The Office of Sponsored Programs would like to thank the Research Foundation staff (From left to right: Yinet Rodriguez and Cecilia Patxot) for presenting at our Time, Leave & Benefits Workshop last month.

If you have a suggestion for a topic for future information sessions, please email your suggestions to: sponsoredprograms@jjay.cuny.edu.
Did You Know?

- If you have forgotten or do not have an RF logon ID, please email weblogonid@rfcuny.org to obtain this information, and to gain access to the RFCUNY web pages and E-Systems.

- You can join our Listserv by clicking the link below http://listserv.jjay.cuny.edu/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=SPONSOREDPROGRAMS&A=1 for up-to-date information on grants/sponsored programs.

- Planning to buy a computer on your RF-sponsored project? Please contact our representatives from Dell and/or Apple Higher Ed. By doing so you will be able to secure educational pricing and sales tax exemption.

Dell Rep: Michael Carlson
Email: Michael_Carlson@dell.com
Phone: 512-513-9427

Apple Rep: Heather Patrick
Email: hpatrick@apple.com
Phone: 800-800-2775 x 46907 or 512-674-2000

- Effective 1/1/16, the maximum amount of annual leave a RF employee may be permitted to carry-over into 2016 and subsequent calendar years shall be 175 hours. PIs should work with their project employees to work down their annual leave accruals.

John Jay IDs for RF Employees working at John Jay College

The Office of Public Safety will issue Research Foundation employees new John Jay College ID’s if the following conditions are met.

The individual must appear on the Currently Active RF Employee List. The Office of Sponsored Programs provides this list to the Office of Public Safety on a monthly or as needed basis. In order for your employee to appear on the list, PIs will need to ensure that the employee has a current ePAF in the RF system.

The PI on the grant must submit a request for an ID to be issued to the employee. The request can be an email to Public Safety, attention to Quanessa Johnson, qjohnson@jjay.cuny.edu. The employee’s name will be cross-checked with the Currently Active RF Employee List by the Office of Public Safety.

An RF employee should only be issued an ID if they are appointed for a continuous period of >30 days.

For New Hires who do not appear on the list due to their paperwork still being processed by the Research Foundation, PIs will need to issue a signed letter/memo to the Office of Public Safety indicating that the employee will indeed be working for a continuous period > 30 days. The letter should include the employee’s name, appointment start and end date, and be signed by the PI. The employee will need to provide this letter along with a valid form of identification to Public Safety upon entering the building until an ID is issued.

Please Note:

Individuals with existing John Jay IDs (e.g. students, adjuncts, faculty, staff, etc.) will be able to use their existing IDs.

An RF JJC Employee ID will have an end date that coincides with the employee’s appointment end date. This end date should be modifiable if the employee is extended to work on the same project or hired on another project. PIs should submit ePAF modifications extending the employee’s appointment as early as possible prior to their end date to avoid an employee’s ID from being deactivated.

ID’s will not be issued for interns, volunteers, and temporary or on call employees, etc.

CUNY Corps has many employees. This is a program administered by CUNY. Those employees should be issued IDs by the University.
Guidance Concerning Charging Stipends to Federally Sponsored Awards

Recently, the Research Foundation issued a memo offering additional guidance related to charging stipends to federally sponsored awards. This new memo supplements a previous memo dated May 28, 2015. Please take a moment to review the memo at the following link: https://www.rfcuny.org/FilesDirectory/AnnualReport/documents/Guidance%20Memo%20on%20Stipends%2010-19-2015.pdf.

Below are a few key points from the memo:

- Under new Uniform Guidance (§200.466), scholarships and student aid costs (stipends) are allowable “…only when the purpose of the Federal award is to provide training to selected participants and the charge is approved by the Federal awarding agency.”

- The National Institutes of Health Grants Policy Statement explicitly states that stipends are not allowed on research grants. This definitive statement appears twice in Part II Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards Subpart A: General; Selected Items of Costs (Section 7.9.1). Under Salaries and Wages/Compensation of Students, it states: “Payments made for educational assistance (e.g., scholarships, fellowships, and student aid costs) may not be paid from NIH research grant funds even when they would appear to benefit the research project.” Further, in the same section under Stipends, “Stipends are not allowable under research grants even when they appear to benefit the research project.”

- The National Science Foundation Grant Proposal Guide (Section II.C.2.v.) allows for stipends only in support of “participants or trainees at conferences, meetings, symposia, training activities and workshops.” In these cases, the scope of work should include a description of the training activity and the agency must agree to the funding of participant support costs.

- Given the guidance provided by Federal sponsors it is clear that stipends are only allowed on federal research awards where the sponsor has specifically included training activities in the original scope of work. Therefore, outgoing federal proposals that include stipends in the budget should include a description of the training and its purpose in the award documentation.

- Student support that is not identified explicitly as a “stipend” will be considered compensation and should carry indirect costs.

- Stipends are allowable on certain non-federal research awards, but they should be anticipated in the proposal budget and approved by the sponsor. Many non-federal sponsors are willing to fund stipends, however, it is important to distinguish individuals who are providing services to the College from individuals being paid without any expectation of work. Human Resource policies prevail over sponsor expectations. An individual who is being paid for the services he or she provides to the University should be considered either an employee or independent contractor.
New Electronic I-9 Form Process when Hiring Research Foundation Employees

The Research Foundation of CUNY has now implemented the use of the Electronic I-9. Once an employee is verified as being a New Hire, they will receive an invitation to complete Section 1 of the Electronic I-9. This should be completed before or on the employee’s start date. They will then need to meet with a staff member in Sponsored Programs to complete Section 2 of the Electronic I-9. This new system completes the I-9 & E-verify process all in one!

Steps to Hiring Employees on RF CUNY Payroll

Due to Federal, State and Local regulations and laws, employees MUST NOT begin working until the appropriate paperwork is filled out regardless of their employee status.

- Contact Cherryanne Ward, Grants Assistant (212-621-3718; cward@jjay.cuny.edu) with the employee’s full name, email address, date of birth, and expected start date. *If the employee has a common last name, we may ask for the last four digits of the social security number.
- OSP Staff will verify with the Research Foundation the employees’ status – whether they are considered a New Hire or a Rehire – the paperwork may vary for each employee.
- OSP staff will email you and the employee with the appropriate paperwork that must be completed before the employee can begin working. Please do not use the documents previously used for other employees as requirements may vary. The email will also have specific instructions for both the Principal Investigator as well as the employee. Please read the email carefully for detailed instructions on the forms that apply to you and that require your input.
- The employee will also be sent a separate email invitation to complete Section 1 of the Electronic I-9 Form. This email will come from the third party source known as EMPForce. They will still need to see an OSP staff member with their original unexpired documents in order to complete the I-9 & E-Verify process.
- You will complete the paperwork with the employee and sign off on all required forms, and then have the employee make an appointment to see an OSP staff member BEFORE or ON the employee’s start date. We need to see the employee in person in order to I-9 and E-Verify them if needed. All New Hires MUST be I-9ed & E-Verified by the third day after their start date. There are also I-9 requirements for Rehires that vary depending on their break in service. We encourage you to complete the paperwork at least two weeks prior to the employee’s start date, so that the paperwork will be processed in time for appropriate payroll period.
- Completed paperwork will be forwarded to the Research Foundation for processing. Once processed, the Principal Investigator will receive notification that they can enter in an e-PAF (the electronic version of the Personnel Action Form which encumbers the funding for the employee on the RF account).
- Once the e-PAF has been entered, the employee will receive an email with their employee ID number from the Research Foundation with instructions on how to complete their online profile and submit timesheets.
- You will then be able to approve timesheets your employee submits according to the payroll schedule using the RF online Time and Leave System.

Helpful Links:

To view a complete list of the New Hire Forms, please visit https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/guides/content.aspx?catID=1840
To view a complete list of the Rehire Forms, please visit https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/guides/content.aspx?catID=3890

RF Employees Receiving Health Benefits 1095 Mailing to Employees

The following are Q and A’s that help answer some of the more pertinent questions relating to the 1095 form.

Q. Does this mean I can’t file my taxes until I receive my 1095 form?
A. The IRS has specifically stated that you will not need these forms to file your 2015 taxes.

Q. Will I have to amend my tax filing when I receive my 1095 form(s)?
A. The IRS has specifically stated that you will not need to amend your tax filings upon receipt of your 1095 form(s).

Q. Do I need to keep my 1095 form(s)?
A. Please keep these forms with your other tax documentation records as these forms are important tax documents.

Q. How will I indicate I had health insurance in 2015?
A. The IRS 1040 form will ask if you had health insurance coverage for all 12 months; same as last year.

Q. Will I still be receiving my 1095 form(s)?
A. Although these forms are not needed to complete your taxes for 2015, employers and insurance providers are still required to furnish these forms to their employees.

If you are supposed to receive a form but have not received your form by April 5, 2016, please call 212-417-8300 and ask to speak with your campus Benefits Coordinator.
New Pilot System for RF Purchases Over $5,000

The Research Foundation is now piloting an online version of the Purchase Requisition Form (RF-208) for purchases over $5,000. The form can be accessed at the RF site https://www.rfcuny.org/FilesDirectory/OTPS/documents/RF%20Form%20208%20v31215%20FINAL.pdf. You will need to log in with your RF user ID and password to access the form.

- Complete Form RF-208.
- Provide any supporting documentation such as quotes, bids, sole vendor justifications, material data safety sheets, etc.
- Email Purchase Order (PO) and supporting documents to PO@rfcuny.org. RF will contact you with any questions or requests for further documentation.
- If approved, RF will place the order directly with the vendor and send you a copy of the approved PO.

Note: These items will not be tracked in the old “Document Tracking” system on www.rfcuny.org. Any questions on the status of your PO should be sent to PO@rfcuny.org.

