



2016-2017 Academic Year
3 Research Assistantship (Doctoral Students only)
Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE)
Placement ID: VAW

Topic Area: [Violence Against Women \(VAW\): Intimate Partner Violence \(IPV\), Sexual Violence \(SV\), and Stalking](#)

Program Overview: The mission of the Violence Against Women (VAW) and Family Violence Research and Evaluation program is to promote the safety of women and family members, and to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system's response to these crimes.

Research assistant project task responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Managing the compendium of federal intramural and extramural research on VAW to include efforts funded by: Office of Justice Programs, Department of Education, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Center for Disease Control & Prevention, Department of Energy, Department of Defense, Office of Women's Health, National Science Foundation, Administration for Children and Families, and other agencies.
 - ❖ Tracking projects on a regular basis and provide updates and links to relevant reports.
 - ❖ Synthesizing current federal efforts.
 - ❖ Identifying significant research gaps.
 - ❖ Coordinating interagency meetings and communication and documentation of meeting minutes.
- Providing support for ongoing intramural research and cross-agency activities including:
 - ❖ Evaluation of a multi-site domestic violence homicide prevention program.
 - ❖ Evaluation of a wrap-around crime victim legal assistance project.
 - ❖ Campus Sexual Assault studies.
 - ❖ Participating on working group and planning meetings across the federal government.
 - ❖ Collaborating on dissemination activities that may include drafting articles or bulletins for NIJ's journal and website, drafting talking points for NIJ leadership, and drafting articles or publications for program office dissemination outlets.
- Updating and maintaining web topic pages on VAW, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and stalking as needed.
- Reviewing research reports and provide feedback and/or synthesize information.
- Assisting in program development activities that may include:
 - ❖ Conducting literature reviews.
 - ❖ Writing annotated bibliographies.
 - ❖ Participating in meetings and workshops.
 - ❖ Developing conference presentations on VAW topics.
 - ❖ Creating one-page overviews or flyers on projects of interest.



- Manage NIJ's Compendium on VAW research by working with program staff to complete yearly updates.
- Conduct intramural research on topics of interest to NIJ and RA using available datasets.
- Other tasks as assigned.

Candidate Eligibility Criteria

- Demonstrated knowledge of the U.S. criminal justice system **required**.
- Demonstrated knowledge of intermediate to advanced research and evaluation methods and analysis **required**.
- Demonstrated experience in social or behavioral science related to victimization or crime **required**.
- Demonstrated knowledge of violence against women research and evaluation **preferred**.

General Required Qualifications

- Education and/or Experience: Doctoral students working toward a terminal degree (e.g., Ph.D., D.P.A., Dr.PH., D.H.Sc., D.S.W., Psy.D., Ed.D.).
- Mathematical Skills: Very good to advanced understanding of statistical principles and research methods (quantitative and qualitative).
- Computer Skills: Working knowledge of computers and standard software such as Adobe Professional, Excel, Internet Explorer, Outlook, Windows operating systems, Word, and PowerPoint required. Proficiency using , SPSS, SAS, or Stata. Knowledge of Access, ATLAS.ti and other statistical or geospatial software a plus.
- Reasoning Ability: Ability to work independently, accurately, and in a timely manner.
- Communication Skills: Ability to communicate orally and in writing to prepare comprehensive research reports, proposals, and presentations and make recommendations to accomplish and enhance project objectives.
- Certifications, Licenses, Registrations: Human Subjects (HS) Protection training is required. NIJ research assistants must take annual HS training onsite at the Office of Justice Programs. RAs also must successfully complete [CITI training](#) prior to participating on any studies.
- Background Check: Candidates must complete all required U.S. Department of Justice profile and pre-screening paperwork with all security reviews and background investigations (such as credit and criminal investigations) resulting in a favorable adjudication.
- Citizenship: Candidates must be U.S. citizens.

Work Location: Primary work location will be at [NIJ's offices in Washington, D.C.](#) Minimal local travel in the [National Capital Region](#) may be needed to attend meetings and visit offsite research facilities. For this assistantship, extensive travel is anticipated to conduct research site visits.