

Job Title: Research Assistant

Department: Epidemiology
Date Available: Autumn Quarter, 9/16/2026-12/15/2026

Application Deadline:

The ASE contract stipulates that open-hire positions be posted for a minimum of 1 week. Following that guideline, **please apply no later than June 10, 2026 at 5pm.**

General Duties/Description:

The Seattle Epidemiologic Research and Information Center (ERIC), part of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is in search of a Research Assistant (RA) 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. Based upon existing experience and skills, selected students may be asked to contribute to the conduct, analysis, and/or scientific reporting of several studies investigating military exposures on Veteran health. The Research Assistant will work closely with the Seattle ERIC staff and leadership conducting the studies. The responsibilities of the Research Assistant may include (as determined by existing aptitude) activities related to data collection, study administration, data analysis, and/or generation of scientific products. Though offered through the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Washington, eligible and interested graduate students from any Department of the UW School of Public Health are encouraged to apply.

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 in Seattle.

Requirements:

Experience conducting and interpreting epidemiologic analyses.

Salary:

Salary is commensurate with academic standing, qualifications, and experience. All open positions have the following salary ranges:

- Salary Range for Schedule 1 and 3 (Premaster, Intermediate, Candidate): \$1,806-\$1,992 for 25% FTE; \$3,612-\$3,984 for 50% FTE.
- Salary Range for Schedule 2 (Premaster, Intermediate, Candidate): \$2,778.50-\$2,964.50 for 25% FTE; \$5,557-\$5,929 for 50% FTE.
- Hourly rate for Reader/Grader and undergrad RA/TA: \$23.78.

How to Apply:

Via MS Form: [Epidemiology RA Application for Open Positions - Autumn 2026](#). (Contact epihr@uw.edu with access issues)

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Application inquiries may be made with:

Nicholas L. Smith at nlsmith@uw.edu

Notes:

This job classification is governed by a negotiated labor contract and is subject to union shop provisions. For more information about union shop provisions, visit:

<http://www.washington.edu/admin/hr/jobs/apl/union-info.html>

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Research Assistant Job Description

RA Name:	TBD
Appointment Period:	Autumn Quarter, 9/16/26-12/15/26
Appointment FTE:	50% FTE, 20 hours per week
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 type="checkbox"/> Prepare grants materials for submission <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare materials for experimental use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep accurate records of experimental data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide ready access to all experimental data for P.I. and/or supervisor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manage and respond to experiment-related e-mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare website materials <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend lab meetings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend area seminars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend other courses as required |
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Students will primarily contribute to the conduct and/or scientific productivity of a several studies focused on military exposures and Veteran health. The Research Assistant will work closely with the Seattle ERIC staff and leadership conducting the study. The responsibilities of the Research Assistant may include (depending upon existing experience and skills) activities related to data analysis and scientific writing with some administrative tasks supporting the analytic work.