Research Foundation of CUNY’s New Office of Award Pre-Proposal Support

There is a new office at the Research Foundation of CUNY, which you may be hearing about or from very soon! The Office of Award Pre-Proposal Support (APPS) is a value added service established by the Research Foundation of the City University of New York (RFCUNY) as of December 2015 to advance the University’s sponsored programs enterprise by helping CUNY faculty and students identify and obtain extramural funding to support their research, education, training, curriculum development, and other related activities.

**Vision:** Developing and advancing an array of research development activities within RFCUNY that provide faculty and students at all CUNY colleges the resources needed to successfully compete for research grants from external sources.

**Mission:** APPS supports and advances the University’s mission of “a premier research [and educational] institution, building an array of modern facilities and expanding the ranks of its world-class faculty” by working closely with the faculty and campus administrations to:
- Encourage the faculty and students to write proposals
- Provide resources to faculty and students to write successful proposals
- Assist grant administrators in developing a standardized set of metrics to monitor proposal success rates across CUNY
- Provide leadership and expertise in creation of a University-wide sponsored program development strategy

**Activities:** APPS promotes CUNY sponsored program endeavors by:
- Assisting the faculty and students with identifying funding sources
- Sharing knowledge of agency mission, culture, and funding opportunities
- Offering consultation about all aspects of proposal preparation
- Facilitating easy access to information on funding opportunities and other resources through access to a comprehensive and continually updated APPS website
- Connecting the faculty to build/create disciplinary and interdisciplinary collaborations University-wide, nationally, and internationally
- Offering and encouraging attendance at sponsored program development-related and proposal writing workshops, seminars, on-line forums, and meetings
- Supporting faculty to meet program officers and to serve on proposal review panels at the grant funding institutions
- Scheduling and coordinating visits of workshops and outreach activities by representatives of funding agencies
- Acting as liaison between principal investigators/project directors and the funding agency program officers/grant administrators on questions or issues that arise prior to funding
- Creation of an internal proposal peer review process
- Development of a shared grant proposal database (e.g. Kuali Research)
- Offering follow-up consultation when a proposal is denied funding by helping to strengthen the proposal and assisting the investigators in determining whether there is merit in a resubmission

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**EVENTS**

**E-PAF and E-Timesheet Training Session Schedule for 2016**

Learn how to access RFCUNY web-based ePAF and Time and Leave systems for processing employee appointments and creating/submitting timesheets. These trainings will benefit Grants Officers & their staff, Principal Investigators, timekeepers and administrative assistants.

Training sessions will be held at the Research Foundation of CUNY central office located at 230 West 41st Street (between 7th & 8th Avenues), 7th Floor. Here are the upcoming dates when training will be available:

- Tuesday, April 12, 2016
- Tuesday, June 7, 2016
- Tuesday, October 4, 2016
- Tuesday, May 10, 2016
- Tuesday, September 13, 2016
- Tuesday, November 1, 2016

**All sessions will take place from 9:30 am - 12 noon**

**How to Register:** Please send an email to Sacheen_McWatt@rfcuny.org to RSVP.

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**NSF Career Award Workshop**

(For untenured, tenure-track CUNY Assistant Professors)

**If you are:**

- A New Faculty Member (untenured, tenure-track Assistant Professor)
- Interested in Building a Lifetime Contribution to Research and Education
- A Visionary with Groundbreaking Ideas

**The CAREER Award Workshop is for YOU!**

**Workshop Details:**

**Date and time:** Friday, April 8th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Graduate Center, CUNY
- Proshansky Auditorium
- 365 Fifth Avenue at 34th Street

**RSVP:** Ingrid_Valentin@rfcuny.org

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**John Jay Research Spring 2016 Book Talk Series**

John Jay College's [Office for the Advancement of Research](https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/oar) sponsors a series of book talks each academic semester, showcasing high quality works of particular contemporary importance and relevance to the interests of the John Jay College community. To RSVP for any of the following book talks, please e-mail oar@jjay.cuny.edu.

On **May 9, 2016**, Naomi Murakawa, Professor at Princeton University, will be giving a book talk on, *The First Civil Right: How Liberals Built Prison America*. This talk will take place in the 9th floor conference room (9.64NB) from 4:15p-5:30p.

For past entries in the series, please see [the OAR Book Talks webpage](https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/oar).
Grants Spotlight

Philip T. Yanos, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Psychology

Dr. Philip T. Yanos is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is committed to studying issues related to the recovery and successful community integration of persons with severe and persistent mental illness and has received funding from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to study these issues. Areas of particular interest included community integration, the impact of coping, interventions to address internalized stigma, and interventions for persons with criminal justice involvement.

Currently, Dr. Yanos is working on three externally-funded projects: two as principal investigator, and one as a co-investigator. The first project is titled “Randomized Controlled Trial of Treatment for Internalized Stigma in Schizophrenia” and is funded by the NIMH. The purpose of this study is to test the efficacy of a psychosocial intervention which Dr. Yanos co-developed that aims to decrease “internalized stigma,” which diminishes self-esteem and hope for the future, among people diagnosed with schizophrenia. It is being conducted at clinical agencies in New Jersey and Indiana and is currently in its fourth year of funding.

The second project is titled “Examining Determinants of Community Participation among Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities” and is funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research. The purpose of this study is to examine the housing, neighborhood, and individual-level factors that predict “community participation” among people with psychiatric disabilities living in the New York City area. It includes a survey of attitudes toward people with mental illness among local community members in the communities where people with psychiatric disabilities live and is currently in its third year of funding.

The last study, which he co-investigator on, is titled “Treating Hidden Barriers to Employment: Integrated Treatment for PTSD in Supported Employment,” and is also funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research. This project aims to assess the effectiveness of a group-based cognitive behavioral treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among people with severe mental illness who are also engaged in supported employment services. It is being conducted at supported employment agencies in New York City, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Yanos received his doctorate in clinical psychology from St. John’s University. Prior to joining the faculty at John Jay, he was a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry of UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. He has published extensively in journals such as the International Journal of Law and Psychiatry, International Journal of Forensic Mental Health, Psychiatry Research, etc., and has publications in press in the Journal of Clinical Psychology and International Journal of Social Psychiatry, among others.
**National Institute of Justice—Funding Opportunities**

*Improving Funding Mechanisms to Solve Criminal Justice Challenges*

Fiscal year 2016 will reflect some key shifts at NIJ. In line with the Director’s priorities, as well as those of the Administration and the needs of the field, NIJ is taking a multidisciplinary approach to its upcoming solicitations and identifying new ways to foster partnerships. These changes have also required a realignment of NIJ's internal processes, all with the main goal of nurturing NIJ as a scientific agency and better supporting the researchers and practitioners that NIJ serves.

FY 2016 solicitations are now being drafted, reviewed and approved. However, we anticipate solicitations on a variety of topics, several of which relate directly to the Administration's priorities, including research on:

- Policing practices including building and strengthening police-community relationships and officer training, technology and wellness.
- Longitudinal examination of violence and victimization among college-age individuals.
- Illegal drug markets (including diversion of legal drugs) and criminal behavior.
- The use of restrictive housing, and correctional officer safety and wellness.
- Reducing firearms violence, and understanding the causes and effects of firearms violence.
- Identifying best practices for testing and interpreting physical evidence


**NIJ Forthcoming Funding Opportunities:** [http://www.nij.gov/funding/Pages/forthcoming.aspx](http://www.nij.gov/funding/Pages/forthcoming.aspx)

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*Forensic Science Technology Working Group: Operational Requirements*

Results from NIJ’s Technology Working Group (TWG) meeting held in September is available for review on the NIJ website. The report identifies technology needs highlighted by the forensic science practitioner community. These needs and requirements help inform NIJ’s planned and ongoing research and development activities, and ensure that future research and development investments meet practitioner-driven needs.

**Link:** [http://www.nij.gov/topics/forensics/pages/forensic-operational-requirements.aspx](http://www.nij.gov/topics/forensics/pages/forensic-operational-requirements.aspx)

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**NIJ— Research and Evaluation on Victims of Crime**

**Deadline:** June 3, 2016

**Description:** In collaboration with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), NIJ is seeking proposals for research and evaluation studies that will improve our understanding of victims of crime and/or will improve the programs designed to address their needs. Proposals should address one of the following four areas: Victim-Offender Overlap; Secondary Data Analyses That Improve Our Understanding of Violent Victimization Experiences of At-Risk Groups; Research on Restorative Justice Practices With Victims of Crime; and Financial Costs of Crime Victimization.

**Amount:** NIJ estimates that it will make up to two (2) awards per focus area of up to $750,000 per award for a 24-36 month project period, beginning on January 1, 2017.


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**Interested in these or any other funding opportunities?**

Contact the Office of Sponsored Programs early in your proposal development—ideally at least three weeks before the application is due. There are lots of details to discuss and review, such as:

- Budget and allowable costs
- Space usage on campus
- Cost sharing restrictions
- Institutional letters of support
- Research compliance (i.e. Human Subjects and/or Animal Research, Responsible Conduct of Research, Conflict of Interest)
- ...And many, many more!
**National Institute of Justice – Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)**

**NIJ—Developing Improved Means to Collect Digital Evidence**

**Deadline:** April 14, 2016  
**Description:** The purpose of the NIJ Research, Evaluation, and Development Project Grants program is to encourage and support research, development, and evaluation to improve criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals for funding to conduct research and technology development leading to the introduction into practice of new and innovative tools to:

- Process large-scale computer networks for digital evidence in a forensically sound manner that preserves the probative value of the evidence that the computer network may contain;
- Process mobile devices voluntarily surrendered to law enforcement by witnesses or victims of an alleged crime, which will discriminate between data that are germane to that crime and that which is not, and which will only collect data that are germane; or
- Automatically detect children in pornographic videos of varying quality.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $1,500,000 may become available for several awards under this solicitation in FY 2016.  

