

Seattle ERIC
Deputy Director

The Seattle Epidemiologic Research and Information Center (ERIC), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is conducting an open search for a Deputy Director to lead designated Center scientific and administrative responsibilities. The Seattle ERIC is based at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, and is 1 of 4 epidemiologic research centers in the national VA Cooperative Studies Program (CSP). The scientific portfolio of the Center includes 4 CSP studies (<https://www.research.va.gov/programs/csp/>): (1) Vietnam-Era Twin (VET) Registry, a register of 14,632 male-male twins with large and expanding data and biospecimen repositories; (2) National Vietnam Veteran Readjustment/Longitudinal Study (NVVR/LS), a longitudinal study of male and female Veterans; (3) Millennium Cohort VA Follow-Up Study, a Department of Defense collaboration of deployment health of those served after 2000; and (4) Pulmonary Health and Deployment to Southwest Asia and Afghanistan, a multi-site cohort study of deployment airborne hazards and pulmonary health. Also included in the portfolio are Seattle ERIC investigator-initiated research programs funded by VA and by the National Institutes of Health.

The duties of the Deputy Director are multi-fold and include the following:

1. Assume responsibilities of the Associate Director of Scientific Operations, a role responsible for the oversight and integration of the Center's analytic activities with its research activities. The Associate Director of Scientific Operations will bring epidemiologic scientific expertise to the research program and will help assure high-quality science and project successes.
2. Assume administrative leadership and scientific leadership of the Vietnam-Era Twin (VET) Registry and the National Vietnam Veteran Readjustment/Longitudinal Study.
3. Provide leadership to new and ongoing CSP initiatives. This includes the Integrated Veteran Epidemiologic Study Data Resource (INVESTD-R), a CSP Epidemiologic Research Analytics (ERA) program currently being developed, and new initiatives to better integrate epidemiologic research with the mission of the VA.
4. In the absence of the Center Director, serve as the primary liaison with VA Central Office and direct all Center activities.
5. Other administrative and leadership responsibilities that may be assigned to fulfill the mission of the CSP Center.

Ideal candidates will have the following attributes:

- Doctoral-level training in epidemiology or a related field
- 5 or more years of experience conducting independent epidemiologic research in areas related to the health of Veterans, such as:
 - Chronic diseases
 - Mental health
 - Genetics
- Understanding of the VA research program and VA health care
- Strong analytic knowledge and skills
- Ability to think critically about scientific and administrative planning and execution
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills

The position is full-time (1.00 FTE). Candidates must be US citizens. Education and experience will be evaluated by VA Human Resources to determine if the top candidate meets the criteria for GS-13 position. Salary information for the General Schedule is available on the Office of Personnel Management website at opm.gov.

Please send a cover letter and resume to SeattleCSPEC@va.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; however, materials received by January 26, 2018 will be considered first.

For more information about the Seattle ERIC, please see seattle.eric.research.va.gov.