Department of Veterans Affairs
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VETERANS AFFAIRS CAREER DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OVERVIEW

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Being a Researcher in VA is about
Serving those who Served our Nation

Discover knowledge from pre-clinical through health services research to create innovations that advance health care of Veterans and the nation

Have a robust program to develop VA clinician-researchers and health care leaders

Provide a lifetime of care for the Veteran
VA ORD Research Services all thru the translation pipeline
– Funding Subgroups–

**Biomedical Laboratory R&D**
(and Million Veteran Program)

**BLRD**: preclinical, molecular, genomic, physiological studies

**Clinical Science R&D**
(and Cooperative Studies Program)

**CSRD**: clinical, interventional, effectiveness, epidemiological, technological studies

**Health Services R&D**

**HSRD**: VA health care, including cost, quality, safety and implementation

**Rehabilitation R&D**

**RRD**: maximize Veterans’ functional independence, participation in their lives and community

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<td>Clinician Salary</td>
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| Award Duration         | Up to 2 years         | 3-5 Years | CDA-1: Up to 2 years (BL/CS)  
CDA-2: 3-5 years          |
| Eligibility            | Max of **2 years** beyond completion of training | Max of **5 years** beyond completion of training | Same as CDA 1 or 2 plus mentors at both MSI and VA |

* BL & CSRD have targeted RFAs for VA psychiatrists, Veteran scientists, suicide prevention and applicants from MSIs*
Things to think about before applying

Clarify Values and Long-Term Goals
• Align with your interest
• Translational – High Impact
• Factor in enjoyment, immediate benefits

Where do you want to be at the end of your career?
• Strategize about reaching that potential
• Joy of lifelong learning and marvelous lifelong collaboration
• Improve public health, Veterans’ health and help develop the next generation of scientists
# CDA Submission Deadlines and Contacts

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VA ORD Main Site: [www.research.va.gov](http://www.research.va.gov)

- Career Development Program: [https://www.research.va.gov/funding/cdp.cfm](https://www.research.va.gov/funding/cdp.cfm)
- VA Funding announcements: [https://vaww.research.va.gov/funding/](https://vaww.research.va.gov/funding/)
- HSR&D CDA page (has webinars): [www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cdp/](http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cdp/)

Grant Writing, Session 1: How and what to cut: A primer on editing your own work

Grant Writing, Session 2: Tips from experts on how (and how not) to write

Grant Writing, Session 3: How to organize your writing for maximum impact

Second Chances: How to Handle a Revision