



# MYASTHENIA GRAVIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, INC.

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## Research Funding Announcement

### High Impact Pilot Projects on Myasthenia Gravis and Related Neuromuscular Junction Disorders

The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America requests submission of proposals to support pilot studies that are highly focused and innovative with a clear plan that will lead to new federal, pharmaceutical, or private foundation supported investigations. The proposal should be within the scope of the research agenda of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, which may be found at [www.myasthenia.org](http://www.myasthenia.org). The MGFA will fund highly meritorious projects with a maximum direct cost of \$50,000 per year and a maximum 10% indirect cost rate. Consideration will be given to renew support on a yearly basis for a maximum of 2 years, but clear achievement of milestones must be demonstrated to justify renewal.

The applicant must provide a detailed budget in the format used for NIH budgets. There are no specific budget restrictions but all aspects of the budget must be clearly justified. If Principal Investigator salary support is requested, then a letter from a department chair or equivalent must accompany the application to assure that the PI is afforded protected research time for the project.

The application consists of a five page research section, which should include specific aims, background/preliminary data, innovation, and approach sections. There is no limit to the reference section. A separate single page section should describe how the funds will be used to develop future support. This section should be as specific as possible, and this future plans section is critical in the review process. A copy of a funding agency review, which supports the need to obtain preliminary data, would be evidence of specific plan for future support. Such material may be included in an appendix.

Proposals will be reviewed by the MGFA research committee as well as ad hoc reviewers when required. The RFA is open to established and new investigators. The funding is restricted to principal investigators in academic institutions in Canada and the United States, although collaborators may reside outside North America.

Proposals should be submitted by email to Tor Holtan, ([THoltan@kellencompany.com](mailto:THoltan@kellencompany.com)) no later than January 15, 2011. A preliminary review to assure compliance with guidelines will be performed, followed by scientific review. Funding notification is expected by May 15, 2011 and funds provided by July 1, 2011. Three grants are expected to be awarded.