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## 2025 Funding Opportunities

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### MDA Development Grants (DG)

The purpose of the Development Grants program is to expand the number of scientists conducting meritorious neuromuscular disease research funding postdoctoral investigators in the laboratory of a senior investigator under whose guidance the researcher will be given flexibility to work independently or as part of a collaborative effort. Applications will be accepted for no more than \$70,000 per year for 3 years.

See MDA Research Department Grant Policy Manual for details. ([/sites/default/files/2024/10/MDA-Research-Department-Grants-Policy-2024.pdf](https://sites/default/files/2024/10/MDA-Research-Department-Grants-Policy-2024.pdf))

#### Who can apply?

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

- Hold a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) or equivalent degree (i.e., D.O.),
- Be a member of a research team at an appropriate US or non-US based institution,
- Be qualified to conduct a program of original research under the supervision of an independent investigator (mentor),
- Have an acceptable research plan for a specific disease in MDA's portfolio (<https://www.mda.org/sites/default/files/2024/01/mda-disease-list.pdf>),
- Have access to institutional resources necessary to conduct the proposed research project,
- Have a minimum of eighteen (18) months of post-degree research laboratory training at the time of application,
- Be no more than 84 months (7 years) from receiving a Ph.D. or D.Sc.; or no more than 120 months (9 years) from receiving an M.D., D.O. or M.D., Ph.D. by the application deadline,
- Not have been funded under the Development Grant program in the past,
- By the application deadline, applicants must be in compliance with MDA's Good Standing policy and be up to date on any delinquent or incomplete grant deliverable from previously awarded grants. See MDA Research Department Grant Policy Manual for details.

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## **MDA Research Grants (RG)**

MDA Research Grants are awarded to independent, established investigators to accelerate progress toward understanding and treating neuromuscular disease. Applications will be accepted for no more than \$100,000 per year for 3 years.

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**New for 2025 grant cycle!** - MDA is implementing a new triage process at the LOI stage. The Research Plan (2-pages) will be reviewed by MDA's Research Advisory Committee (RAC) to determine whether applicants should be invited to submit a full grant application. The LOI must be submitted by the deadline to be considered for the full application.

### **Who can apply?**

To be eligible to apply for an MDA Research Grant, an applicant must:

- Hold a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) or equivalent degree (i.e. D.O.);
- Be a professional or faculty member (Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor) at an appropriate educational, medical or research institution. Investigators from both US and non-US institutions are eligible to apply. Applicants with non-traditional positions/titles (such Group Leader, Research Scientist, or Instructor etc.) should contact the grants manager [ehabeeblouks@mdausa.org](mailto:ehabeeblouks@mdausa.org) to confirm eligibility.
- Be qualified to conduct a program of original research within their own laboratory;
- Have an independent research plan for a specific disease in MDA's portfolio (<https://www.mda.org/sites/default/files/2024/01/mda-disease-list.pdf>);
- Assume both administrative and financial responsibility for the grant;
- Have access to institutional resources necessary to conduct the proposed research project; and
- An investigator may only apply once per grant type (such as Research Grant, Idea, etc.) per cycle as the PI on the application.
- By the application deadline, applicants must be in compliance with MDA's Good Standing policy and be up to date on any delinquent or incomplete grant deliverable from previously awarded grants. See MDA Research Department Grant Policy Manual for details.

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- MDA Conference Grants (CG)
- MDA Idea Awards
- MDA Research Infrastructure Grants (RIG)
- MDA Clinical Research Grants (CRG)
- MDA Clinical Research Network Grants (CRNG)

Contact our Grants Management team for further information about MDA's Research Grants program and how to apply and/or to request being added to our funding opportunities mailing list: [grants@mdausa.org](mailto:grants@mdausa.org) (<mailto:grants@mdausa.org>). For a full list of MDA-Covered diseases, see this document (<https://www.mda.org/sites/default/files/2024/01/mda-disease-list.pdf>).

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