VIReC VA Data for Non-VA Researchers

Access to VA Data for Research

All Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) research is intramural, meaning only VA employees can conduct research under VA's sponsorship. **Non-VA researchers can access VA data through collaborative research studies or by becoming a VA employee.**

Getting Involved in VA Research

Collaborate with a VA researcher

VA encourages collaboration with academic institutions and other agencies when a VA investigator has a substantive role in conducting the research.

Search the VA Health Services Research & Development (HSR&D) Directory to find VA researchers who share your research interests.

Reach out to the Associate Chief of Staff (ACOS-R) for Research at your local VA Medical Center (VAMC) to ask about collaboration opportunities. A list of VAMCs is available from the VA website.

Become a VA employee

VA is always hiring. Visit the VA Office of Research and Development website for a list of open Research positions and fellowship opportunities.

Unpaid, without compensation (WOC) research positions will allow you to work with a VA investigator. Use the WOC Eligibility Guide to determine if this is the best option for you or contact your local Human Resources Office for more information about WOC appointments. The VA Facility Locator will help you find the closest VAMC.

Learn About VA Data

VIReC cyberseminars provide **expert discussion and guidance on key issues related to using VA data for research.** Visit the Cyberseminars page on our website to register for an upcoming session or to access previous sessions through our archive.

The National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics website provides **information about VA healthcare services**.

Data.gov is an **information catalog of datasets maintained by the Federal Government.**