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Research Assistantship Opportunities at
the National Institute of Justice

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Informational webinar

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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 Assistantship Placement Offices

- Office of the Director
- Office of Science and Technology
- Office of Forensics and Investigative Sciences
- Office of Research and Evaluation

RAP Purpose

- Build a talent pipeline by nurturing and growing a pool of researchers involved in criminal justice research.
- Provide doctoral students with practical and applied research experience.
- Provide doctoral students an opportunity to learn firsthand how science informs policy.

Benefits of RAP

- Work with the *only* federal agency in the U.S. solely dedicated to criminal justice (CJ) research, development, testing, and evaluation
- Career development for doctoral students wanting to bridge their science to criminal justice
- Students Receive: **Stipend, Tuition Remission, Health Benefits, Training and Travel Funds**
- Monthly professional development seminars
- Ability to network with federal, regional, state, tribal, and local partners and stakeholders
- Training opportunities
- Travel to attend conferences and meetings

2017-2018 Placement Opportunities

- **Office of the Director**
 - Practitioner Partnership/Outreach
- **Office of Science and Technology**
 - Data science
 - Digital Forensics and Multimedia Analysis
 - Geospatial and Crime Mapping
 - RTS Body Armor
- **Office of Forensics and Investigative Sciences**
 - Sexual Assault Forensics
- **Office of Research and Evaluation**
 - Violence Against Women
 - Violence Against AI/AN Women
 - Violence and Victimization
 - School Safety
 - Domestic Radicalization
 - White Collar Crime
 - Children Exposed to Violence/Teen Dating Violence
 - Violent Crime Prevention
 - White Collar Crime

Application Process

- Packet Requirements:
 - Statement of Interest
 - Criminal Justice Challenge Essay
 - Resume/CV
 - Unofficial Transcript
 - Letter of Reference
- Work with your Graduate Program Director to submit your application electronically

Application Process

- Interview Highly Qualified Candidates
 - Video Interviews
- Decisions Made in March/April
 - Contact GPDs & candidates with final decisions
 - Positions begin in September 2017
- NIJ Director (or designee) approval
- Candidates' tentative acceptance of assistantship is contingent upon:
 - Successful security clearance
 - Execution of agreements between NIJ and sponsoring university

Eligibility Requirements

- University enrollment.
- Degree program.
- Reasoning ability.
- Communication skills.
- Certifications, licenses and registrations.
- Background check.
- Citizenship.
- Refer to each placement for specified qualifications

Work Product Examples

- Develop and maintain compendium of studies
- Develop and maintain measurement and study databases
- Complete comprehensive review of data sets
- Conduct qualitative interviews and focus groups, code data, and drafted technical reports for NIJ intramural studies
- Coauthor peer reviewed journal articles, NIJ Journal articles, book chapters, summaries, briefs, reports to Congress, and white papers
- Coauthors/presenters of NIJ-sponsored presentations
- Co-present on NIJ-sponsored webinars

Prohibited Work for RAs

- RAs will not supplant clerical support, grant, cooperative agreement, or contract processing or awards, study management, or any other federal employee responsibility
- RAs cannot have access to proprietary or government classified or sensitive documents/systems
- RAs will not be able to attend certain “Fed-only” meetings
 - Public Trust accessibility only

Work Schedule

- RAs and their assigned Project Officer establish a work schedule and finalize a placement work-plan
- RAs follow their university calendar
- RAs do not work on federal holidays or any other time when the federal government is “closed”
- Option to work over academic breaks (fall, winter, spring) and the summer may be offered but not required
 - With RAP manager and University prior approval
 - Up to 40 hours a week
- RAs are expected to be onsite at NIJ
- One year placement*

Supervision of Work

- RAs are employed by their University, not NIJ
- Onsite management: RAP Manager and program officer
- RAs plan and schedule their own work based on approved work plans
- NIJ provides all sponsoring GPDs with mid-year and annual reviews of RAs

Funding Coverage

- Stipend
 - Student works 20 to 29 hours a week during the academic year (based on university policy or contract)
 - Some students work over 9.5 months, some 12 months
- Tuition Remission
 - Up to 20 credits per academic year for research assistants who work for NIJ during the academic year only
 - Up to 24 credits per calendar year for research assistants who work for NIJ throughout the calendar year
- Health Benefits
- Approved Travel and Training



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For more information:

Placements and Application Process page at:

<http://www.nij.gov/funding/Pages/research-assistantship.aspx>

Contact: NIJ_RAP@usdoj.gov

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1/27/2017

WORK WITH YOUR UNIVERISTY TO GET YOUR APPLICATION IN
SOON!

