



endMS SPRINT & Summer School

 Information Webinar
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Today's Webinar Presenters and Agenda

Presenters – working from home:

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endMS National Training Program

Overview:

1. National Training Program objectives and components
2. Summer School objectives and benefits
3. SPRINT objectives and benefits
4. Application process and tips
5. Review process
6. Q & A

National Training Program (NTP)

What is the National Training Program?

✓ A component of the endMS Research and Training Network

✓ \$2009-2015 → \$2015-2018 → \$2019 → \$2019-2022

What are the program goals?

- To enhance knowledge and skills relevant to MS research;
- To increase/sustain intent to pursue MS research; and,
- To foster opportunities to conduct MS research in Canada.

▶ What are the Training components of the NTP?



1. Annual endMS Summer School

- Started in 2009: Montreal (2x); Halifax (2x); Calgary (2x); Winnipeg; Vancouver (3x), St. John's, Toronto, Saskatchewan (2021) and Ottawa (2022).
- Application deadline **February 26th, 2021. 40 participants**

2. endMS SPRINT (Scholar Program for Researchers IN Training)

- Program implemented annually since 2011; 83 trainees have completed the program, 8 currently enrolled.
- Application deadline **February 24th, 2021. 9 participants**



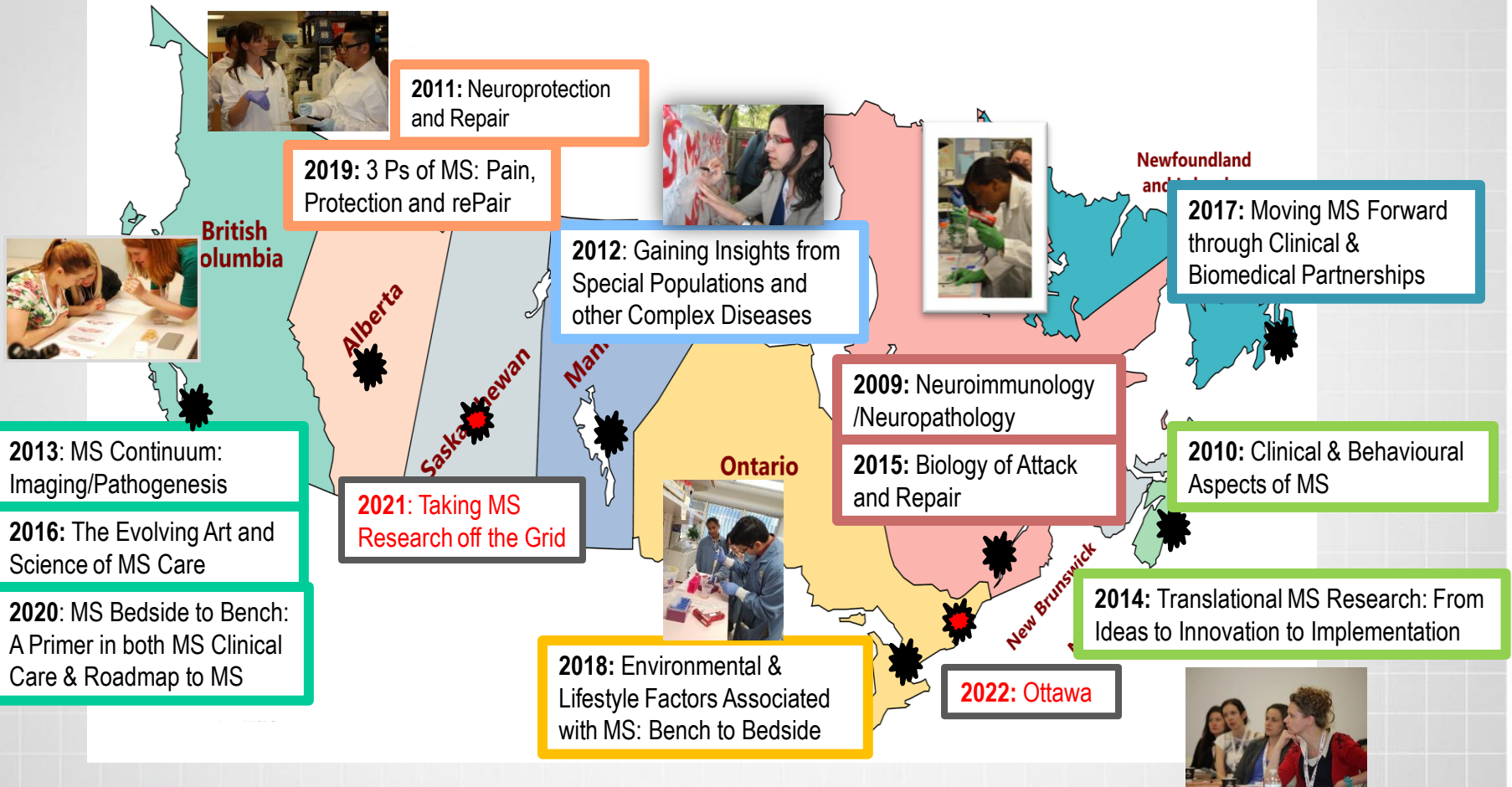
Annual endMS Summer School



- A 3 day interactive education program with ~40 trainees from across Canada
 - Small group sessions designed to facilitate networking, collaboration and information exchange among trainees from various disciplines
 - One central MS-related topic is selected as the theme; alternating between basic science and clinical and population health

2009 – Montreal:	Neuroimmunology & Neuropathology
2010 – Halifax:	Clinical & Behavioural Science of MS
2011 – Calgary:	Neuroprotection & Repair
2012 – Winnipeg:	Gaining Insights from Special Populations and other Complex Diseases
2013 – Vancouver:	Multiple Sclerosis Continuum: Imaging and the Pathogenesis of MS
2014 – Halifax:	Translational MS Research: From Ideas to Innovation to Implementation
2015 – Montreal:	The Biology of Attack and Repair in MS
2016 – Vancouver:	The Evolving Art and Science of MS Care
2017 - St-John's:	Moving MS Research Forward through Clinical and Biomedical Partnerships
2018 - Toronto:	Environmental and Lifestyle Factors Associated with MS: Bench to Bedside
2019 – Calgary:	3 Ps of MS: P ain, P rotection, and r e P air
2020 – Vancouver:	MS Bedside to Bench: A Primer in both MS Clinical Care & Roadmap for MS Research
2021 – Saskatoon:	Taking MS Research Off the Grid

endMS Summer Schools



2021 endMS Summer School (Virtual)

Taking MS Research Off the Grid...

Highlight novel MS research related to:

- Mechanism of disease
- Mechanism of repair
- Mechanism of recovery
- Mechanism of resilience

June 7-9, 2021



