

**Biomedical Research & Development (BLRD)  
Letter of Intent (LOI) Template to Validate Novel Therapeutic Target and Approach  
Merit Review Pilot (I21) Award 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. Summarize the key outcomes from the published or unpublished findings to be validated, and the citation if applicable (*max 1500 characters*)

2. Briefly describe the design of the study described above in the item 1 to demonstrate that the finding(s) is based on a rigorously conducted study (*max 1000 characters*)

3. Briefly describe the importance of the finding(s) for Veteran health, and how the finding can address unmet clinical needs of Veterans (*max 1500 characters*)

4. Can the finding be applied to address Veteran healthcare needs, as described in the item 3, without conducting the proposed Validation study? What issues will the proposed validation study de-risk and how? (*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)

6. Will the proposal lead to a new invention? Have you filed an invention disclosure with VA Technology Transfer Program? (max 500 characters)