

## ***Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation***

*A Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development Center of Innovation*

**Research Health Science Specialist  
(HSR&D Research Associate for the Durham Evidence Synthesis Program)  
Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Durham, NC**

This full-time research associate (RA) position, with the Health Services Research and Development service, is in support of evidence synthesis projects funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs. This position is for a 40 hour/week position.

The Durham VA Evidence Synthesis Program performs high-quality, rapid turnaround evidence syntheses to inform VA clinical policy. We conduct evidence syntheses that support clinical practice guidelines, implementation of evidence-based practices, and setting directions for future research to address gaps in knowledge. The RA will work in a team environment with clinical (eg., physicians, nurses, physical therapists) and health researchers, medical librarians, medical editors, and trainees.

**Major responsibilities will include:**

1. Assisting in completing and deduplication of literature searches in MEDLINE, Embase, PsychInfo, and other electronic databases
2. Electronic retrieval, tracking, and organizing of electronic manuscripts
3. Monitoring citation flow through the systematic review stages
4. Developing data abstraction forms
5. Abstracting data and data quality checks
6. Developing and editing results tables/figures
7. Maintaining reference management databases (eg.g, Endnotes)
8. Interacting with multiple groups including Veterans, clinical providers, and VA leadership
9. Scheduling and preparing materials for project team meetings including agendas and minutes

**Requirements:** Bachelor's or graduate/higher level degree is required with major study in an academic field related to the medical field, health sciences or allied sciences.. Must be a US citizen to apply. Salary and GS level will be commensurate with education and experience

**Position:** Research Associate. Basic knowledge of Microsoft office project tools is required. Experience with EndNote for reference management is a plus. The ideal candidate would be a person with, or considering an MPH or a clinical degree. Candidates **must** have a bachelors degree in a health services related field. This is a great opportunity for an individual interested in medical research to learn systematic review methodology and more generally, aspects of clinical research in a high impact environment. The range for this position is GS 7 (\$48,648-63,241) through GS 9 (\$59,505-77,354), commensurate with education and experience. **Must be a US citizen to apply.** This position is anticipated to be an in-person position, but there may also be teleworking arrangements. This is not a fully remote position.

**Contact:** Please submit inquiries and resume directly to the POC with the subject line "Research Associate for ESP":  
Adelaide Gordon, MPH  
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**Application deadline:** Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement**

*We aspire to create a community built on collaboration, innovation, creativity, equity, and inclusion. We work to recognize and mitigate our own biases. Our collective success depends on a robust exchange of ideas - an exchange that is best when we see rich diversity in our backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. To achieve this, we are committed to diversity in the staff and faculty we hire, equity in the policies we create, and justice in the decisions we make. Candidates with backgrounds underrepresented in science are especially encouraged to apply.*