

**Job Title: Research Assistant working with the Seattle
ERIC at VA Puget Sound**

50% FTE appointment (20 hours/week)

Department: Epidemiology**Date Available:** Fall 2020 9/16/20 – Summer 21: 9/15/21**Application Deadline:**

The ASE contract stipulates that open-hire positions be posted for a minimum of 1 week. Following that guideline, this position is open until filled, but priority will be given to students who apply no later than June 5, 2020.

General Duties/Description:

The Seattle Epidemiologic Research and Information Center (ERIC), part of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is in search of 1 or 2 Research Assistants (RAs) to contribute to the large, multicenter, epidemiological studies planned and conducted by our Center. We rely on *de novo* data collection and the VA electronic health record, which is a national resource with longitudinal data on over 5 million users of VA healthcare. Students will contribute by conducting epidemiologic analyses and writing publishable manuscripts on topics related to our on-going research including studies related to airborne hazards from military deployment exposures, natural history of SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 disease in Veterans, post-deployment health of Veterans, and a variety of research projects related to twinning and chronic disease and mental health.

The Seattle ERIC is part of the national Cooperative Studies Program (CSP) within the Office of Research & Development of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We are housed within the local VA facility, VA Puget Sound, on Beacon Hill.

The RA positions are funded at 50% FTE for up to 3 or 4 years.

Requirements:

Entering or enrolled PhD student or 2nd-year MS or MPH student

Salary:

Salary and benefits are competitive. Salary is commensurate with academic standing, qualifications, and experience.

How to Apply:

Provide a cover letter and CV to Nicholas L. Smith (see below).

Application inquiries may be made with:

Nicholas L. Smith at nlsmith@uw.edu

Notes:

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Research Assistant Job Description

RA Name:	VA Seattle ERIC RA position
Appointment Period:	Fall 20 – Summer 21: 9/16/20 -9/15/21
Appointment FTE:	0.5 FTE
Grant Name & Number:	Seattle Epidemiologic Research and Information Center (ERIC)
Principal Investigator/Supervisor:	Nicholas L. Smith, PhD

Check all duties that apply to this individual:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare materials for Human Subjects Review Board <input type="checkbox"/> Recruit subjects <input type="checkbox"/> Interview subjects
 <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare materials for Animal Care Review Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Feed and care for subject animals <input type="checkbox"/> Clean animal cages <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor subject animals <input type="checkbox"/> Administer drugs, hormones or other chemicals <input type="checkbox"/> Perform surgical procedures
 <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare materials for lab sessions <input type="checkbox"/> Run experiments <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare chemical or other solutions <input type="checkbox"/> Request or acquire necessary equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Develop and construct lab equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Clean laboratory and equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Wash glassware <input type="checkbox"/> Order equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Oversee budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analyze data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write articles, reports and/or presentations
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review literature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare grants materials for submission <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare materials for experimental use <input type="checkbox"/> Keep accurate records of experimental data <input type="checkbox"/> Provide ready access to all experimental data for P.I. and/or supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Manage and respond to experiment-related e-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare website materials <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain (update) webpage materials
 <input type="checkbox"/> Supervise undergraduate students <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain records on individual students' assignment completion <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain student attendance records <input type="checkbox"/> Act as liaison/mediator between undergraduate student and professor
 <input type="checkbox"/> Attend lab meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend area seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Attend other courses as required |
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Other specific duties: Students will contribute by conducting epidemiologic analyses and writing publishable manuscripts on topics related to on-going epidemiologic studies based at the ERIC.