



Office of Research & Development (ORD) Rehabilitation Research & Development Service (RR&D)

VA Research Information on the Web

VA ORD Supported Research

- Search on NIH RePORTER website: report.nih.gov/index.aspx
- Search on Clinical Trials website: clinicaltrials.gov

VA ORD Main Site:

www.research.va.gov

- Career Development Program: www.research.va.gov/funding/cdp.cfm
- Centers: www.research.va.gov/programs
- Research Videos: www.research.va.gov/news/videos.cfm

Grant Writing Seminars:

- Training in Grantsmanship for Rehabilitation Research (TIGRR) <http://tigrr.bme.unc.edu/>
- NIA Butler-Williams Scholars Program (formerly Summer Institute on Aging Research) – Applications accepted in March for attendance in July
- US Bone & Joint Initiative (USBJI) Young Investigator Initiative <http://www.usbji.org/programs/yii>

Additional ORD Information

- Handbooks: select under General ORD Policies
<http://www.research.va.gov/resources/policies/>
- Rehabilitation Research and Development
<http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/>
- Health Services Research and Development
<http://www.hsrp.research.va.gov/>
- Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development
<http://www.research.va.gov/services/blrd/default.cfm>
- Clinical Science Research and Development
<http://www.research.va.gov/services/csrp/default.cfm>

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RR&D Research Award Types

All applications undergo scientific peer review

- **Center Awards**
 - 5 years, \$1.26M/year
- **Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP)**
 - 5 years, \$440K/year
- **Merit Awards**
 - \$1.2M total budget cap for 4 years
- **Small Projects in Rehabilitation Research (SPiRE)**
 - 1-2 years, \$115K/year

Intended for:

- High Risk/High Impact research; for preliminary data & feasibility
- Small projects that can be completed in a two-year period, no powered studies
- Preference given to Early Career Stage Investigators
- New scientific areas of focus for established investigators
- Editorial-style review; 3 independent reviews in written form only
- Scoring limited to three designations: Highly Meritorious, Meritorious, or Not Meritorious
- **Research Career Scientists**
 - 5 - 7 years, salary support
- **Career Development Awards (CDA) - mentored research opportunities**

All awards

 - US citizen
 - VA at time of award but not required at time of application
 - VA primary mentor
 - Support includes awardee salary (except MD, shared with clinical care), protected research time
 - Review criteria emphasize candidate's qualifications, as well as mentorship, career development, and research plans
 - **CDA – 1**
 - Must apply within 2 years of training
 - Award up to 2 years, provides full salary support, \$20K/year operational funds
 - **CDA – 2**
 - Must apply within 5 years of training
 - Award up to 5-years, full salary support, \$75K/year operational funds
 - **Minority Serving Institution (MSI) (previously Historically Black Colleges & University (HBCU))**
 - Features of CDA-2
 - Additional mentor(s) from MSI/HBCU



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CDA Submission Deadlines and Contacts

Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission			
SERVICE	DEADLINE per Cycle	Email ADDRESS	CONTACT
Biomedical Laboratory R&D	May 1 Nov1	vhacadereview@va.gov	Questions about the program should be send to the Career Development mailbox.
Clinical Science R&D	May 1 Nov 1	vhacadereview@va.gov	Questions about the program should be send to the Career Development mailbox.
Health Services R&D	April 15 Oct 15	robert.small@va.gov	Robert Small, BA (202) 443-5743
Rehabilitation R&D	May 1 Nov 1	rrdreviews@va.gov	Shirley Groer, PhD (202) 443-5767
MSI-CDA (HBCU & other)	Follows Service LOI Deadlines	BLRD/CSR: vhacadereview@va.gov HSRD: Robert.Small@va.gov RRD: rrdreviews@va.gov	Contact the appropriate Service representative above regarding submissions

CDA Award Types: Eligibility and Conditions

	CDA-1 (CS/BL* & RR&D)	CDA-2	MSI
Clinician salary	9 calendar months plus 1/8 th from VAMC	6-9 calendar months plus 1/8 th from VAMC	6-9 calendar months plus 1/8 th from VAMC
Non-clinician salary	7.5-12 calendar months	7.5-12 calendar months	7.5-12 calendar months
Project funds	\$20K/yr to extend work of mentor	\$75K/yr for independent Work	As per service-specific RFA
Award duration	Up to 2 years	3-5 years	Up to 2 years (BL/CS)* 3-5 years (RR&D)
Eligibility	Max of 2 years beyond completion of training	Max of 5 years beyond completion of training	Same as 1 or 2 plus mentors at both HBCU and VA

*BL & CSR&D have targeted CDA-1 RFAs for VA psychiatrists, US military veteran scientists, suicide prevention, & MSI

INTERESTED TO LEARN ABOUT VA RESEARCH? GET STARTED!