**NIJ—Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime FY 2016**

**Deadline:** April 20, 2016  
**Description:** Over the last several years, the U.S. has experienced important developments affecting drug-related crime, including legislation that decriminalizes or legalizes marijuana and other cannabis products, a resurgence in heroin use, growth in prescription drug diversion, and a proliferation of novel psychoactive substances (NPS) or chemically engineered drugs such as synthetic cannabinoids and cathinones (e.g., “K2” and "bath salts"). These have raised several challenges for law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies concerning drug intelligence and surveillance, criminal investigations (including narcotics enforcement, forensic science, and medicolegal death investigation), and prosecution. NIJ seeks applications to examine the feasibility, impact, and cost-efficiency of tools, protocols, and policies that support criminal justice agencies in addressing drug trafficking, markets and use, and the effects of drug legalization and decriminalization on law enforcement. The purpose of this solicitation is to promote innovative and evidence-based practices in narcotics law enforcement and forensic investigation. Findings generated by this research are intended to support the efforts of law enforcement, prosecutors, and other agencies—both in independent performance, and in partnership with public health and community stakeholders as recommended by DOJ.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates up to $3 million will be available to fund multiple grant awards (including cooperative agreements), each no more than $1 million, and not to exceed three years with an option for a no-cost extension.  

**NIJ—Data Resources Program: Funding for Analysis of Existing Data**

**Deadline:** April 25, 2016  
**Description:** NIJ, BJS, and OJJDP have entered into a partnership to request applications under this Data Resources Program (DRP) solicitation for original research using existing data available from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD) and other public sources.

NIJ, BJS, and OJJDP sponsor data sets covering a wide range of juvenile and criminal justice topics. Most of these data sets are available at NACJD, although some data may also be available from other agency websites. DRP is intended primarily to support secondary analysis to inform juvenile and criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. Therefore, other publicly available secondary data may also be proposed for use in research funded under this solicitation, especially if they enhance or add to NACJD by replicating or extending original findings or testing new hypotheses.

This joint solicitation for DRP will give highest priority to research that addresses compelling crime and criminal justice questions involving juvenile and adult populations, and that uses NIJ, BJS, or OJJDP data from NACJD.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates making multiple awards of up to $40,000, for a 12-month project period, beginning on January 1, 2017.  
NIJ—Elder Abuse Prevention Demonstration Project: Planning Phase

Deadline: May 2, 2016

Description: NIJ is seeking applications for a rigorous, multi-year demonstration project to prevent abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation among community-residing elderly individuals identified to be at risk for elder mistreatment. This solicitation is for an 18-month planning phase.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make up to two awards of up to $400,000 for an estimated total of $800,000 for an 18-month project period, beginning on January 1, 2017.


NIJ—Forensic Technology Center of Excellence

Deadline: May 2, 2016

Description: NIJ is seeking proposals to establish and operate a Forensic Technology Center of Excellence (FTCOE) to support its research, development, testing, and evaluation processes across all areas of forensic science. The FTCOE should focus on specific efforts to include, but not be limited to:

- Providing scientific and technical support to NIJ’s research and development efforts.
- Facilitating demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by crime laboratories, forensic service providers, law enforcement, and other criminal justice agencies.
- Providing technology assistance, information, and support to law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies.
- Developing and providing access to resources for research, education, and best practices in the forensic science and criminal justice community.
- Developing and implementing strategic methods to evaluate the impact of NIJ’s forensic science investments on the criminal justice system.

Amount: NIJ estimates that up to a total of $5,000,000 may become available for one (1) award made through this solicitation.


NIJ—Longitudinal Cohort Study of Interpersonal Violence Among College-Aged Women and Men: Planning Phase

Deadline: May 6, 2016

Description: NIJ is interested in funding a multi-year effort to conduct a nationally representative, longitudinal study examining long-term trajectories of risk for, experiences with, and recovery after experiencing violence among college-aged individuals. NIJ is broadly interested in victimization and violence experienced by college-aged individuals including sexual assault and rape, dating violence, stalking, violence committed by peers, and violence committed by strangers. Initial funding under this solicitation should cover an initial 24-month planning phase in anticipation of additional funding becoming available to support the recruitment and retention of five waves (over six years) of college students and individuals not attending four-year residential colleges.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make up to one award of up to $1,000,000 for a 24-month period, beginning on November 1, 2016.


NIJ—Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism: Prevention and Intervention Demonstration Programs

Deadline: May 9, 2016

Description: This solicitation seeks to build knowledge and evidence related to strategies for effective prevention and intervention of domestic radicalization and violent extremism in the United States. The overall purpose of these programs is to reduce the likelihood that acts of violent extremism will occur. This funding will support replication and evaluation of existing programs as well as the development and evaluation of programs where none currently exists. Funded projects will apply an “action research” approach that engages researchers and practitioners in an active partnership to develop more effective solutions to specific problems and to produce transportable lessons and strategies that may help other localities with similar problems.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make multiple awards of up to $750,000 for an estimated total of $3.5 million for a 24-month project period.

National Institute of Justice – Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)

NIJ—Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons

Deadline: May 9, 2016

Description: With this solicitation, NIJ continues to build upon its research and evaluation efforts to better understand, prevent, and respond to trafficking in persons in the United States. Applicants should propose research projects that first and foremost have clear implications for criminal justice in the United States. This year, NIJ is particularly interested in research responding to and addressing knowledge gaps as they relate to trafficking in the following priority areas:

- Evaluations of effective investigative initiatives (including task forces).
- Community and State-level prevalence estimates.
- Trafficking in Indian country and Alaska Native communities.
- Evaluations.

Strong applications that address human trafficking in the United States in a criminal justice context that fall outside of these priority areas will also be considered.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make up to 3 awards of up to $500,000 for a 24 to 36-month project period, beginning on January 1, 2017.


NIJ—Research on Bias Crimes

Deadline: May 10, 2016

Description: NIJ is seeking applications for research and evaluation related to the examination of bias crime perpetration and victimization. For this solicitation, NIJ is interested in a broad range of research that will address gaps in our ability to identify, assess, and understand the behavior of bias crime offenders and experiences of bias crime victims.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make up to two awards for an estimated total of $1,000,000 for up to a 36-month project period, beginning on January 1, 2017.


NIJ—FY16 Visiting Fellows Program


Description: With this solicitation, subject to available funding, NIJ seeks proposals for innovative research, scholarship, and/or knowledge-building projects addressing high-priority criminal justice issues as part of the 2016 NIJ Visiting Fellows Program. Awards made under the NIJ Visiting Fellows Program will bring leading researchers, practitioners, and/or others into residency at NIJ to make important scholarly and policy contributions with practical application to the criminal justice field, and to work with the NIJ Director, staff, and relevant NIJ stakeholders to help shape the direction of NIJ's research programs. Through this solicitation, NIJ seeks both research fellows, who have backgrounds primarily in academic or research settings, and practitioner fellows, who have backgrounds working primarily in criminal justice policy and/or as a criminal justice practitioner. NIJ also seeks fellow partnerships—a research fellow and a practitioner fellow who will work together on a joint project. During their fellowship at NIJ, visiting fellows will work on a significant piece of scholarship or evidence-based initiative that has the potential to advance significantly criminal justice research and practice, such as a major “capstone” effort culminating a new line of research or the development and socialization of an innovative, evidence-based initiative that has significant potential to advance criminal justice research and practice in the United States.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make up to six awards for an estimated total of $1 million for a 6–18 month project period, beginning after August 1, 2016, but before January 31, 2017. The funding level for each fellowship will be largely determined by the salary requirements of the applicant, which must be fully documented in the budget and budget narrative.

NIJ—Investigator-Initiated Research and Evaluation on Firearms Violence

Deadline: May 13, 2016

Description: NIJ seeks applications for funding investigator-initiated research and evaluation related to reducing firearms violence and understanding the causes and effects of firearms violence. This solicitation aims to strengthen our knowledge base and improve public safety by producing findings with practical implications for reducing firearms violence. This solicitation is focused specifically on producing research related to intentional, interpersonal firearms violence.

Amount: NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $3 million may become available for awards under this solicitation


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

Deadline: May 16, 2016

Description: With this solicitation, NIJ seeks applications for funding for the W.E.B. Du Bois Program of Research on Race and Crime. The program seeks to advance knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts. This year, NIJ seeks applicants for two funding categories:

1. W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars—those who are advanced in their careers and seek to conduct research that advances the study of race and crime.
2. W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship For Research on Race and Crime Research—those who are early in their careers and seek the opportunity to elevate their research ideas related to the study of race and crime to the level of national discussion.

Amount: The W.E.B. Du Bois Scholar – NIJ anticipates that up to $2 million may become available for up to four awards under this category


NIJ—Research on “Sentinel Events” and Criminal Justice System Errors

Deadline: May 17, 2016

Description: The purpose of the National Institute of Justice Research, Evaluation, and Development Projects grants program (CFDA 16.560) is to encourage and support research, development, and evaluation to improve criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. NIJ is interested in encouraging further research on a relatively new area of study in criminal justice research — an exploration of the use of sentinel event reviews (SERs) to improve criminal justice systems overall. Mistakes, or negative outcomes, in the criminal justice system are rarely caused by one single act or actor. Often, mistakes signal multiple weaknesses in the criminal justice system or process. Thus, corrections to such errors need to go beyond traditional remedies that focus on removing the “bad apple” responsible for the event to those that address the underlying system-level problems that contributed to the event. Sentinel event review processes have been used in other fields, notably aviation and medicine, and NIJ would like to sponsor research projects that explore the use of these reviews in the criminal justice system.

Amount: NIJ estimates that a total of $1,000,000 may become available for multiple awards under this solicitation. Prospective applicants may propose projects with budgets as low as $10,000. From the total amount, NIJ anticipates that it will make multiple awards for up to 36-month project periods.

