

UAB Multiple Sclerosis Center Request for Applications (RFA)

PURPOSE

The **Multiple Sclerosis Center at UAB (MSC)** invites proposals that address critical issues relevant to the treatment of Multiple Sclerosis and related neuroimmunological disorders. If funded, the start date of funding will be March 31, 2016. Up to 4 projects will be funded based on merit and availability of funds. Proposals may be basic, clinical, or translational in nature. The intent of this philanthropic support is to identify novel avenues of research pertinent to treatment for neurological disorders and to accelerate the most promising MS-related drug discovery projects. This award will ultimately create preliminary data that will support more permanent funding through Federal agencies and/or non-profit entities.

ELIGIBILITY (UAB investigators only)

1. New investigators (Instructors, Assistant Professors) with interest in neuroimmunology and MS research
2. Established investigators who want to explore high impact/high risk projects to test innovative ideas related to neuroimmunology that represent a clear departure from ongoing research interests
3. Established investigators who wish to apply their expertise to a problem in the area of neuroimmunology

TERMS OF SUPPORT

1. Up to \$50,000 in project-related direct costs and appropriate supplies can be requested. No indirect costs or salary support will be allowed.
2. Successful applicants will be required to provide semi-annual, written progress reports and meet with MSC Leadership every six months.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The initial application should not exceed two (2) single-spaced pages (1" margins, 11 size Arial font) and is due by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016. The short application should include the following sections: title, overall objective, specific aims, significance, and a general approach. In addition to the 2-page application, the new NIH Biographical Sketch with Other Support should be included (5 pages max). Please submit as a single PDF document to belue@uab.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND DATES

- Initial application deadline: Friday, March 4, 2016
- Decision on initial applications: Friday, March 25, 2016
- Funding Start Date: Friday, March 31, 2016

Questions regarding scientific issues should be addressed to the following:

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