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Research Fellowship Opportunities at the National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice

- NIJ is the research, development and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Dedicated to improving knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science.



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NIJ Research Fellowship Programs

- Graduate Research Fellowship Program
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
 - Social Behavioral Sciences
- W.E.B. Du Bois Program on Race and Crime
- Early Career/New Investigator Program
- Visiting Fellows Program
- Research Assistantship Program



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Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF)

Goal:

- Support doctoral students engaged in research that addresses challenges of crime and justice in the U.S.

Program tracks:

- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS)

Now accepting applications, read the [GRF SBS](#) or [GRF STEM](#) solicitation.

Join us for a Oct 4 webinar to learn more: [Registration](#)



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GRF STEM Program

Fellowship support:

- A \$35,000 annual student stipend.
- Up to \$15,000 annually for tuition, fees, and research expenses.
- Up to 3 years of support usable over a 5-year period.

Application requirements:

- Current enrollment in a PhD program in a STEM field.
- Proposed thesis project relevant to criminal justice.

FY 2016 awards: 22 awards totaling \$1.1M



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GRF SBS Program

Fellowship amount:

- Up to \$32,000 to support final phase of dissertation research.

Pre-fellowship requirements:

- Current enrollment in a PhD program in an SBS discipline.
- Students must have completed coursework, comprehensive exams, and they must be advanced to candidacy.

FY16 awards: Seven awards totaling \$222,415



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Examples of Recent GRF Fellows

Harish Swaminathan

2014 Fellow

Rutgers
University



Thesis project: “Development of Population-related Computational Methods for Analysis of Repetitive Sequences in Human Genome”

Currently: Completing PhD

Christy Mancuso

2014 Fellow

The University
of Utah



Thesis project: “Fingernails as Recorders of Region-of-Origin and Travel History”

Currently: Completing PhD



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Examples of Recent GRF Fellows

Lallen Johnson

2010 Fellow

Temple
University



Thesis project: “Modeling
Techniques to Understand Illegal
Narcotic Markets”

Currently: Assistant Professor at
Drexel University

**Jennifer
Cobbina**

2008 Fellow

University of
Missouri – St.
Louis



Thesis project: “From Prison to Home:
Women’s Pathways In and Out of
Crime”

Currently: Associate Professor at
Michigan State University



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W.E.B. Du Bois Program on Race and Crime

Goal:

Further the Department's mission by advancing knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts

Research Solicitation:

NIJ funds investigator-initiated proposals to conduct research the intersections of race, offending, victimization, and the fair administration of justice for both juveniles and adults



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W.E.B. Du Bois Program Solicitation Categories

Scholars:

- Research mentors who are advanced in their careers (terminal degree at least six years prior)
- Funding up to \$500,000 or more for research excluding secondary data analysis projects

Fellows:

- Researchers who are early in their careers (terminal degree but not tenured)
- Funding up to \$100,000 for secondary data analysis projects,
 - Or funding up to \$150,000 for other research projects



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W.E.B. Du Bois Program Research Awards

FY2016 Awards:

- Total funding \$1,157,061
- Two Scholars grants for research on policing, traffic stops, and civilian review boards
- Five Fellows grants for research on youth violence and immigration, restrictive housing in corrections, risk assessment and disparities in courts, and policing LGBTQ communities



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Past W.E.B. Du Bois Program Fellows

Dr. Irshad Altheimer

2013 Fellow

Washington
State University



Fellowship Study: Dispute-related
Urban Violence Among Blacks and
Hispanics

Currently: Assistant Professor at the
Rochester Institute of Technology

Dr. Yuning Wu

2013 Fellow

University of
Delaware



Fellowship Study: Investigate Arab-
American Experiences of Crime and
Victimization

Currently: Assistant Professor
Wayne State University



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New Investigator/Early Career Program

Goal:

- Providing new investigators an opportunity to build experience managing federal research grants.

Because:

- Experience is a factor in future funding decisions
- Federal funding is hugely competitive
- Managing federal awards is a complex and time-intensive process



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Eligibility & Topic Areas

ELIGIBILITY

- U.S. citizen
- Terminal degree no more than four years ago
- Non-tenured assistant professor
- Not have previously served as a PI on an NIJ award.
 - Former fellows eligible
 - Former graduate research assistants eligible

RESEARCH SOUGHT

- Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - Criminal justice and criminology
 - Public health
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
- Law
- Economics
- STEM/physical sciences



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Visiting Fellows Program

Goal:

- Provide experienced practitioners and researchers a platform to develop innovative approaches to solving criminal justice issues.

Benefits:

- Residence at NIJ for at least part of fellowship
- Access to federal subject matter experts and criminal justice partners
- Participation in a wide range of collegial work with NIJ Staff
- Results in a “capstone” effort that either establishes a new line of inquiry or uses an innovative approach to advance existing criminal justice research priorities



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Visiting Fellowship Types

Policy & Practitioner Fellows:

- Individuals with significant experience as criminal justice practitioners and/or policy makers advancing the administration of justice in the U.S.

Research Fellows:

- Individuals who have worked mainly on criminal justice issues in academic or other research settings.

Partnership Fellows:

- A team of a practitioner and researcher working on a joint project.

NOTE: NIJ will also accept applications from individuals in different fields who are bringing a multi-disciplinary solution to a criminal justice problem.



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NIJ Research Assistantship Program

- RAs are “full-time” graduate assistants during the academic year (20-25 hours/week)
 - Work with their assigned program officer on research projects, which vary based on placements
- **Universities apply on behalf of students**
- Any U.S. accredited university or college may nominate one or more enrolled doctoral student
- Universities and NIJ will establish an agreement upon selection



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Research Assistant Program: Who Can Apply?

U.S. Department of Education accredited universities/colleges can nominate doctoral students who:

- Are a U.S. citizens
- Are able to work in Washington, D.C. at NIJ during the academic year
- Are enrolled in a doctoral program and in good standing
- Are seeking a full-time assistantship with a minimum of a one-year commitment (with potential for reappointment)
- Have demonstrated knowledge of science research skills with a desire to apply them to the criminal justice field



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Benefits of Research Assistantship Program

- Students receive: stipend, tuition remission, health benefits, training and travel funds (placement specific)
- Opportunity to work in one of the NIJ Science Offices or the Office of the Director:
 - Office of Research and Evaluation (social and behavioral sciences)
 - Office of Science and Technology
 - Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences
- Career development for practical and applied research experience
 - Learn about the research enterprise from the perspective of a federal science agency
- Access to criminal justice organizations, universities/colleges, professionals, policymakers, and practitioners on federal, state, tribal, and local levels



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Examples of Past Tasks/Assignments

- Undertake annotated bibliographies and literature reviews
- Develop and maintain compendium of studies
- Develop and maintain measurement and study databases
- Complete comprehensive reviews of data sets
- Conduct quantitative and qualitative intramural studies
- Assist with evaluability assessments
- Coauthor peer reviewed journal articles/manuscripts, NIJ Journal articles, book chapters, summaries, research briefs, fliers, and white papers
- Coauthors/presenters of NIJ-sponsored presentations and webinars



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Become a Peer Reviewer

- NIJ needs peer reviewers from diverse backgrounds and regions to ensure the scientific integrity of submitted funding applications, and help us make well-informed decisions about our research investments.
- Diversity among peer reviewers is important because the science of criminal justice serves an increasingly diverse population, and therefore should represent and reflect all stakeholders nationwide.

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Questions?



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