National Institute of Justice – Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)

NIJ—FY16 Research and Evaluation on Institutional Corrections

Deadline: May 17, 2016
Description: NIJ seeks innovative research proposals to empirically assess pressing issues in institutional corrections. Applicants should clearly indicate the category selected. NIJ anticipates that up to $8 million may become available for awards under this solicitation. Research proposed on institutional corrections topics outside of the three categories proposed in this solicitation will not be considered. Applications will only be reviewed in the categories in which they are received. Applications that are not responsive to the specific category area and applications that are submitted to a category in error will be removed from competition. Applicants interested in submitting research proposals that focus on community corrections are encouraged to submit proposals to NIJ’s “Community Corrections: Technology Research, Development and Evaluation to Improve Supervision and Outcomes” solicitation.3
Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make multiple awards for an estimated total of $8 million. Project periods should begin on January 1, 2017. For “Advancing science: Responding to the National Academy of Sciences Report,” it is anticipated that $2 million will be available for one to two projects. For “Understanding the use of restrictive housing,” up to $4 million will be available for multiple projects. For “An examination of correctional officer safety and wellness: The impact of fatal and non-fatal work-related injuries on the corrections institution,” it is anticipated that $2 million will be available for one to two projects.

NIJ—Community Corrections: Technology Research, Development, and Evaluation to Improve Supervision and Outcomes

Deadline: May 19, 2016
Description: NIJ seeks proposals for funding for both research and development, and evaluation projects to advance the technology used to monitor individuals under community supervision. These efforts are aimed at improving supervision of such individuals and their successful reintegration into society. More specifically, through these projects NIJ seeks to advance the state-of-the-art of technologies used for electronic monitoring (EM). To that end, NIJ seeks proposals for funding to develop prototype “smart technology” solutions that include artificial intelligence (AI) for community corrections supervision. NIJ also seeks proposals for funding for operational evaluation of those solutions. NIJ further seeks proposals for funding to develop improved tracking components for offender tracking systems (OTS). This includes the use of mobile device-based solutions to assist the individual in making full use of services and programs to address their criminogenic needs; and/or assist the supervising officer in supervising the individual.
Amount: NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $2,000,000 may become available for awards under this solicitation in FY 2016.

NIJ—Comprehensive School Safety Initiative

Deadline: May 27, 2016
Description: The Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI) funds rigorous research to produce practical knowledge that can improve the safety of schools and students. The Initiative is carried out through partnerships between researchers, educators, and other stakeholders; including law enforcement, behavioral and mental health professionals, courts, and other justice system professionals. Projects funded under the CSSI are designed to produce knowledge that can be applied to schools and school districts across the nation for years to come. This solicitation includes four funding categories with different expectations and requirements to accomplish the purposes of the CSSI.
Amount: For Category 1: NIJ estimates that a total of up to $45 million will become available. NIJ anticipates awards will be made in amounts ranging from $1 million to $5 million with project periods ranging from 24-48 months.
For Category 2: NIJ estimates that a total of up to $2 million will become available. NIJ anticipates awards will be made in amounts ranging from $200,000 to $1 million with project periods ranging from 24-36 months.
For Category 3: NIJ estimates that a total of up to $3 million will become available. NIJ anticipates awards will be made in amounts ranging from $200,000 to $700,000 with project periods ranging from 12-24 months.
For Category 4: NIJ estimates that a total of up to $15 million will become available. NIJ anticipates that it will make up to three awards in amounts up to $5 million with project periods ranging from 48-60 months.

Link:
**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention—Funding Opportunities**

**OJJDP—National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program**

**Deadline:** April 26, 2016

**Description:** OJJDP is seeking proposals to support the National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program—its central, primary source to conduct statistical analyses and disseminate juvenile justice data to the public. The activities completed under this program will assist OJJDP in fulfilling its responsibility to provide vital data to the field on juvenile well-being and risk behaviors, juvenile victimization and offending, the juvenile justice system’s response to law-violating behavior, and related issues. These important data inform juvenile justice policy and practice at the federal, state, and local levels.

**Amount:** OJJDP expects to make one award for a 3-year project period. Applicants must submit a 1-year budget totaling as much as $800,000 for the initial year of this project. Applicants should propose an award start date of October 1, 2016.


**OJJDP—Defending Childhood State Policy Initiative**

**Deadline:** May 10, 2016

**Description:** Each year in the United States, millions of children and youth are exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities. A national survey estimates exposure rates at about two out of every three children. Left unaddressed, trauma caused by exposure to violence can put these children and youth at an increased risk for future victimization, failure in school and employment, and involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Trauma caused by exposure to violence also can have long-term medical implications, including increased likelihood of mental health problems, stroke, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and premature death.

In spite of emerging research that deftly describes the problem and prescribes several evidence-based solutions, there remains a significant gap in the application of this knowledge to state policy and practice. To help remedy this gap, OJJDP is undertaking initiatives with a limited number of states to help them improve their policies and practices related to the identification, screening, assessment, and treatment of children and youth exposed to violence. This solicitation will select a training and technical assistance provider that will invite applications from states interested and capable of undertaking this work in close collaboration with OJJDP and with the states that have already participated in this initiative (California, Michigan, and Massachusetts).

**Amount:** OJJDP expects to make one award of as much as $500,000 for an 18-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2016.


**OJJDP—Evaluations of Trauma-Informed Care in Juvenile Justice Settings/ Girls’ Trauma-Informed Programs**

**Deadline:** May 23, 2016

**Description:** This solicitation will support two or more rigorous evaluations focused on the integration of trauma-informed care for youth who have come into contact with the juvenile justice system. Currently, national recognition is growing regarding the importance of providing trauma-informed care to this population to facilitate healing and to reduce retraumatizing experiences within the juvenile justice system. To inform the development, adaptation, and/or replication of evidence-based practices, the process of implementation and the impact of trauma screening, assessment, and treatment throughout juvenile justice settings must be evaluated.

This solicitation includes funding for one or more evaluation(s) under each of two categories. Category 1 applicants may propose to evaluate trauma-informed care approaches serving both boys and girls in contact with the juvenile justice system. Category 2 applicants will focus on evaluating gender-specific programming for girls in the juvenile justice system.

**Amount:** OJJDP expects to make one or more award(s) under Category 1 and one or more award(s) under Category 2 of as much as $500,000 per award (for a total of as much as $1 million under this solicitation) for a project period of as long as 5 years. While applicants may submit more than one unique application under this solicitation, they may not submit the same application under both categories.

**Link:** [http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2016/EvalTraumaJJ.pdf](http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2016/EvalTraumaJJ.pdf)
BJA—National Initiatives: Officer Safety and Wellness Initiative—VALOR Program

**Deadline:** April 21, 2016

**Description:** BJA is seeking applications under five distinct categories for the FY16 National Initiatives: Officer Safety and Wellness Initiative—VALOR Program:

- **VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Training and Technical Assistance National Provider** - A national officer safety and wellness training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to continue, and enhance, the Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Program.

- **Active Shooter Response Tactical Training and Technical Assistance Provider** – A tactical TTA provider to deliver tactical TTA to support, on a national level, state and local law enforcement officers responding to an active shooter event.

- **Officer Safety and Wellness Recognition Program** - An organization to identify, recognize, and increase awareness of officer safety and wellness best practices and programs at a national level through an officer safety and wellness recognition program.

- **Officer Safety and Wellness Pilot Research and Evaluation Model** - A national director/coordinator to implement and oversee the creation of an officer safety and wellness pilot research and evaluation program that will develop three pilot research and evaluation sites.

- **De-Escalation Training and Technical Assistance Provider** - Delivery of evidence-based de-escalation TTA to educate and protect state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers and improve outcomes and relationships between officers and the communities they serve.

**Amount:** Under Categories 1 and 2, BJA estimates that it will make up to one award of up to $4,850,000 for a 24 month project period in each Category, beginning on or after October 1, 2016. Under Category 3, BJA estimates that it will make up to one award of up to $400,000 for a 24 month project period, beginning on or after October 1, 2016. Under Category 4, BJA estimates that it will make up to one award of up to $1.2 million for a 24 month project period, beginning on or after October 1, 2016. Under Category 5, BJA estimates that it will make up to one award of up to $2.1 million for a 24 month project period, beginning on or after October 1, 2016.

**Link:** [https://www.bja.gov/Funding/VALOR16.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/Funding/VALOR16.pdf)

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BJA—Violence Reduction Network: National Training and Technical Assistance Program

**Deadline:** May 5, 2016

**Description:** The Violence Reduction Network (VRN or the “Network”), administered by BJA, is designed to enhance and improve the capacity of local jurisdictions to address violent crime and increase public safety. VRN is a comprehensive program to leverage existing DOJ resources to deliver strategic, intensive training and technical assistance (TTA) to local jurisdictions experiencing a precipitous increase in violent crime. BJA is seeking two TTA providers who will deliver TTA to state and local law enforcement agencies, and other criminal justice system agencies in jurisdictions selected to participate in the VRN. Cities currently participating in the VRN include Camden, New Jersey; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Oakland/Richmond, California; Wilmington, Delaware; Compton, California; Flint, Michigan; Little Rock, Arkansas; Newark, New Jersey; and West Memphis, Arkansas. The providers will also be responsible for supporting all aspects of the VRN TTA, a collaborative effort of the following DOJ component agencies: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); U.S. Marshals Service (USMS); the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA); local United States Attorney's Offices (USAOs); Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS); Office of Violence Against Women (OVW); and OJP, including BJA.

**Amount:**

- **Category 1:** Local Law Enforcement Violent Crime Strategy Enhancement: BJA-2016-9366. BJA expects to award one cooperative agreement up to $3,000,000 for a 24-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2016, to support the enhancement and/or development of local jurisdictions’ strategies to address violent crime. Applicants must allocate at least $500,000 to support the deployment of crime analysts to local jurisdictions.

