

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

Principal Investigator (PI) Name:

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 description of the objectives of the project *(max 500 characters)*

2. Scientific rationale and significance to the Veteran population trial *(max 1500 characters)*

3. Background Data/Preliminary Studies conducted and supporting the validated target and lead agent(s). Provide references in a separate document for any published results *(max 1500 characters)*

4. Describe patent, pending patent, discussions with the FDA, or any other information that would support a pathway to an IND application or commercialization. *(max 1500 characters)*

5. Describe the research design conceptual or clinical framework, procedures, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project (*max 1500 characters*)