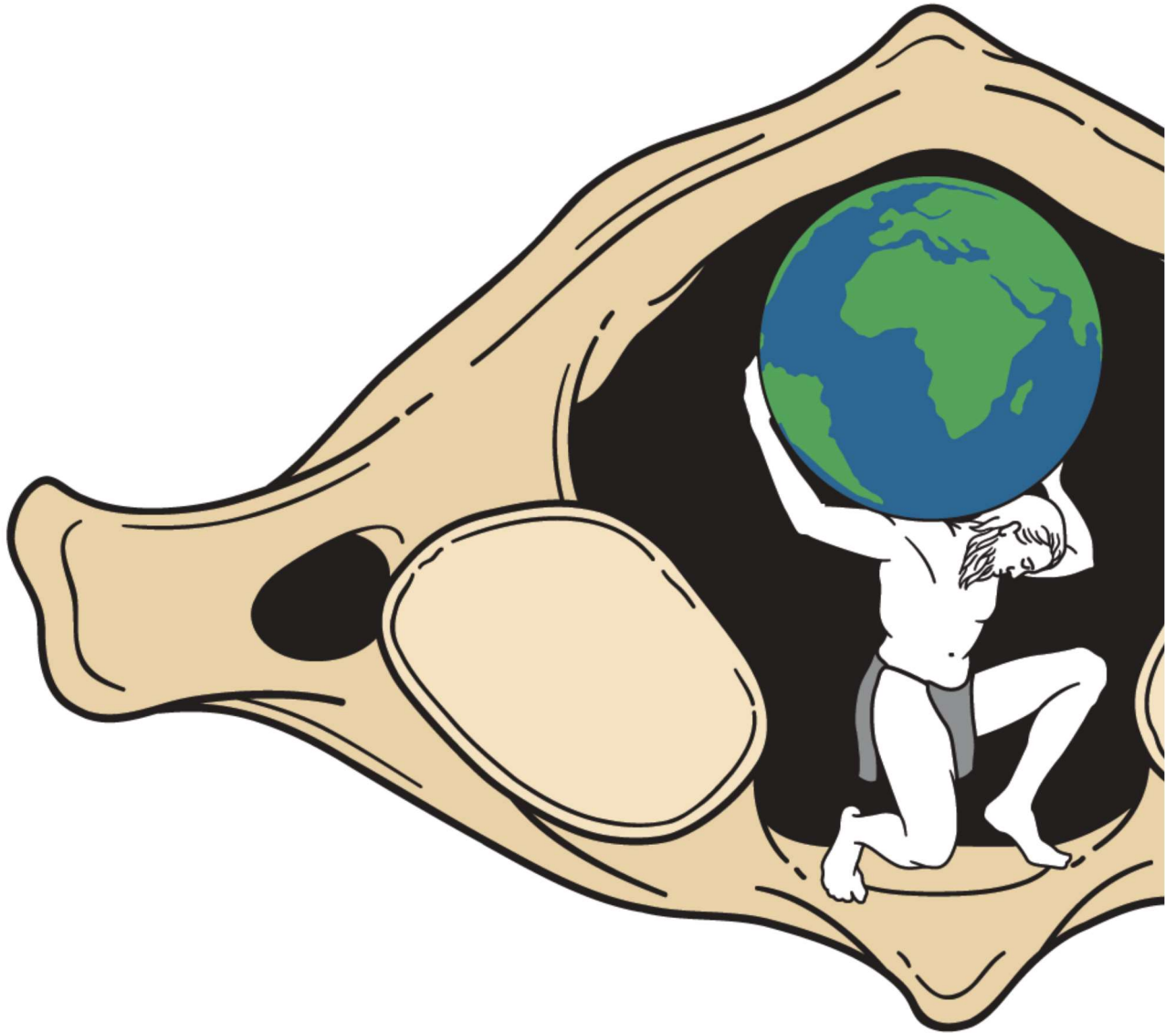


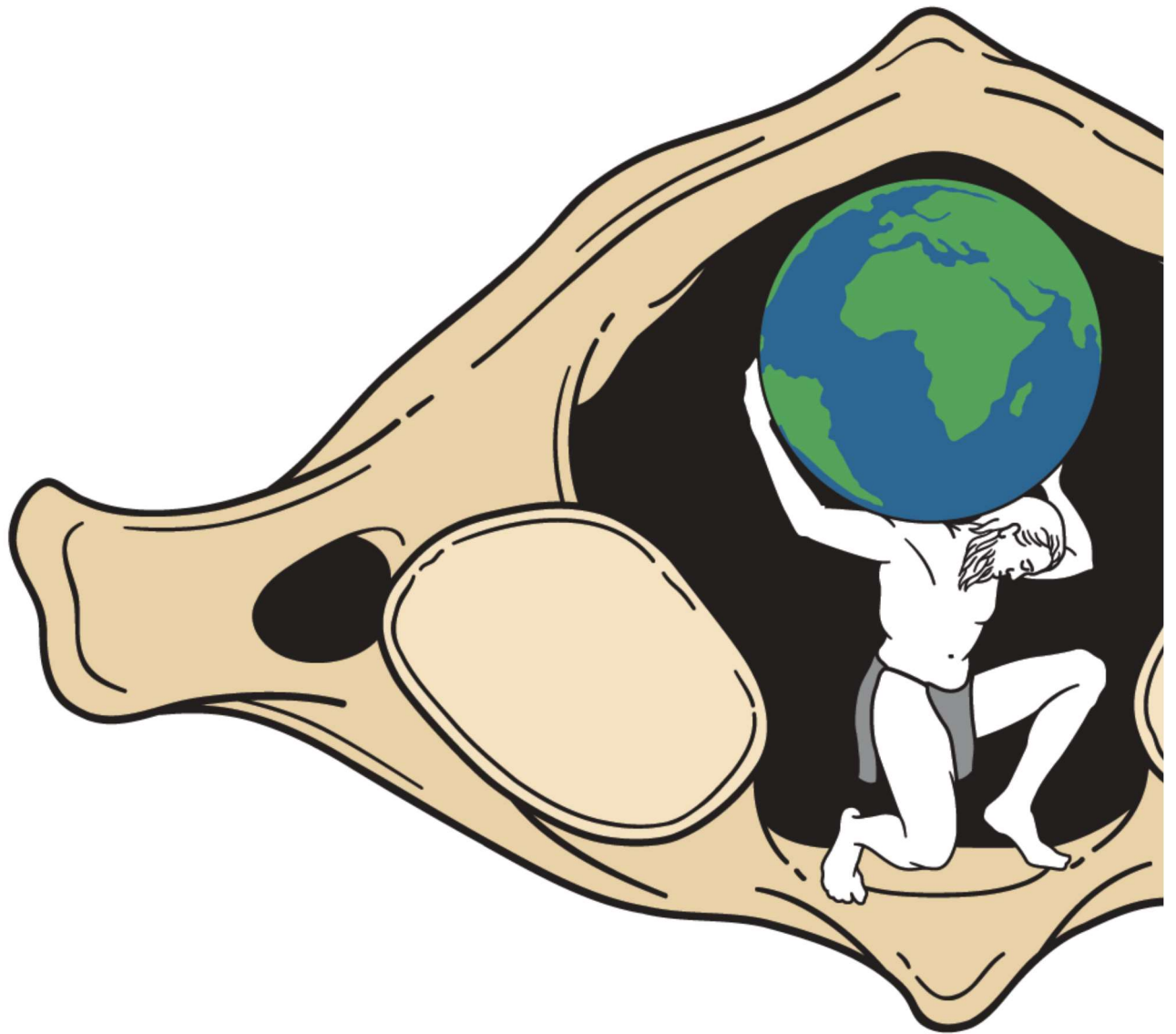
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Grants

The mission of the Cervical Spine Research Society is to carry out research and exchange information on the cervical spine. All of the grant applications undergo a rigorous peer review process by the CSRS Research Committee. The LOI submission is step one of the review process. Selected LOIs will be invited to submit a formal grant application in step 2.

As noted above, selection for CSRS research funding is always a highly rigorous and competitive process – we receive many high quality proposals each year, and every proposal is thoroughly vetted and reviewed by the Research Committee. CSRS received a total of 29 letters of intent in 2021. A total of \$270,000 was given for eight grants across four grant categories.

[Submit Grant LOI](#)

21st CENTURY GRANTS ~ Budget: up to \$75,000 (Basic Science and/or Clinical Research)

Mission Statement: To fund the highest quality applications likely to make the greatest impact on cervical spine research.