- **Category 2:** VRN Logistical Support: BJA-2016-9367. BJA expects to award one cooperative agreement up to $2,500,000 for a 24-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2016, to provide logistical support for VRN and plan VRN national summits.

**Link:** [https://www.bja.gov/funding/VRN16.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/funding/VRN16.pdf)
Bureau of Justice Assistance —Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)

BJA—Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Deadline: May 12, 2016

Description: Healthy, vibrant communities are places that provide the opportunities, resources, and an environment that children and adults need to maximize their life outcomes, including high-quality schools and cradle-to-career educational programs; high-quality and affordable housing; thriving commercial establishments; access to quality health care and health services; art and cultural amenities; parks and other recreational spaces; and the safety to take advantage of these opportunities. Unfortunately, millions of Americans live in distressed communities where a combination of crime, poverty, unemployment, poor health, struggling schools, inadequate housing, and disinvestment keep many residents from reaching their full potential. Further, research suggests that crime clustered in small areas, or crime “hot spots,” accounts for a disproportionate amount of crime and disorder in many communities. Research also reinforces that in some communities, there is also a significant percentage of residents who are under criminal supervision or returning from correctional facilities, creating opportunities for community-based, proactive approaches for these residents that can prevent recidivism.

The BCJI program is funded pursuant to the “Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2016” under the Edward Byrne Memorial criminal justice innovation program appropriation (P.L. 114-113) and was created as part of a larger, interagency effort across multiple federal agencies to assist distressed communities to both build capacity and revitalize neighborhoods.

Amount: BJA solicits applications in two categories: 1) Implementation only and 2) Planning and Implementation. Under Category 1, BJA estimates that it will make up to 5 awards of up to $850,000 each for up to a 24-month project period, beginning October 1, 2016. Under Category 2, BJA estimates that it will make up to 5 awards of up to $1,000,000 each for up to a 36-month project period, beginning October 1, 2016.

Link: https://www.bja.gov/funding/BCJI16.pdf

BJA—The Price of Justice:
Rethinking the Consequences of Justice Fines and Fees

Deadline: May 12, 2016

Description: Those who commit crimes should be accountable to victims and their communities. The role of the justice system is to determine a fair and impartial resolution on behalf of society. However, legal financial obligations resulting from criminal justice involvement—including fines, fees, and costs—may undermine these very goals if they are arbitrary, burdensome, or assessed without regard to ability to pay. The goal of this program is to encourage and disseminate best practices for coordinated and appropriate justice system responses to justice-involved individuals’ inability to pay fines, fees, and related charges, including eliminating unnecessary and unconstitutional confinement.

Amount: Category 2: BJA estimates that it will make one award of up to $500,000 for a 36-month project period, beginning on or about October 1, 2016. Note that institutions of higher education are ineligible for Category 1 awards.

Link: https://www.bja.gov/funding/JRIpriceofjustice.pdf

BJA—Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program

Deadline: May 17, 2016

Description: This program provides cross-system technical assistance to Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) grantees. It furthers the Department’s mission by increasing the capacity of the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems to address challenges when encountering people with MDs or CODs in the areas of law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Through the TTA program, JMHCP grantees will receive the necessary support to reduce and assist the number of people with mental illnesses who enter and move through the criminal justice system.

Amount: BJA estimates that it will make up to 1 award of up to $1,375,000 for an estimated 18-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2016.

Link: https://www.bja.gov/funding/JMHCPPTA16.pdf
BJS—Graduate Research Fellowship Program for Criminal Justice Statistics

**Deadline:** May 2, 2016

**Description:** The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is seeking applications under its Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) Program. This program provides awards to accredited universities for doctoral research that uses criminal justice data or statistical series and focuses on crime, violence, and other criminal justice-related topics. BJS invests in doctoral education by supporting universities that sponsor students who demonstrate the potential to complete doctoral degree programs successfully in disciplines relevant to the mission of BJS, and who are in the final stages of graduate study. The primary goal of this solicitation is to increase the pool of researchers using criminal justice statistical data generated by BJS, thereby contributing solutions that better prevent and control crime and help ensure the fair and impartial administration of criminal justice in the United States.

**Amount:** The expected amount of an award under this solicitation is $45,000. In general, applicants should propose an award start date that is no earlier than October 1, 2016, based on the proposed project timeline. The period of performance for an award is typically from 12 to 18 months—not to exceed 3 years.

**Link:** [http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/grfpcjs2016sol.pdf](http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/grfpcjs2016sol.pdf)

BJS—Comparisons of Criminal History Information Systems in the United States and Other Nations (CCHIS)

**Deadline:** May 16, 2016

**Description:** The criminal history information system is maintained in the United States by tens of thousands of law enforcement agencies, courts, corrections systems, and state and federal repositories. It is used as a primary information resource by criminal justice professionals for a wide variety of reasons, by others to conduct background checks, and by researchers to understand the nature of criminal careers and the effect of interventions on criminal behavior. Little is known about how the criminal history system in the United States compares with those in other industrialized nations. This program will help fill this information gap and provide insight into potential improvements of the U.S. system.

**Amount:** BJS estimates that it will make one award of up to $400,000 for up to a 20-month project period, with an anticipated start date of January 1, 2017.

**Link:** [http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cchissol.pdf](http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cchissol.pdf)
**Dear Colleague Letter: Integrated NSF Support Promoting Interdisciplinary Research and Education (INSPIRE)**

The Integrated NSF Support Promoting Interdisciplinary Research and Education (INSPIRE) pilot continues to support bold interdisciplinary projects in all NSF-supported areas of science, engineering, and education research in FY16. INSPIRE has no targeted themes and serves as a funding mechanism for proposals that are required both to be interdisciplinary and to exhibit potentially transformative research (IDR and PTR, respectively). Complementing existing NSF efforts, INSPIRE was created to handle proposals whose:

- Scientific advances lie outside the scope of a single program or discipline, such that substantial funding support from more than one program or discipline is necessary.
- Lines of research promise transformational advances.
- Prospective discoveries reside at the interfaces of disciplinary boundaries that may not be recognized through traditional review or co-review.

To receive funding as an INSPIRE-appropriate project, all three criteria must be met. INSPIRE is not intended to be used for interdisciplinary projects that can be accommodated within other NSF funding mechanisms or that continue well-established practices.

The implementation of the INSPIRE pilot is based on two overarching goals:

- **Goal 1:** To emphasize to the science, mathematics, engineering and education research community that NSF is welcoming to bold, unconventional ideas incorporating creative interdisciplinary approaches. INSPIRE seeks to attract unusually creative high-risk/high-reward "out of the box" interdisciplinary proposals.
- **Goal 2:** To provide NSF Program Officers (POs) with additional tools and support to engage in cross-cutting collaboration and risk-taking in managing their award portfolios.

INSPIRE supports projects that lie at the intersection of traditional disciplines, and is intended to 1) attract unusually creative high-risk/high-reward interdisciplinary proposals; 2) provide substantial funding, not limited to the exploratory stage of the pursuit of novel ideas (unlike NSF's EArly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research, or EAGER); and 3) be open to all NSF-supported areas of science, mathematics, engineering, and education research.


**NSF—Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science (INCLUDES)**

- **Deadline:** April 15, 2016 (preliminary proposal – required); June 24, 2016 (full proposal)
- **Description:** INCLUDES is a comprehensive national initiative designed to enhance U.S. leadership in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) discoveries and innovations focused on NSF’s commitment to diversity, inclusion, and broadening participation in these fields. NSF INCLUDES supports efforts to develop talent from all sectors of society to build the STEM workforce. The initiative aims to improve the preparation, increase the participation, and ensure the contributions of individuals from groups that have traditionally been underrepresented and underserved in the STEM enterprise, including women, members of racial and ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, and persons with low socio-economic status. Significant advancement of these groups will result in a new generation of promising STEM talent and leadership to secure our nation's future in science and technology. In FY 2016, NSF seeks proposals for Design and Development Launch Pilots to catalyze the formation of NSF INCLUDES Alliances.
- **Amount:** In FY 2016, approximately $12.5 million is available to fund 30 - 40 NSF INCLUDES two-year Design and Development Launch Pilot Projects at levels up to $300,000 each.
National Science Foundation – Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)

NSF—Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure (CICI)

**Deadline:** April 19  
**Description:** The objective of the Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure (CICI) program is to develop and deploy security solutions that benefit the scientific community by ensuring the integrity and reliability of the end-to-end scientific workflow. This solicitation seeks unique ways to protect scientific instruments, resources, cyberinfrastructure and data that extend beyond building better perimeters and point solutions. As funding agencies move toward providing openly accessible data, the possibilities for scientists and engineers to use data sources beyond those created by their own community grow.  
The scope of the workflow encompasses instruments, processing software, analysis tools, computing and storage resources as well as information repositories and data archives. In order to produce accurate results, each data source must be identifiable and trustworthy. Systems must guarantee that data sets cannot be altered, which could potentially modify the analytic outcomes.  
**Amount:** Total funding for the CICI program is $7,000,000, subject to the availability of funds. Secure and Resilient Architecture awards will be supported at up to $1,000,000 total per award for up to three years. Regional Cybersecurity Collaboration awards will be supported at up to $500,000 total per award for up to two years.  

