

## Professional Requirements for a Biological Sciences Assistant (68KP9) position:

Have a bachelor's or master's degree in one of the biological sciences, such as biology, chemistry, toxicology, physiology, organic chemistry, physics, microbiology, zoology, parasitology, pharmacology, or biochemistry.

Complete Army Basic Training and 68K Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) training or enlist under the Army Civilian Acquired Skills (ACAS) program. The ACAS program is for Soldiers who are already certified as an MLT or Medical Technologist by the Board of Registry of the American Society for Clinical Pathology or the Board of the American Medical Technologist, or certified as a Clinical Laboratory Technician or Clinical Laboratory Scientist by the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel.

Be approved for enlistment in this Military Occupational Specialty by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC). A medical recruiter will call and record specific assignment instructions as well as obtain approval prior to enlistment. Terms of enlistment and benefits vary. A 5-year enlistment is standard. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated prior to contacting the HRC.

It's All in Your Hands... Future battlefields will continue to unveil life-threatening dangers and unknown challenges and threats as technology evolves. While no one knows precisely what dangers we will face in the next conflict, history suggests that victory will depend heavily on the presence of superior medical technology and countermeasures to emerging health threats.

USAMRMC provides the expertise to meet the challenges of the future battlefield... are you up to the challenge?



## Laboratory Contact Info

For more information or to apply for a Biological Sciences Assistant position, contact the laboratory that meets your interest. Request to speak to the person who recruits for 68KP9 positions. This person will direct you on how to submit your resume for consideration.

### U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine

Kansas Street, Building 42,  
Natick, MA 01760-5007  
(508) 233-5137, <http://www.usariem.army.mil>

### U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory

6901 Farrel Road, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-0577  
(334) 255-6900, <http://www.usaarl.army.mil>

### U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research

3400 Rawley E. Chambers Avenue,  
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6315  
(210) 916-3219, <http://www.usaisr.amedd.army.mil>

### U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense

3100 Ricketts Point Road,  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5400  
(410) 436-3276, <http://chemdef.apgea.army.mil>

### U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases

1425 Porter Street,  
Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5011  
(301) 619-2285, <http://www.usamriid.army.mil>

### Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

503 Robert Grant Ave.,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-7500  
(301) 319-9038, <http://www.wrair.army.mil>



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*United States Army Research Institute  
of Environmental Medicine*

**Natick, Massachusetts**



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## A Great Opportunity—Hands-Down

For 200 years, Army medicine has not only served U.S. forces but advanced the medical knowledge of all mankind, and the tradition continues. The U.S. Army now has more jobs in exciting scientific fields than ever before. Biological Sciences Assistants perform professional laboratory and medical research duties in the fields of biological, physical, and medical allied sciences. Enlisted Soldiers like these—many of whom are among the most respected and knowledgeable specialists in their fields—provide subject matter expertise in medical, scientific, and technical areas throughout the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC). USAMRMC's continued success depends on the expertise of these individuals—trained professionals like you.

### U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command

The USAMRMC is the Army's medical materiel developer. Information and products developed by the Command protect and sustain the health and safety of the force through deployment and combat. The USAMRMC motto, "Protect, Project, Sustain," emphasizes the Command's priorities in support of the Warfighter.



## The U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine

USARIEM, located at Natick, Massachusetts, is the Army's premier research organization for warfighter performance and environmental medicine, providing support to America's military at home and abroad. USARIEM protects, sustains, and enhances the health of America's warfighters through basic and applied research in environmental physiology and occupational medicine by performing relevant cutting-edge research to counter environmental and occupational threats to U.S. forces worldwide; maintaining a vibrant and committed military-civilian team; exploiting and applying new technology; and leveraging capabilities with industry, academia, and other government research, development, test, and evaluation facilities. USARIEM's current scientific areas of expertise are thermal and mountain medicine, military performance, military nutrition, and biophysics and biomedical modeling.

A Biological Sciences Assistant at USARIEM performs laboratory and imaging techniques and procedures, assists principal investigators, works with test volunteers, and collects and compiles study data.



*The work that I am involved in has a direct and lasting impact on the Warfighter on the battlefield today... Knowing that what I am doing is helping other men and women in uniform brings a great sense of pride and satisfaction to me and my life.*

-SGT Erik Lloyd, USARIEM

## Enlist in the Army as a Biological Sciences Assistant and receive:

**Salary:** The annual base salary for a Specialist (E4, enlisted-2 years) is \$22,676. The annual base salary for a Sergeant (E5, enlisted-2 years) is \$24,735. Congress traditionally approves annual pay increases, and Soldiers receive pay increases for every 2 years they serve.

**Housing:** Housing is free to all Soldiers living on base. Soldiers with no dependents will live on post. A tax-free Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) offsets the cost of housing when Soldiers live off base. BAH rates are based on location, rank, and family status. For Soldiers assigned to USAMRMC laboratories, this monthly amount can range from \$661 to \$1,695 for a married Soldier.

**Meals:** Meals are provided to all single Soldiers living on base. The Basic Allowance for Subsistence pays for food for enlisted Soldiers who are married. In 2010, this amount was about \$324/month for enlisted Soldiers.

**Health Benefits:** Medical and dental benefits are available to Soldiers and their family members at no or low cost.

**Paid Leave:** Soldiers earn 30 days of vacation annually and are paid for all national holidays and sick time as needed.

**Education:** Biological Sciences Assistants who wish to pursue their master's degrees may use the Army's Tuition Assistance program. This program provides financial assistance for voluntary off-duty education programs—either in a classroom or online—in support of professional and personal self development goals. The Army pays 100% of tuition and authorized fees up to the semester hour cap and annual ceiling. Currently the established semester hour cap is \$250, with an annual ceiling of \$4,500.

**Tuition Reimbursement:** The College Loan Repayment Program offers tuition reimbursement up to \$65,000 (taxable income) for qualifying loans to active duty Soldiers who enlist full time for 3 years or more.

**Life Insurance:** Low-cost life insurance is available to all active duty Soldiers (\$29 for \$400,000 life insurance).

**Clothing Allowance:** Enlisted Soldiers receive an annual allowance to replace uniforms and uniform decorations. For jobs that require civilian clothes, the military provides a civilian clothing allowance.

**Bonuses:** Qualified, active duty recruits may be eligible for enlistment and/or education bonuses.