Projects may have an annual budget of up to \$75,000 and may be provided for a one or two year time period. Grant proposals will be subject to a line-by-line budget analysis, which may result in an adjustment of the total dollar award. Funding for key personnel (such as a Nurse, Technician or Clinical Coordinator) may be included in the budget proposal for 21st Century Grants. Indirect costs will not be funded.

Restrictions: One member of the research team must be an Active Member of CSRS North America. Investigators previously awarded a 21st Century Grant become eligible in this category 3 years from the date of the prior funding. Investigators previously awarded a 21st Century Grant are eligible to submit a proposal in the Seed/Starter category the following year, provided the topic differs. Investigators are eligible for only one grant per year.

SEED/STARTER GRANTS ~ Budget: \$25,000

Mission Statement: To provide seed-starter funding for promising research for young investigators.

Projects should have a budget of up to \$25,000. Projects should be focused and capable of completion within 12-18 months. Priority will be given to proposals that are part of a research program with the potential to lead to other sources of funding. Indirect costs will not be funded.

Restrictions: One member of the research team must be an Active Member of CSRS North America. Investigators previously awarded a Seed/Starter Grant become eligible in this category 3 years from the date of the prior funding. Investigators previously awarded a Seed/Starter Grant are eligible to submit a proposal in the 21st Century category the following year. Investigators are eligible for only one grant per year.

RESIDENT/FELLOW GRANTS ~ Budget: \$15,000

Mission Statement: To allow residents/fellows to pursue avenues of interest to prepare them for a lifelong research career.

Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to a Resident or Fellow (orthopaedic or neurosurgery) who will not complete his/her training before December 31, 2021. The applicant must have an Attending Physician “mentor” who is a member of the Cervical Spine Research Society and should be listed as a co-investigator on the grant proposal. Indirect costs will not be funded.

Restrictions: Investigators previously awarded a Resident/Fellow Grant are eligible to submit proposals in the 21st Century and Seed/Starter categories simultaneously and in subsequent years, without restriction; however, the same resident or fellow cannot receive Resident/Fellow grants in consecutive years.

SPINAL CORD RESEARCH GRANTS ~ Budget: \$40,000 (Basic Science and/or Clinical Research)

Mission statement: To fund the highest quality research proposals to help understand, manage, and/or treat spinal cord injuries.

The failure to recognize spinal cord injuries and conditions involving the cervical spine can lead to disastrous consequences. A wide variety of conditions can lead to spinal cord injury ranging from common (degenerative disc disease) to rare (arteriovenous malformations). Treating practitioners should be made aware of the clinical presentation and causes of these symptoms and act in a timely manner to prevent permanent disability. The CSRS aims to provide funding to high quality research proposals that focus on improving the understanding and treatment of conditions that lead to acute and chronic cervical spinal cord compression. It is the understanding of the research investigators that the results from the work funded by this grant will be presented and published as often as possible in appropriate medical journals

Projects may be provided for a one or two year time period. Grant proposals will be subject to a line-by-line budget analysis, which may result in an adjustment of the total dollar award. Funding for key personnel (such as a Nurse, Technician or Clinical Coordinator) may be included in the budget proposal for CSRS Spinal Cord Injury Grants. Indirect costs will not be funded.

Restrictions: One member of the research team must be an Active Member of CSRS. Investigators previously awarded a CSRS Spinal Cord Injury Grant become eligible in this category 3 years from the date of the prior funding. Investigators previously awarded a CSRS Spinal Cord Injury Grant are eligible to submit a proposal in the Seed/Starter category the following year, provided the topic differs. Investigators are eligible for only one grant per year.

2022 Research Grant Timeline

Stage 1: CSRS Call for LOIs (Letters of Interest)	January 25, 2023 - February 27, 2023
Stage 2: Request for Invited Manuscripts	April 3, 2023 - May 1, 2023
Final Grant Recipients Chosen and Announced	June 2023
2023 Grant Recipients Certificates presented at Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	November 29, 2023 - December 2, 2023

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The Cervical Spine Research Society is a multidisciplinary organization of individuals interested in clinical and research problems of the cervical spine. Its purpose is to provide a forum for the exchange and development of ideas and philosophy regarding the diagnosis and treatment of cervical spine injury and disease. The organization values collegial interaction and strong scientific principles.

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