

## 2026-2027 Annual Research Competition Funding Decisions

### CATALYST RESEARCH GRANTS

MS Canada is pleased to announce the funding decisions for the applications submitted to the 2026-2027 Annual Research Competition.

In total, **7 Catalyst Research Grants** have been awarded as follows (listed in alphabetical order by first name):

Principal Investigator	Institution	Project Title	*Approved Budget
Dr. Eva Alonso Ortiz	Polytechnique Montréal	From brain to cord: adapting QSM for multiple sclerosis	\$50,000.00
Dr. Gerome Manson	Queen's University at Kingston	Engaging supraspinal and spinal postural control systems with transcutaneous spinal stimulation to improve postural stability in people with multiple sclerosis	\$50,000.00
Dr. Helen Tremlett	University of British Columbia	Prevalence and characteristics of the transgender multiple sclerosis population (Trans-MS)	\$50,000.00
Dr. Jennifer A McCombe	Governors of the University of Alberta	MS and systemic autoimmunity: exploring the risk of systemic autoimmune diseases among people with MS treated with B-cell therapy	\$50,000.00
Dr. John Ronald	The University of Western Ontario	Dual 19F and OATP1A1 reporter MRI for tracking CD19 CAR-T cells in experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis	\$50,000.00
Dr. Manu Rangachari	Université Laval	Into the (re-) wild: moving beyond lab-raised mice in order to make EAE more reflective of human MS	\$50,000.00
Dr. Raphael Schneider	Unity Health Toronto	Investigating exosomal long non-coding RNA in radiologically isolated syndrome	\$50,000.00

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