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](https://www.research.va.gov/hsrd/Directory.asp) 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](https://www.research.va.gov/locations.asp) 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](https://www.research.va.gov/hqjobs/_PASS.asp).

Unpaid, without compensation (WOC) research positions will allow you to work with a VA investigator. Contact the ACOS-R at your local VAMC or check out the [WOC positions](https://www.research.va.gov/hqjobs/_PASS.asp) posted on VA’s Office of Research and Development website.

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](https://www.virec.research.va.gov) 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](https://www.ncvans.research.va.gov) provides information about VA healthcare services.

[Data.gov](https://data.gov) is an information catalog of datasets maintained by the Federal Government.