NSF—Research Training Groups in the Mathematical Sciences (RTG)

**Deadline:** June 7  
**Description:** The long-range goal of the Research Training Groups in the Mathematical Sciences (RTG) program is to strengthen the nation’s scientific competitiveness by increasing the number of well-prepared U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents who pursue careers in the mathematical sciences and in other professions in which expertise in the mathematical sciences plays an important role. A significant part of this goal is to directly increase the proportion and the absolute number of U.S. students at the RTG sites who pursue graduate studies and complete advanced degrees in the mathematical sciences. It is anticipated that RTG projects also will serve as national models for research training in the mathematical sciences. Activities with potential impact beyond the directly-supported students and beyond the institutions receiving RTG funds will be key strengths in proposals. Such aspects include, but are not limited to, ideas for attracting strong U.S. students to careers in the mathematical sciences and seeing them through to completion of their studies, and effective dissemination of best practices to the mathematical sciences community.  
**Amount:** Varies  
**Link:** [http://nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5732](http://nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5732)

NSF—Science Learning+ Partnership Grants

**Deadline:** June 14, 2016  
**Description:** Science Learning+ is an open call for proposals for Partnership Grants through an international partnership between the NSF and the Wellcome Trust with the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). The aims of Science Learning+ are to strengthen the research and knowledge base; bridge the practice and research gap; and/or share knowledge and experience in informal science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) experiences. Furthermore, the initiative seeks to support practice-based research which falls within or across the following priority areas: understanding learning; engagement in STEM; skills development; equity; diversity; access to informal learning settings; and measurement of outcomes.  
Proposals must address at least one priority area and include: collaborations between at least one organization in the US and one in the UK/Republic of Ireland. In addition, the proposal should include a substantive research program, not solely a public engagement activity; genuine partnerships between researchers and practitioners of STEM engagement; experts from more than one STEM area; and more than one informal STEM learning location, platform, or environment. Proposers should submit a single, comprehensive proposal with two budget components, one for US activities and one for UK/Republic of Ireland activities, to NSF.  
**Amount:** The maximum award size is $2.4 million/£1.5 million, with a duration of up to five years. For longitudinal studies, durations of greater than five years may be requested; the maximum award does not change. Pending availability of funds, it is anticipated that five Science Learning+ Partnership Grants will be made in FY 2017 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017). Projects may request start dates no earlier than January 2017.  
National Science Foundation – Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)

NSF—Social Psychology

Deadline: July 15, 2016
Description: The Social Psychology Program at NSF supports basic research on human social behavior, including cultural differences and development over the life span.
Among the many research topics supported are: attitude formation and change, social cognition, personality processes, interpersonal relations and group processes, the self, emotion, social comparison and social influence, and the psychophysiological and neurophysiological bases of social behavior.
The scientific merit of a proposal depends on four important factors: (1) The problems investigated must be theoretically grounded. (2) The research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation. (3) The research design must be appropriate to the questions asked. (4) The proposed research must advance basic understanding of social behavior.
Amount: Award amounts vary based on the scope of your project.
Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5712

NSF—Linguistics

Deadline: July 15, 2016
Description: The Linguistics Program supports basic science in the domain of human language, encompassing investigations of the grammatical properties of individual human languages, and of natural language in general. Research areas include syntax, semantics, morphology, phonetics, and phonology.
The program encourages projects that are interdisciplinary in methodological or theoretical perspective, and that address questions that cross disciplinary boundaries, such as (but not limited to):
• What are the psychological processes involved in the production, perception, and comprehension of language?
• What are the computational properties of language and/or the language processor that make fluent production, incremental comprehension or rapid learning possible?
• How do the acoustic and physiological properties of speech inform our theories of language and/or language processing?
• What role does human neurobiology play in shaping the various components of our linguistic capacities?
• How does language develop in children?
• What social and cultural factors underlie language variation and change?
Amount: Award amounts vary based on the scope of your project.
Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5408

NSF—Law & Social Science (LSS)

Deadline: August 1, 2016
Description: The Law & Social Sciences Program considers proposals that address social scientific studies of law and law-like systems of rules. The Program is inherently interdisciplinary and multi-methodological. Successful proposals describe research that advances scientific theory and understanding of the connections between law or legal processes and human behavior. Social scientific studies of law often approach law as dynamic, made in multiple arenas, with the participation of multiple actors. Fields of study include many disciplines, and often address problems including though not limited to:
Crime, Violence and Punishment
Economic Issues
Governance
Legal Decision Making
Legal Mobilization and Conceptions of Justice
Litigation and the Legal Profession
Amount: Award amounts vary based on the scope of your project.
**National Science Foundation – Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)**

**NSF—Perception, Action & Cognition (PAC)**

**Deadline:** August 1, 2016; February 1, 2017

**Description:** The PAC program funds theoretically motivated research on a wide-range of topic areas focused on typical human behavior. The aim is to enhance the fundamental understanding of perceptual, motor, and cognitive processes and their interactions. Central research topics for consideration by the program include vision, audition, haptics, attention, memory, reasoning, written and spoken language, and motor control. The program welcomes a wide range of perspectives, such as individual differences, symbolic computation, connectionism, ecological, genetics, nonlinear dynamics, and complex systems, and a variety of methodologies including both experimental studies and modeling. The PAC program is open to co-review of proposals submitted to other programs both within the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate and across other directorates. Proposals may involve clinical populations, animals, brain imaging, or computational modeling, or factors such as emotion and sleep, only if the work has direct impact on our understanding of basic processes underlying human perception, action, or cognition.

**Amount:** Award amounts vary based on the scope of your project.

**Link:** [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5686](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5686)

**NSF—Joint DMS/NIGMS Initiative to Support Research at the Interface of the Biological and Mathematical Sciences (DMS/NIGMS)**

**Deadline:** September 14, 2016

**Description:** The Division of Mathematical Sciences in the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences at the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences at the National Institutes of Health plan to support research in mathematics and statistics on questions in the biological and biomedical sciences. A direct relationship between a biological application and the mathematical and/or statistical work is expected. Research collaborations that include scientists from both the life sciences community and the mathematical and statistical sciences communities are encouraged. Both new and existing collaborations will be supported. Proposals from individual investigators will need to make the case that the individual has expertise in both fields. Successful proposals will either involve the formulation of new mathematical, computational, or statistical models and tools whose analysis poses significant mathematical challenges or identify innovative mathematics or statistics needed to solve an important biological problem.

**Amount:** 15 to 20 Awards from this competition may be made by either NSF or NIH at the option of the agencies, not the grantee. $5,000,000 per year for new applications ($2,000,000 from NSF, $3,000,000 from NIGMS), subject to availability of funds and receipt of proposals of adequate quality. Award sizes are expected to range from $100,000 to $400,000 (total costs) per year with durations of 3-5 years.


**NSF—Facilitating Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)**

**Deadline:** Full Proposal Accepted Anytime

**Description:** The Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) activity supports research by faculty members of predominantly undergraduate institutions through the funding of (1) individual and collaborative research projects, (2) the purchase of shared-use research instrumentation, and (3) Research Opportunity Awards for work with NSF-supported investigators at other institutions. All NSF directorates participate in the RUI activity. RUI proposals are evaluated and funded by the NSF programs in the disciplinary areas of the proposed research. Eligible "predominantly undergraduate" institutions include U.S. two-year, four-year, masters-level, and small doctoral colleges and universities that (1) grant baccalaureate degrees in NSF-supported fields, or provide programs of instruction for students pursuing such degrees with institutional transfers (e.g., two-year schools), (2) have undergraduate enrollment exceeding graduate enrollment, and (3) award an average of no more than 10 Ph.D. or D.Sc. degrees per year in all NSF-supportable disciplines. Autonomous campuses in a system are considered independently, although they may be submitting their proposals through a central office. A Research Opportunity Award is usually funded as a supplement to the NSF grant of the host researcher, and the application is submitted by the host institution.

**Amount:** Varies across disciplinary research programs

**Link:** [https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5518](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5518)
NSF—Research Coordination Networks (RCN)

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted anytime.

**Description:** The goal of the RCN program is to advance a field or create new directions in research or education by supporting groups of investigators to communicate and coordinate their research, training and educational activities across disciplinary, organizational, geographic and international boundaries. RCN provides opportunities to foster new collaborations, including international partnerships, and address interdisciplinary topics. Innovative ideas for implementing novel networking strategies, collaborative technologies, and development of community standards for data and meta-data are especially encouraged. RCN awards are not meant to support existing networks; nor are they meant to support the activities of established collaborations. RCN awards do not support primary research. RCN supports the means by which investigators can share information and ideas, coordinate ongoing or planned research activities, foster synthesis and new collaborations, develop community standards, and in other ways advance science and education through communication and sharing of ideas.

**Award Ceiling:** $7,500,000 to $17,500,000 total for 15-25 awards, Pending availability of funding.


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NSF—Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)

**Deadline:** Anytime

**Description:** The EAGER funding mechanism may be used to support exploratory work in its early stages on untested, but potentially transformative, research ideas or approaches. This work may be considered especially "high risk-high payoff" in the sense that it, for example, involves radically different approaches, applies new expertise, or engages novel disciplinary or interdisciplinary perspectives. These exploratory proposals may also be submitted directly to an NSF program, but the EAGER mechanism should not be used for projects that are appropriate for submission as "regular" (i.e., non-EAGER) NSF proposals. PI(s) must contact the NSF program officer(s) whose expertise is most germane to the proposal topic prior to submission of an EAGER proposal. This will aid in determining the appropriateness of the work for consideration under the EAGER mechanism; this suitability must be assessed early in the process.

- The Project Description is expected to be brief (five to eight pages) and include clear statements as to why this project is appropriate for EAGER funding, including why it does not "fit" into existing programs and why it is a "good fit" for EAGER.

- The "EAGER" proposal type must be selected in the proposal preparation module in FastLane.

- Only internal merit review is required for EAGER proposals. Under rare circumstances, program officers may elect to obtain external reviews to inform their decision. If external review is to be obtained, then the PI will be so informed in the interest of maintaining the transparency of the review and recommendation process. The two standard NSB-approved merit review criteria will apply.

- Requests may be for up to $300K and of up to two years duration. The award size, however, will be consistent with the project scope and of a size comparable to grants in similar areas.

- No-cost extensions & requests for supplemental funding will be processed in accordance with standard NSF policies and procedures.

- Renewed funding of EAGER awards may be requested only through submission of a proposal that will be subject to full external merit review. Such proposals would be designated as "EAGER renewals."

