

Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Fellowship Award from the Mayo Clinic Center for MS and Autoimmune Neurology

The Mayo Clinic Center for Multiple Sclerosis and Autoimmune Neurology is requesting applications for a prestigious fellowship award made possible by a generous gift from the Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Family Foundation. Their gift provides important financial support for training the next generation of MS and autoimmune neurology researchers. The recipient of this award will hold the named title "Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Fellow" for the duration of the fellowship (2 years) and thereafter. For the current funding cycle, the *Center is seeking applications from PhD and MD-PhD scientists engaged in research focused on understanding gait assessment as a tool for tracking disease progression and for characterizing therapeutic efficacy in patients with multiple sclerosis.* Applicants are expected to have several years or more of postdoctoral experience and will be at point in their career where fellowship support will accelerate the transition to independence.

Award

The fellowship will provide funding of \$100,000/year for a two-year period. These funds will be available starting September 1st, 2023. Starting dates are flexible. Carry forward or transfer of these funds beyond the expected end date must be approved by the CMSAN and will only occur under exceptional circumstances.

Eligibility

This is a fellow initiated application. Eligible candidates will be expected to have a strong publication record and a clearly established plan for career development at Mayo Clinic. Given the emphasis on gait assessments, *individuals with professional degrees and post-doctoral training in Kinesiology, Biomechanics, and/or Biomedical Engineering are strongly encouraged to apply.* External candidates seeking research mentors at Mayo Clinic Rochester should contact Jessica Sagen (sagen.jessica@mayo.edu) for information.

Deadline

Applications are due **August 1st, 2023** by 5 PM.

Application Process

The final document as a single PDF should be emailed to Jessica Sagen by the application deadline. Applicants should prepare a brief overview of their research experience and accomplishments, highlighting the relevance of their work and publications to the use of gait assessment for tracking disease progression in patients with multiple sclerosis (1-3 pages). A proposed hypothesis and specific aims are welcome but not required for the application. Applicants should also highlight their career goals and should indicate how this funding and mentored research experience at Mayo Clinic will help to launch their independent career.

Required Documents

- Cover letter describing how the project meets the above criteria. This letter should provide contact information for 2-3 current/former mentors and collaborators who can provide letters of support (upon request).
- The overview described above.
- An NIH-style biosketch.
- A letter of support from a Mayo Clinic Rochester mentor indicating that facilities and resources will be available to applicant.

Submit complete applications to Jessica Sagen (sagen.jessica@mayo.edu) by the application deadline.

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