

## 2025-2026 Annual Research Competition- Funding Decisions

### CATALYST RESEARCH GRANTS

MS Canada is pleased to announce the funding decisions for the applications submitted to the 2025-2026 Annual Research Competition.

In total, **6 Catalyst Research Grants** have been awarded as follows (listed in alphabetical order):

Principal Investigator	Institution	Project Title	Approved Budget
Dr. Allen Chan	Governors of the University of Alberta	Mesoscale imaging of cortical excitability and connectivity in EAE mice: unveiling sex-specific neural mechanisms of pain in multiple sclerosis	\$50,000.00
Dr. Samira Ghorbanigazar	University of Toronto	Investigating the role of telomere shortening in remyelination in MS	\$50,000.00
Dr. Nabeela Nathoo	Governors of the University of Alberta	MS and diversity: clinical and imaging variation in disease burden among African, Caribbean, and Black persons and White persons in Alberta	\$49,875.00
Dr. Lara Pilutti	University of Ottawa	Exercise training for people with advanced multiple sclerosis: a feasibility study to inform intervention development	\$49,986.74
Dr. Valerie Verge	University of Saskatchewan	Acute Intermittent Hypoxia, a non-invasive therapy to prevent and repair blood brain barrier dysfunction in a mouse model of multiple sclerosis	\$50,000.00
Dr. Manav V. Vyas	Unity Health Toronto	PLasma exchange Use in people with Multiple Sclerosis (PLUMS)	\$49,999.00

*\*Approved budget may change based on eligible expenses.*