



## Washington Research

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### **Washington Research Foundation Launches Search for Venture Analysts**

#### **Analysts will work with Washington Research Foundation and WRF Capital, assisting with diligence for grants and investments**

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Washington Research Foundation (WRF) has launched the [application website](#) for its new Venture Analyst program. The Foundation plans to hire up to four doctoral-level students with an interest in venture capital to assist with diligence for its grant-making and venture investments. Venture Analysts will also receive training and exposure to both the nonprofit grant-making activities of WRF and the venture activities of WRF Capital, the investment arm of the Foundation. Analysts will work a maximum of 10 hours each week and have the option to complete all but two of their weekly hours offsite.

“We believe this program will serve a dual role of supporting the Foundation and providing a professional development activity for Ph.D. students,” said Will Canestaro, a managing director at WRF. “Venture Analysts will support the core diligence functions of the Foundation while gaining a deeper understanding of life science startups. In turn, we hope they take these skills with them after they graduate to help build the life science ecosystem in Washington state. With over 25 years of experience as a venture capital firm here in Seattle, WRF is in a unique position to train the next generation of entrepreneurs and commercialization professionals. It is the goal of this program to allow insight into a world that is otherwise difficult to access.”

The application is available on [WRF’s website](#) until March 31. Analysts will begin work on May 1 and will be paid on an hourly basis for the academic term.

#### **About Washington Research Foundation:**

Washington Research Foundation (WRF) supports research and scholarship in Washington state, with a focus on life sciences and enabling technologies.

WRF was formed in 1981 to assist universities and other nonprofit research institutions in Washington state with the commercialization and licensing of their technologies. WRF is recognized as one of the foremost technology transfer and grant-making organizations in the nation, having earned more than \$442 million in licensing revenue for the University of Washington and providing over \$93 million in grants to the state's research institutions to date.

WRF Capital, the Foundation’s venture investment arm, has funded 98 local startups since 1994. Returns support WRF’s grant-making activities.

For additional information, please visit [www.wrfseattle.org](http://www.wrfseattle.org).

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