**Amount:** Up to $300,000 for a period of up to 2 years. (The award size, however, will be consistent with the project scope and of a size comparable to grants in similar areas.)

National Science Foundation – Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)

NSF—Cyberlearning and Future Learning Technologies

**Deadline:** varies – see chart below.

**Description:** The purpose of the Cyberlearning and Future Learning Technologies program is to integrate opportunities offered by emerging technologies with advances in what is known about how people learn to advance three interconnected thrusts:

- **Innovation:** inventing and improving next-generation genres (types) of learning technologies, identifying new means of using technology for fostering and assessing learning, and proposing new ways of integrating learning technologies with each other and into learning environments to foster and assess learning;

- **Advancing understanding of how people learn in technology-rich learning environments:** enhancing understanding of how people learn and how to better foster and assess learning, especially in technology-rich learning environments that offer new opportunities for learning and through data collection and computational modeling of learners and groups of learners that can be done only in such environments; and

- **Promoting broad use and transferability of new genres:** extracting lessons from experiences with these technologies that can inform design & use of new genres across disciplines, populations, & learning environments; advancing understanding of how to foster learning through effective use these new technologies & the environments they are integrated into.

The intention of this program is to advance technologies that specifically focus on the experiences of learners; innovations that simply focus on making teaching easier will not be funded. Proposals that focus on teachers or facilitators as learners are invited; the aim in these proposals should be to help teachers and facilitators learn to make the learning experiences of learners more effective. Proposals are expected to address all three of the program’s thrusts. Of particular interest are technological advances that (1) foster deep understanding of content coordinated with masterful learning of practices and skills; (2) draw in and encourage learning among populations not served well by current educational practices; and/or (3) provide new ways of assessing understanding, engagement, and capabilities of learners. It is expected that research funded by this program will shed light on how technology can enable new forms of educational practice. This program does not support proposals that aim simply to implement and evaluate a particular software application or technology in support of a specific course.

Awards will be made in three research categories, each focusing on a different stage of research and development: Exploration, Design and Implementation, and Integration. The program will also support small Capacity-Building Projects, e.g., conferences, workshops, and partnership-building activities, and will continue to participate in NSF’s Foundation-Wide programs: EAGER, RAPID, INSPIRE, and CAREER.

**Amount:** varies – see chart below.


### Project Types and Due Dates

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| Exploration (EXP)          | late March, 2014, mid- December, 2014 through 2016 | $550,000 over 2 to 3 years; $750,000 in extraordinary circumstances; a program officer must be asked | **Purpose:** to explore the feasibility of a technological innovation, to try out new ideas, especially risky ones, and to explore issues associated with learning in the context of the proposed innovation  
**Prerequisites:** team with a shared vision that takes into account what is known about how people learn, learning in the targeted domain, use of technology for such learning, and challenges to technology use |
| Development and Implementation (DIP) | mid-March, 2014 and mid-January, 2015 through 2017 | $1,350,000 over 3 to 4 years | **Purpose:** to ascertain potential of a new or emerging technological genre, develop guidelines for its use in support of assessment, learning, and/or engagement, & answer foundational research questions about learning.  
**Prerequisites:** same as EXP plus completed work equivalent to one or more Cyberlearning EXP projects |
| Integration (INT)          | July 15, 2014 and mid-July in 2015, 2016, and 2017, with Letters of Intent due in early May of each year | $2,500,000 over 4 to 5 years | **Purpose:** to coherently integrate several emerging and/or developed technologies that have already shown promise, incorporate promising technologies and technology-enabled practices into the lives of learners or organizations, or extend a promising innovation in ways that would allow it to be used by a larger population or variety of learners, and answer foundational research questions related to learning that can only be answered in the context of an integration such as that proposed; **these are not scale-up projects or effectiveness studies.**  
**Prerequisites:** same as DIP plus completed work equivalent to two or more Cyberlearning DIP projects |
| Capacity Building (CAP)    | early in December and middle of March and July of each year | varies | **Purpose:** partnership or team building, expanding and strengthening the cyberlearning community, strengthening ties between cyberlearning communities, moving new ideas to the fore, enhancing capabilities and/or vision of the cyber learning community; might include, e.g., conferences, workshops, or short courses |
NIH—Health Services and Economic Research on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse (R01/R03/R21/R34)

**Deadline:** June 5 – R01; October 16, February 16, June 16, February 5 – R03/R21/R34

**Description:** This announcement encourages grant applications to conduct rigorous health services and economic research to maximize the delivery of efficient, high-quality drug, tobacco, and alcohol prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. Health services research forms the link between research to develop behavioral and pharmacological interventions and the adoption and optimal utilization of these as evidence-based practice. Health services research may focus on underlying processes and mechanisms that contribute to the efficacy, effectiveness, and sustainability of interventions, and in domains such as accessibility, utilization, effectiveness, appropriateness, and costs of services. The type and quality of those services and the outcomes they produce are affected by the way health services are organized, managed, delivered, and financed. Research is sought to learn how health services stakeholders (providers, public and private payers, school administrators, community agencies, child welfare systems, criminal and juvenile justice systems, workplace settings, governmental regulators, etc.) can improve standards of care for individuals with problematic drug, tobacco, and/or alcohol use, integrate interventions for them within health care settings, improve services to prevent initiation and progression from use to abuse and addiction, and improve the adoption, dissemination, implementation and use of evidence-based prevention, treatment, and business practices. Research may focus on individual-level (patient/client and/or provider) behaviors as they affect access, engagement, adherence, and retention in health services, and/or program (e.g., content, dosage, training, format), organizational- and/or systems-level issues (e.g., financing, organizational structures and processes, management practices, health technologies) that affect the availability, accessibility, utilization, effectiveness, fidelity, cost, efficiency and quality of drug, tobacco, and alcohol health services.

**Amount:** Vary based on the activity code (i.e. R01/R03/R21/R34). Visit the program links below for specific amounts.

**Links:**

NIH—International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research (R01/R03/R21)

**Deadlines for New Applications:** Varies based on the activity code of the funding opportunity.
- **R01 Deadlines for New Applications:** June 5, February 5
- **R03 Deadlines for New Applications:** February 16, June 16
- **R21 Deadlines for New Applications:** February 16, June 16

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages collaborative research applications on drug abuse and addiction that take advantage of special opportunities that exist outside the United States. Special opportunities include access to unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions in other countries that will speed scientific discovery. Projects should have relevance to the mission of NIDA and where feasible should address NIDA’s international scientific priority areas. While the priorities will change from year to year, in FY15 priority areas include: linkages between HIV/AIDS and drug abuse; prevention, initiation, and treatment of nicotine and tobacco use (especially among vulnerable populations such as children, adolescents, pregnant women, and those with co-morbid disorders); the neuroscience of marijuana and cannabinoids; and the effect of changes in laws and policies on marijuana and its impact.

**Amount:**
- **R01:** Applications for an R01 award are not limited in dollars but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. Applications are generally awarded for 1 - 5 budget periods, each normally 12 months in duration.
- **R03:** May request a project period of up to two years and a budget for direct costs of up to two $25,000 modules or $50,000 per year.
- **R21:** You may request a project period of up to two years. The combined budget for direct costs for the two year project period may not exceed $275,000. No more than $200,000 may be requested in any single year.

**Links:**
NIH—Reductions in Illicit Drug Use and Functional Outcomes (R21/R33)

**Deadlines for New Applications:** June 16

**Description:** The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications for Phased Innovation (R21/R33) projects to determine whether reductions in illicit drug use are associated with positive changes in health-related and other functional outcomes in individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs). Functional outcomes include, for example, reductions in morbidity, mortality, criminal justice involvement, overall healthcare expenditures. This FOA provides support for up to two years (R21 phase) for research planning activities and feasibility studies, followed by possible transition to expanded research support (R33 phase). The transition to the R33 phase will be determined by NIH program evaluation of successful achievement of the milestones set for the R21 phase. The ultimate goal of this FOA is to provide evidence that will enable regulatory authorities to accept reductions in illicit drug use as a valid outcome measure in clinical trials of pharmacotherapies for the treatment of SUDs.

**Amount:** For the R21 phase, the combined budget for direct costs during the two-year project period may not exceed $275,000, with no more than $200,000 requested in any single year. For the R33 phase, the direct costs should not exceed $500,000 per year.


NIH—Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research (R21)

**Deadline:** June 8; November 8

**Description:** This program supports pilot, feasibility or exploratory research in 5 priority areas in substance use epidemiology and health services, including: 1) responses to sudden and severe emerging drug issues (e.g. the ability to look into a large and sudden spike in synthetic cannabinoid use/overdoses in a particular community); 2) responses to emerging marijuana trends and topics related to the shifting policy landscape; 3) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive prescription drug abuse research opportunities (e.g., new state or local efforts); 4) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive medical system issues (e.g. opportunities to understand addiction services in the evolving health care system); and 5) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive criminal or juvenile justice opportunities (e.g. new system and/or structural level changes) that relate to drug abuse and access and provision of health care services. It should be clear that the knowledge gained from the proposed study is time-sensitive and that an expedited rapid review and funding are required in order for the scientific question to be answered.

**Award Ceiling:** Direct costs are limited to $275,000 over a two-year project period. No more than $200,000 may be requested in any single year. The maximum project period is 2 years.


