

# Catalyst Grant Program

Funding Opportunity for Innovative Ideas from All Employees



Do you have an idea that could help patients or improve the way we do things?  
Do you need time or funding to make it happen?  
We have an opportunity for you!

Award Amounts

\$1,000 - \$50,000

Applications Due

March 1, 2024

The Catalyst Grant Program at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab accelerates our vision “to be the global source of science-driven breakthroughs in human ability.” Catalyst Grants fund projects that enhance translational research, foster innovation, and range in cost and complexity.

There are **five** Catalyst Grant categories—**Project Grant, Quality Grant, Mentorship Grant, Translational Grant, and Foundational Grant**. Please be sure to read the following information carefully and select the most appropriate category for your idea.

## **SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

The 2024 Cycle will include a special funding opportunity for 1-2 Project Grant(s) specific to the **care and rehabilitation of individuals with Multiple Sclerosis**. Thus, individuals with ideas related to this population are especially encouraged to apply.

## Eligibility and Application Information

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- 1) **Every application must include a researcher and non-researcher (clinician or non-clinician)**. Individuals who participate do not need to have previous research experience, but must have a researcher on their team. If you need assistance identifying a research partner, please contact Melissa Briody ([mbriody@sralab.org](mailto:mbriody@sralab.org)).
- 2) Application forms for each grant type are available at [www.sralab.org/catalystgrant2024](http://www.sralab.org/catalystgrant2024)
- 3) Submit your application as a single PDF file at <https://competitions.fsm.northwestern.edu/grants/CatalystGrant24> by March 1, 2024, 11:59pm CST.

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## Summary Table

Grant Type	Description	Funding Amount	Timeline	Deliverables
<b>PROJECT Grant</b>	Easy to implement and produces rapid results.	\$1,000 - \$10,000	6-12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New product, device, process, or intervention</li> <li>▪ Presentation (internal/external)</li> </ul>
<b>QUALITY Grant</b>	Leads to clinical or research quality improvement.	\$10,000 - \$25,000	12-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A positive change in processes or patient outcomes</li> <li>▪ Presentation (internal/external)</li> </ul>
<b>MENTORSHIP Grant</b>	Involves mentorship from experienced researcher to support an applicant's professional research development.	\$10,000 - \$25,000	12-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evidence of research skill development and future research involvement</li> <li>▪ Presentation (external)</li> <li>▪ Publication (highly recommended)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Abstract</li> <li>- Manuscript</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TRANSLATIONAL Grant</b>	Develops a translational research idea that results in a publication and national presentation.	\$10,000 - \$25,000	12-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation (external)</li> <li>▪ Publication               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Abstract</li> <li>- Manuscript</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>FOUNDATIONAL Grant</b>	Develops a translational research idea that results in publication, national presentation, and application for extramural grant funding.	\$25,000 - \$50,000	18-24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Federal grant application</li> <li>▪ Presentation (external)</li> <li>▪ Publication               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Abstract</li> <li>- Manuscript</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Visit [www.sralab.org/catalystgrants2024](http://www.sralab.org/catalystgrants2024) for application forms, resources, examples, and additional information.