: April 3, 2017 at 15:00-16:00 EDT
- Letter of Intent Deadline: ~~May 5~~, **May 19, 2017 at 16:00 EDT**
- Full Application Opens*: June 26, 2017
- Full Application Deadline*: ~~August 11~~, **October 13, 2017 at 16:00 EDT**
- Anticipated Notice of Decision: ~~December 2017~~ **February 2018**

**For applications who are successful in the LOI stage*

Note: The Team Grant timeline is subject to change. The MS Society will provide appropriate updates to announce any changes to the dates listed above.

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