

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 Systems Research \(HSR\) 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**.

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