

Thinking about partnering with your local Department of Veterans Affairs facility to take advantage of the VACAA Graduate Medical Education Expansion?



The Office of Academic Affiliations is ready to answer your funding questions

VA is proud to be the Nation's premier graduate medical education (GME) partner, offering physician residents exposure to the future of health care delivery and access to unique learning opportunities and specialties. Thanks to the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act (VACAA) GME Expansion, we can train more residents in primary care, mental health, and needed specialties, especially in rural areas. With new legislation comes new funding, and with new funding come new questions. The Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) is ready to work one-on-one with you to answer your questions about VACAA GME funding and make VA GME work for you.

Let's get started . . .

- VACAA allows VA to add up to 1,500 new VA GME physician residency positions in partnership with our academic affiliates over five years
- Congressional interest in this initiative is high
- VA is able to pay, via contract mechanism, on a pro rata basis, selected program costs such as accreditation and match fees
- VACAA funding requires accreditation. However, once you've applied for accreditation, you can submit a preliminary application for funding (in collaboration with your local VA facility), in anticipation of successful accreditation
- Annually, OAA releases a request for proposal (RFP) for infrastructure "start-up" costs for VA facilities with resident positions approved under VACAA. We're working to ensure VA facilities new to GME have all the infrastructure support they need



Have more questions about VACAA GME funding?

Email us at gmehelp@va.gov to learn more about VA GME



Or call the OAA VA GME Helpline:

 **202-461-9490**

