SCIRE provides financial support to the Research Lecture Series to benefit the general research audience at the VA. Senior, nationally recognized speakers are the intended invitees. The lecture series is not to be used as a method to pay travel expenses for invited candidates for VA positions.

The selection of speakers is coordinated through the Research Lecture Coordinator who reviews the speaker’s CV and qualifications prior to an invitation to lecture is issued. The Research Lecture Coordinator’s decision as to the appropriateness of the presenter and topic is final.

The lectures are generally scheduled for the first or second Tuesday of the month to eliminate scheduling problems with other standing meetings. Other health care groups can notify SCIRE of standing meeting dates, to avoid scheduling conflicts. Every effort will be made to honor commitments to speakers and not make “last minute” changes which reflect poorly on SCIRE and the VA, as a whole.

SCIRE will pay up to $1,000 towards the speaker's expenses, including airfare, hotel and honorarium. PI’s may supplement this amount from their unrestricted accounts.

If the speaker’s airfare seems higher than what is normally paid for similar destinations, we will check our files for the date the speaker made a commitment to speak. If necessary, we will adjust the plane trip reimbursement to what the fare would have been if the ticket was purchased 14 days (or another appropriate time) in advance.

A periodic “needs assessment” of the SCIRE Lecture Series will be done to ensure the topics and presenters are relevant and useful to the VA research audience.