

VA ORD Guidance for Protected Time for Research Staff (last updated December 2020)

VHA Directive 1065 Productivity and Staffing Guidance for Specialty Provider Group Practice specifies that CRADO of the Office of Research and Development is responsible for providing VA medical facilities with guidance on protected research time required for various research activities. The Guidance will be posted on the OPES Provider Specialty Practice Management website at: <http://opes.vssc.med.va.gov/Pages/Provider-Specialty-Practice-Management.aspx>, and ORD includes this Guidance below. **NOTE:** The OPES is an internal VA website that is not available to the public.

Research - Mapping Allocations Research Activity	Recommended FTEE Allocation	Recommended Hours per week
Principal Investigator (PI) Merit review incl. QUERI	0.380	15.2
Chair on VA Cooperative Studies Program (CSP)	0.500	20.0
Site PI on Merit/VA CSP	0.250	10.0
PI NIH ROI*	0.380	15.2
PI Industry-sponsored Clinical Study	0.250	10.0
VA Career Development Award (CDA)	0.750	30.0
Major Foundation Awards	0.250	10.0
PI of VA Center of Excellence	0.500	20.0
Mentor of VA CDA	0.060	2.4
New Investigator	0.500	20.0
Chair, Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)	0.500	20.0
Chair, Institutional Bio-safety Committee (IBC) / Subcommittee on Research Safety (SRS) or Research and Development Committee	0.130	5.2
Member, IRB, IACUC	0.130	5.2
Member, IBC/SRS, R&D Committee	0.060	2.4
Other Research duties not covered above approved by COS, i.e., (peer reviewer of manuscripts referred for abstracts, editor of book, monograph, or other publications)	0.025	1.0