

**Biomedical Research & Development (BLR&D)  
Letter of Intent (LOI) Template for Collaborative Merit Applications**

**Principal Investigator (PI) Name:**

**Project Title: CMA: Collaborative Project Title**

The sections below must be completed and attached to VHA Research & Development Letter of Intent Cover Page (VA Form 10-1313-13) (<http://www.research.va.gov/funding/process/forms.cfm>).

Please complete each of the fillable boxes below. Your text may not exceed the space provided. Please submit references cited as separate PDF.

1. Brief overall summary of the objectives of the entire project and the hypotheses to be tested *(max 1500 characters)*
2. Project 1: Brief description of the objectives of this individual proposed project and the hypothesis to be tested *(max 1500 characters)*
3. Project 2: Brief description of the objectives of this individual proposed project and the hypothesis to be tested *(max 1500 characters)*
4. Project 3: Brief description of the objectives of this individual proposed project and the hypothesis to be tested *(max 1500 characters)*
5. Project 4: Brief description of the objectives of this individual proposed project and the hypothesis to be tested *(max 1500 characters)*
6. Scientific rationale and significance to the Veteran population trial *(max 1500 characters)*

7. Justification for use of the collaborative merit mechanism *(max 1000 characters)*

8. Background Data/Preliminary Studies conducted and supporting this individual application. Provide references for any published results *(max 1500 characters)*

9. Study design/statistical methods *(max 1500 characters)*

10. List of collaborating contact PIs, VAMC, and project titles *(max 1000 characters)*

11. Project Management Plan *(max 1500 characters)*