



**2017-2018 Academic Year  
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 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. More information on this program can be found at:  
<http://www.nij.gov/topics/crime/violence-against-women>

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

- Manage compendium of federal intramural and extramural research on intimate partner violence (IPV) to include efforts funded by: 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, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Education, Department of Defense, Office on Women's Health, National Science Foundation, Administration for Children and Families, and other agencies to be determined.
- Track projects on a regular basis and provide updates and links to relevant reports.
- Provide support in establishing a federal wide research agenda on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
  - Synthesis of current federal efforts.
  - Identification of significant research gaps.
  - Coordination of interagency meetings and communication and documentation of meeting minutes.
- Provide support for ongoing intramural research and cross-agency activities including:
  - Evaluation of a multi-site domestic violence homicide prevention program.
  - Evaluation of a wraparound crime victim legal assistance project.
- Participation in technical research working groups and planning meetings.
- Collaborate on dissemination activities that may include drafting articles for NIJ's journal and website, drafting articles for academic peer-reviewed journals, drafting talking points for NIJ leadership, and drafting articles for program office dissemination outlets.
- Revise NIJ web topic pages on VAW, IPV, SV, and stalking, as needed.
- Peer review research reports and provide feedback and/or synthesize information.
- Assist in program development activities that can include:
  - Conducting literature reviews.
  - Writing annotated bibliographies.
  - Participating in research meetings and workshops.
  - Developing conference presentations on VAW topics.
  - Creating one-page overviews or fliers on research projects of interest.
- Manage NIJ's VAW research compendium by working with science staff to complete



yearly updates.

### **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 and 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, travel is anticipated to conduct research site visits and participate at academic conferences.