Does VA fund research in my scientific area of interest and at what facilities?

- Search NIH RePORTER tool and use guidance as indicated below
 - User's guide manual and video: <https://obssr.od.nih.gov/research-support/nihreporter/>
 - NIH RePORTER query form: <https://reporter.nih.gov/>
 - Enter topic(s) of interest in the Quick Search box. Then from the results:

Act	Project	Year	Sub	Principal Investigator(s)/ Project Leader(s)	Organization	Fiscal Year	Admin IC	Funding IC	FY Total Cost by IC	Similar Projects
1	IK1RX003287-01A1	2020		KOERNER, TESS	PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER	2020	VA			View >
5	I01RX002174-05	2020		WILDE, ELISABETH A	MICHAEL E DEBAKEY VA MEDICAL CENTER	2020	VA			View >
5	I01BX004529-02	2020		VANDEVORD, PAMELA J	SALEM VA MEDICAL CENTER	2020	VA			View >
1	I21RX003189-01A1	2020		WAID-EBBS, JULIA KAY	VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	2020	VA			View >
5	I21RX003197-02	2020		CARLSON, KATHLEEN F	PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER	2020	VA			View >
5	IK2RX001512-05	2020		ORFF, HENRY JOHN	VA SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	2020	VA			View >
1	I01BX004613-01	2020		MCKEE, ANN C	VA BOSTON HEALTH CARE SYSTEM	2020	VA			View >

- Click on “Agencies” and choose “VA” (red arrow-above)
- Or begin query for VA funded research and for VA Investigators:
 - NIH RePORTER query form: <https://reporter.nih.gov/>
 - Scroll down to Advanced Projects Search
 - **Search by Agency/Institute/Center:** Select Veterans Affairs (VA) (red arrow below)

Advanced Projects Search

Fiscal Year ?
Active Projects
Current FY is 2022

Principal Investigator (PI) ?
PI Names or Profile IDs, semicolon ";" separated

Organization ?
Enter at least 3 characters to search

Agency/Institute/Center ? 1 x
VA x ...

Project Number/ Application ID ?
Format: 5R01CA012345-04/ 8515597, semicolon ";" separated

Admin Funding

[Reset](#) [Search](#)

Looking for additional search fields? [Click here to view All Search Fields](#)



- The query will generate a list of all active VA funded projects.
 - Click on the project title hypertext in the search results to get more information on each project.
 - Note the panel on the left for categories of information on the project.
- To search only for rehab funded VA projects, click on the option to “view All Search Fields” (blue arrow above). Under Project Number in the screen below, enter RX in the third box. See highlight.
 - RX for Rehabilitation R&D
 - BX for Biomedical Laboratory R&D
 - CX for Clinical Science R&D
 - HX for Health Services R&D

Project Details

Agency/Institute/Center
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NIH Spending Category
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AND OR

Funding Mechanism ?

Award Type ?

Project Number/
Application ID ?

Activity Code ?

Format: 5R01CA012345-04/
8515397, semicolon "; separated

OR

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Who can I contact to learn more about VA research mission and priorities in my scientific area of interest?

- Contact the Office of Research and Development Scientific Program Managers:
 - Rehabilitation R&D: <https://www.rehab.research.va.gov/staff/science1.html>
 - Biomedical Laboratory R&D and Clinical Science R&D:
https://www.research.va.gov/services/shared_docs/contacts.cfm
 - Health Services R&D: <https://www.hsrp.research.va.gov/about/portfolio.cfm>

Does VA support researchers early in their career?

- Yes, go to <https://www.research.va.gov/funding/cdp.cfm>

How do I find a VA mentor?

- Search the NIH RePORTER tool <https://reporter.nih.gov/> for VA investigators working in your area of interest.

How do I learn more about starting research at a VA near me?

- Contact Associate Chiefs of Staff for R&D: https://www.research.va.gov/about/national_directory.cfm