Application procedure and requirements

Application procedure: The MS Society of Canada uses a web-based apply online process for the submission of applications. <https://proposalcentral.com>

Applicants **MUST** review the Summer School Online Application Guidelines for complete instructions.

Application Requirements:

- ✓ Your Contact Information
- ✓ One Reference
 - ✓ your current Supervisor (if none currently, a faculty member who is familiar with your work within the last 2 years)
- ✓ Education and Training Summary (see guidelines for requirements)
- ✓ Current Training in Progress
- ✓ Signature page (template provided)

▶ Summer School Important Dates & Selection Process

endMS Summer School Application Deadline: February 26, 2021 at 4:00 pm EST

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications are vetted first for eligibility and completeness.

Reviewed by the **endMS Summer School Review Committee** and selected based on:

- ✓ the perceived added value of the program to the applicant over and above their current training program
- ✓ education and research experience
- ✓ reference letter
- ✓ interest in MS research and career goals
- ✓ applicants who have already attended 2 or more Summer Schools may receive a lower priority
- ✓ applicants who were accepted to the 2020 Summer School may receive a higher priority

Anticipated Notice of the results for Summer School: Mid April 2021

2021 endMS Summer School Dates: June 7-9, 2021



Eligibility (Summer School)

To be eligible, applicants must be in one of the following situations:

- Enrolled in a graduate program at a Canadian university*
- Hold a postdoctoral/clinical fellowship at a Canadian university*
(must have completed their PhD within the last 4 years at the time of the application)
- Completed graduate training and currently enrolled in an undergraduate program
(e.g. M.D. program) at a Canadian university*

** for Summer School only: applicants who are enrolled in a university outside of Canada AND funded by the MS Society of Canada are eligible.*



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Learning Objectives



To be able to:

- ✓ Identify strategies to enhance your career success
- ✓ Identify possible future collaborators
- ✓ Complete an interdisciplinary learning project

SPRINT interdisciplinary learning project objectives are to:

- ✓ Synthesize and integrate ideas from different disciplines
- ✓ Collaborate with peers from different disciplines
- ✓ Interpret interdisciplinary literature
- ✓ Respond to interdisciplinary critiques of their work
- ✓ Present the results of an interdisciplinary learning project, at the endMS Summer School



Project outcomes include:

- 14 Peer reviewed publications;
- Interactive tools for people living with MS;
- Information pamphlets and presentations for the lay public;
- Conference presentations
- Post-program presentations, publications, grant funding, etc.



