

Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research & Development (ORD)

VETERANS AFFAIRS CAREER DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OVERVIEW

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Choose **VA**

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

TO CARE FOR HIM WHO SHALL
HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE AND
FOR HIS WIDOW, AND HIS ORPHAN
A. LINCOLN

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

CDA Award Types: Eligibility and Conditions

| | CDA-1 (BL/CS* &RR&D) | CDA-2 | MSI –CDA-2 |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Clinician Salary | 9 Calendar month plus 2/8 ^{ths} from VAMC | 6-9 Calendar month plus 2/8 ^{ths} from VAMC | 6-9 Calendar month plus 2/8 ^{ths} from VAMC |
| Non-Clinician Salary | 7.5-12 calendar months | 7.5-12 calendar months | 7.5-12 calendar months |
| Project funds | See RFA | \$75K/yr | See RFA |
| 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

| SERVICE | LOI SUBMISSION | | CONTACT |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| | DEADLINE per Cycle | Email ADDRESS | |
| Biomedical Laboratory R&D | May 1 | vhacadereview@va.gov | Mark Roltsch, PhD (202) 738-2838 |
| | Nov 1 | | |
| Clinical Science R&D | May 1 | vhacadereview@va.gov | Mark Roltsch, PhD (202) 738-2838 |
| | Nov 1 | | |
| Health Services R&D | April 15 | robert.small@va.gov | Robert Small, BA (202) 443-5743 |
| | Oct 15 | | |
| Rehabilitation R&D | May 1 | rrdreviews@va.gov | Shirley Groer, PhD (202) 443-5767 |
| | Nov 1 | | |
| MSI-CDA (HBCU & other) | Follows Service LOI Deadlines | BLRD/CSRD: vhacadereview@va.gov HSRD: Robert.Small@va.gov RRD: rrdreviews@va.gov | Contact the appropriate Service representative above regarding submissions |



Information on the Web

Find VA Office of R&D (ORD) Supported Research

- Search on NIH RePORTER website: <https://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>
- Search on Clinical Trials website: www.clinicaltrials.gov

VA ORD Main Site:

www.research.va.gov

- Career Development Program: <https://www.research.va.gov/funding/cdp.cfm>
- Research Videos: www.research.va.gov/news/videos.cfm
- VA Funding announcements: <https://vaww.research.va.gov/funding/>
- HSR&D CDA page (has webinars): www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/cdp/

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[Grant Writing, Session 3: How to organize your writing for maximum impact](#)

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