##### **Proposal Narrative**

**Instructions for the 2024 Request for Applications: Generating Knowledge and Tools to Promote Remyelination and Neuroprotection in Multiple Sclerosis**

The proposal narrative is the heart of the application. Details concerning the preparation of the proposal narrative appear below. This template in Microsoft Word format is provided for reference and parallels NIH format. Applicants who have a narrative prepared for a NIH application can use this as a basis if it conforms to the above dimensions, but you must add a section on how the proposed project addresses the specific [Request for Applications](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Request-For-Applications) and the National MS Society’s [Pathways to Cures Roadmap](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Research-Funding-Principles-and-Priorities#section-1) (details below).

**Formatting Specifications:**

* Narrative Maximum: ***12 Single-Spaced Pages*** (not including references)
* Use **11 Point or Larger Font**, including all figure captions
* **Margins must be 0.5 inch for all four sides**
* Number pages consecutively throughout the narrative, Do NOT use suffixes such as 6a, 6b…
* Images and figures included count towards the page limit
* Once the narrative is completed, it must be converted to PDF format and uploaded to MSGrants.

**Content Specifications:** To facilitate the review of your application, it is required that you organize the discussion of your proposed research using the following guidelines:

* **Research plan:** Except where indicated, the individual subsections below may be any length as long as the total for the entire research plan does not exceed the 12-PAGE LIMIT. Include all text, figures, and data tables related to the proposal in this section.
* **Specific Aims—**Provide a concise statement of each objective of the proposed research project.
* **Background—**Provide a brief summary of the background for this project, including existing knowledge in the area and long-term goals of your research.
* **Preliminary Results—**Use this section to report the Principal Investigator's preliminary studies pertinent to the application. Include any information that will help establish the experience and competence of the investigators to pursue the proposed research.
* **Experimental Design and Methods—**Describe the design of experiments and the procedures used to undertake the proposed studies. Where appropriate, include possible outcomes, pitfalls, and alternative plans.
* **Relevance to the Request for Applications—**Identify how this project relates to the goals of the [Request for Applications](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Request-For-Applications).
* **Facilities Available—**Describe the facilities available for the conduct of the proposed research, and list major items of equipment that are available for use in the project. **FACILITIES PAGE LIMIT: one page**, within the 12-page narrative limit.
* **References and Literature-**To facilitate the review of your application, give the full title and bibliographic reference for all work cited in your application. **NO PAGE LIMIT**, i.e., the references can go beyond the 12-page limit of the research plan.

**All instructions in this gray box should be deleted from your final narrative submission.**