▶ Benefits of *sprint*



- ✓ Participation in two consecutive Summer Schools (2021 and 2022)
- ✓ An **endMS SPRINT stipend of \$2,500**
- ✓ Travel funds to participate in a SPRINT team meeting (*if and when possible*) usually at the mentor's institution
- EndNote and Systematic Review management software access
- A unique experience, particularly during a pandemic

Program duration: 13 months (June 2021 to June 2022)

Estimated minimum time commitment: 2 weeks (Summer School) plus ~8 hours/month (between the 2021 and 2022 endMS Summer Schools)

▶ Logistics of *sprint*



Based on the information provided in the application and the interdisciplinary projects proposed for the year:

- ▶ Teams of 3 or 4 trainees are partnered with a SPRINT mentor by the SPRINT Committee.
 - ▶ partnering applicants and mentors from different backgrounds/locations.
- ▶ The SPRINT mentors develop and guide the interdisciplinary SPRINT project.
- ▶ The teams will work on the project with their SPRINT mentor during the period between the two consecutive endMS Summer Schools.
 - ▶ The teams hold regular meetings and two face to face meetings (if able).
- ▶ SPRINTers should expect to invest approximately 8 hours of work/month in the project.



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Applicants **MUST** review the SPRINT Online Application Guidelines for complete instructions.



Application Requirements:

- ✓ Contact Information
- ✓ One Reference
 - ✓ your current Supervisor.
- ✓ Education and Training Summary (see guidelines for requirements)
- ✓ Common CV (see guidelines for requirements)
- ✓ Current Training
- ✓ Transcripts (see guidelines for requirements)
- ✓ Signature page (template provided)



Important Dates & Selection Process

SPRINT Application Deadline: February 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm EST.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR SPRINT

Applications will be vetted for completeness and eligibility.

Reviewed by the **endMS SPRINT Peer Review Committee** and selected based on:

- ✓ the perceived added value of the program to the applicant over and above their current training program
- ✓ reference letter
- ✓ education and research experience
- ✓ publications
- ✓ transcripts
- ✓ interest in MS research and career goals

Anticipated notice of the SPRINT results: April 2021

2021-2022 endMS SPRINT start date: June 2021





Eligibility

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- Hold a postdoctoral/clinical fellowship at a Canadian university*
(must have completed their PhD within the last 4 years at the time of the application)
- Completed graduate training and currently enrolled in an undergraduate program (e.g. M.D. program) at a Canadian university*

Applicants who are accepted into SPRINT must anticipate being enrolled in a program with full time status for the full duration of their participation in SPRINT (June 2021 to June 2022).

*applicants who are enrolled in a university outside of Canada are not eligible for the SPRINT program.

▶ Application Tips!

Do:

- ✓ **Read** both the application and program **guidelines first**
- ✓ **Sign up for an Orchid identifier**
- ✓ **Start your Common CV ASAP**
- ✓ **Notify Your Referee** – provide a description of the program
- ✓ **Re-Notify/**Follow up with your referee – It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the letter of recommendation has been submitted prior to the deadline
- ✓ **Review application** before submitting
- ✓ **Contact us** with any questions regarding the program
- ✓ Contact pcsupport@altum.com with any questions regarding the application submission process
- ✓ **Apply to both Summer School and SPRINT** - SPRINT applicants who are not accepted are NOT automatically considered for Summer School. Applicants are encouraged to apply to both SPRINT and Summer School.

Don't:

- x Wait until the last minute to submit

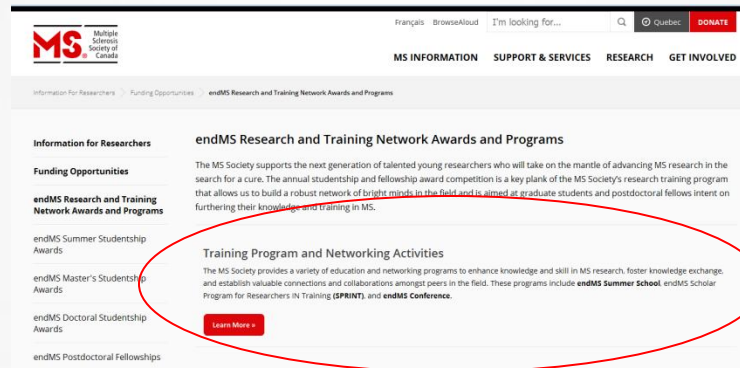




REMEMBER

Read both the Program Guidelines and Application Guidelines!

Go to www.mssociety.ca/trainingprogram and click on the TRAINING PROGRAM AND NETWORKING ACTIVITIES then select Summer School or SPRINT



Application Deadlines:

endMS SPRINT: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm EST

endMS Summer School: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 4:00 pm EST

Anticipated notice of results: April 2021

▶ Any Questions?

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