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**Welcome**

News and highlights keeping you informed as we work together to accelerate life-changing treatments for people with progressive MS worldwide

**Alliance Announces Well-Being Research Funding Opportunity**

**First stage in a research pipeline program to improve the quality of life in people with progressive MS**

The International Progressive MS Alliance has released a Request for Applications (RFA) as the first stage of funding for a research pipeline to test innovative outcomes or treatments focused on the well-being of people living with progressive MS. Proposals should be focused on at least one of the four symptom areas of fatigue, mobility including upper extremity impairment, pain, and/or cognitive impairment.

The RFA is the first stage of a research pipeline in which successful awards will demonstrate a strong expert team that offers the potential to develop novel therapeutic interventions or outcomes for progressive MS and has the potential to culminate with a large randomized controlled study (Stage 2) and implementation (Stage 3) for adoption into the larger healthcare system. Stage 1 is a planning grant of up to €100,000 that provides time and resources to develop ideas, collect preliminary data (if needed), and construct a research team to develop and present an efficacy research proposal.

[Read the full announcement and RFA.](https://www.progressivemsalliance.org/2023/03/15/well-being-in-multiple-sclerosis-research-funding-opportunity/)

**Watch the Most Recent Alliance Global Webcast**

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**Leading MS experts share recent advances in developing new treatments for progressive MS and research discoveries that could ultimately end MS progression**

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New, life-changing treatments are urgently needed for people with progressive MS. Hear from leading MS experts about the current state of treatments for progressive MS, active clinical trials that may provide new solutions, and research efforts to develop breakthrough treatments to ultimately end MS progression.

Expert panelists include Dr. Jeffrey Cohen, Professor of Neurology in the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine in the US and a leader in a large number of MS clinical trials; Dr. Jiwon Oh, staff neurologist, scientist, and Medical Director of the Barlo Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Program at St. Michael’s Hospital in Canada; Dr. Emma Gray, Assistant Director of Research at the MS Society, UK, and leader of the strategic development of the MS Society’s broad research programme including the ground-breaking OCTOPUS clinical trial platform.  The webcast was hosted by Marie Vaillant, an international leader in the MS movement and a person living with progressive MS from Canada, who is also a member of the International Progressive MS Alliance Scientific Steering Committee and People Affected by MS Engagement Coordination Team.