

Research Positions on Campus

We have a large number and variety of professional positions that support the significant research enterprise at the University. The most common title within the research positions is **Professional Research Assistant (PRA)**. PRAs are nontenure track faculty, and therefore are eligible for the full university benefits package. Most of these positions are located in the Anschutz Medical Campus schools (Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Dentistry), and include either clinical or 'bench' research activities. All of the medical campus positions require at least a bachelor's degree, preferably in nursing, science, engineering or math. Some positions require significant medical/scientific research experience, whereas other positions are entry level. A few research positions are located at the Denver Campus schools, although most of these PRA positions are temporary or part time.

The primary duties of the research positions are to conduct research, and thus are funded through public or private grants and contracts. These positions are not significantly involved in instruction and departmental administrative duties. In addition to PRA, the other research position titles are Sr. PRA, Research Associate and Sr. Research Associate. Please refer to the [Board of Regents policy 5-L on faculty titles](#) for specific title definitions and educational requirements.