NIH—Early Career Award in Chemistry of Drug Abuse and Addiction (ECHEM) (R21/R33)

**Deadlines for New Applications:** June 16

**Description:** NIDA-funded research has furthered our understanding of the neurobiological mechanisms underlying drug addiction, but much remains to be learned. In particular, there is a need for research in the basic biological and chemical sciences to identify and explicate the neural mechanisms underlying drug abuse and addiction. Research into the chemistry of drug abuse can identify new targets for interventions or new chemical templates for treating toxic side effects of drugs/drugs of abuse. Moreover, the development of appropriate probes or new technologies has the potential to advance the field at a rapid rate. The study of the genetic, molecular, cellular, circuit-based, and behavioral mechanisms involved in addiction and the development of associated therapeutic strategies may all benefit from synthetic chemical research and approaches. This announcement is intended to encourage early career chemists (or chemists new to NIH) to develop probes that aid basic research investigations on drug abuse and/or identify new or better templates as lead compounds with potential for conducting structure activity relationship (SAR)-function studies. Importantly, this includes the identification of new chemical entities (NCEs) with therapeutic potential for drug abuse and addiction. Applicants responding to this FOA should explain their rationale for the proposed work, the inclusion of pharmacologic assessments, and the relationship of the research proposed in the context of a broader medications development pipeline (e.g., Target Identification > Probe/ligand screening > Synthesis of ligands > Assay development > Proof of concept > Lead optimization, etc.). An R21/R33 Phased Innovation Award has two phases: (1) R21 for milestone-driven exploratory or feasibility studies with a possible transition to, (2) the R33 for expanded development.

**Amount:** For the R21 award, direct costs are limited to $250,000 over a two-year period, with a maximum of $200,000 allowed in any single year. The R33 award will be limited to $250,000 in direct costs per year. The total project period may not exceed 4 years. Awards will support milestone-driven exploratory/feasibility “proof of concept” studies (R21 phase, up to two years), with possible rapid transition to expedited development (R33 phase, up to three years, depending upon the requested period for the R21 phase).

**NEH—Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions**

**Deadlines:** April 14, 2016

**Description:** This program supports individual faculty or staff members at Hispanic-Serving Institutions pursuing research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences. Awards are designed to be flexible, allowing applicants to define the audience, type of research, award periods, and administrative arrangements that best fit their projects.

Awards can be used for a wide range of projects that are based on humanities research. Eligible projects include pursuing research in primary and secondary materials; producing articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources; and conducting basic research leading to the improvement of an existing undergraduate course or the achievement of institutional or community research goals. Common to all applications—regardless of their outcome—must be humanities research supporting the goals of the project.

**Amount:** Awards for Faculty support continuous work for the equivalent of two to twelve full-time months. Awards may be held part time or full time, or in a combination of the two. Successful applicants receive a stipend of $4,200 per full-time month. The maximum stipend is $50,400 for twelve full-time months (or the part-time equivalent).

**Link:** [http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/awards-faculty-hispanic-serving-institutions](http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/awards-faculty-hispanic-serving-institutions)

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**NEH—Fellowships**

**Deadlines:** April 28, 2016

**Description:** Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities. Projects may be at any stage of development.

**Amount:** Fellowships cover periods lasting from six to twelve months at a stipend of $4,200 per month. The maximum stipend is $50,400 for a twelve-month period. Applicants should request award periods that suit their schedules and the needs of their projects. Requesting an award period shorter than twelve months will not improve an applicant’s chances of receiving a fellowship.

**Link:** [http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/fellowships](http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/fellowships)

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**NEH—Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan**

**Deadline:** April 28

**Description:** The Fellowship Program for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan is a joint activity of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Awards support research on modern Japanese society and political economy, Japan's international relations, and U.S.-Japan relations. The program encourages innovative research that puts these subjects in wider regional and global contexts and is comparative and contemporary in nature. Research should contribute to scholarly knowledge or to the general public’s understanding of issues of concern to Japan and the United States. Appropriate disciplines for the research include anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, linguistics, political science, psychology, public administration, and sociology. Awards usually result in articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources.

**Amount:** Fellowships support continuous full-time work for a period of six to twelve months. Successful applicants receive a stipend of $4,200 per month. The maximum stipend is $50,400 for a twelve-month period.

**The Spencer Foundation—Small Research Grants**

**Deadline:** May 2, 2016  
**Description:** The Small Research Grants program is intended to support education research projects with budgets of $50,000 or less. In keeping with the Spencer Foundation’s mission, this program aims to fund academic work that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived.

Historically, the work we have funded through these grants has spanned a range of topics and disciplines, including education, psychology, sociology, economics, history, and anthropology, and they employ a wide range of research methods. The following examples of recently funded small grants illustrate the diversity of what they support:

- an experimental study of how college students use visual representations in solving math problems
- a study exploring the process of racial and rural identity formation among African American high-school students who attend de facto segregated schools in the rural South
- a mixed-methods study focusing on the different types of knowledge novice and experienced teachers draw on in teaching for reading comprehension

**Amount:** up to $50,000  
**Link:** [http://www.spencer.org/small-research-grants](http://www.spencer.org/small-research-grants)

**The Spencer Foundation—Research-Practice Partnership**

**Deadline:** June 1, 2016  
**Description:** The Spencer Foundation believes that RPP models can complement traditional basic education research. Arguably, RPPs have created a new model for conducting education research, moving away from researcher-driven studies of uncertain relevance to practitioners and policy makers and toward research that is more specifically designed to guide improvement efforts. They also believe that the RPP model can facilitate the long-term accumulation of knowledge in new ways as researchers and practitioners delve into specific topics in a specific setting over time. The nature of RPPs enables this long-term focus, which is more difficult to sustain in traditional research settings, often due to the constraints of funding timelines. Over the long term, they anticipate that research conducted by RPPs will result in improved outcomes for students, teachers, schools, and communities.

**Amount:** up to $400,000  
**Link:** [http://www.spencer.org/research-practice-partnership-program](http://www.spencer.org/research-practice-partnership-program)

**Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research—and Workshops Grants**

**Deadline:** June 1  
**Description/Amount:** Conference and Workshop Grants are for amounts up to $20,000. In accordance with the mission of the Foundation, priority is given to events that foster the creation of an international community of research scholars in anthropology and advance significant and innovative anthropological research.

**Conferences** are defined as public events that are comprised primarily of oral and poster presentations to a larger audience of anthropologists. Priority is given to major conferences sponsored by large international anthropological organizations (e.g., the European Association of Social Anthropologists, European Anthropological Association, Pan African Anthropological Association, and Latin American Anthropological Association) that serve as their annual or periodic meetings. The majority of the funds granted to such conferences is expected to be used towards expenses for international scholars who are making presentations at the conference and would not otherwise be able to attend.

**Workshops** are defined as working meetings that focus on developing and debating topical issues in theoretical anthropology. Workshops involve a small group of scholars who meet for a sufficient period of time to deal intensively with the topic. Priority is given to those workshops that devote the majority of time to discussion and debate rather than to the presentation of papers. It is expected that workshops will result in a publication.

**Link:** [http://www.wennergren.org/programs/conference-and-workshop-grants](http://www.wennergren.org/programs/conference-and-workshop-grants)
The Nathan Cummings Foundation

**Deadline:** Letter of inquiries are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed by NCF staff within 60 days.

**Description:** In order to address inequality, the Foundation will invest in work with strong potential to create pathways to economic opportunity, particularly for women and people of color, and that takes seriously the need to: Improve quality of life for the poor; Move toward greater equality of opportunity, meaning that where someone is born on the income distribution would not limit their chances to move up; and Challenge structures and ideas that allow a vastly disproportionate share of the nation’s wealth to be concentrated in the hands of a few.

The Foundation will address climate change as a consequence of progress in human development and economic prosperity, and will fund promising work that helps activate American ingenuity in pursuit of three interrelated goals: Increasing access to modern energy for the world’s poor; Stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a low level; and Improving resilience for those most vulnerable to the negative consequences of climate variability and change.

**Amount:** Award amounts vary based on the scope of the proposed project.

**Link:** [http://ncf.org/how-apply](http://ncf.org/how-apply)

James S. McDonnell Foundation—Collaborative Activity Awards

**Deadline:** Proposals are accepted at anytime.

**Description:** The Foundation offers Collaborative Activity Awards to initiate interdisciplinary discussions on problems or issues, to help launch interdisciplinary research networks, or to fund communities of researchers/practitioners dedicated to developing new methods, tools, and applications of basic research to applied problems. In each case the focus of the collaborative activity must meet the program guidelines for one of the following program areas:

- **Studying Complex Systems**
- **Understanding Human Cognition**
- **Mathematical & Complex Systems Approaches for Brain Cancer**

The 21st Century Collaborative Activity Awards are awards for multidisciplinary and multi-participant projects that address questions and topics relevant to the Foundation’s core and complementary program areas.

**Amount:** The budgets for collaborative activities will vary greatly depending on the scope of the proposed problem or project and on the number of people involved. The Foundation recognizes that funding must be appropriate to an activity’s specific scope and needs. It also recognizes that organizing and implementing such an activity can be exceedingly time consuming.

**Link:** [https://www.jsmf.org/apply/collaborative/](https://www.jsmf.org/apply/collaborative/)

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation—Major Program Areas Grants

**Deadline:** Letters of inquiry are accepted at anytime.

**Description:** The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation makes grants in nine broad subject matters, known within the Foundation as major program areas. (1) **Sloan Research Fellowships** - Annual awards to 126 of the most promising early-career scholars in eight scientific and technical fields. (2) **STEM Research** - Grants to support original, high-quality research in the natural sciences, engineering, and mathematics. (3) **STEM Higher Education** - Grants to improve the quality and diversity of higher education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. (4) **Public Understanding of Science, Technology, & Economics** - Grants to expand the public understanding of science and technology through the use of books, radio, film, television, theater, and new media. (5) **Digital Information Technology** - Grants to advance the creation, dissemination, and democratization of access to knowledge through the use of new developments in digital information technology. (6) **Economics** - Grants to support original, high quality research and programs to enhance U.S. economic performance and the quality of American life. (7) **Energy and Environment** - Grants to advance our understanding of the economic, environmental, security, and policy trade-offs associated with the increased deployment of low- and no-carbon resources and technologies and the resulting impacts on the quality of American life. (8) **Select Issues** - Grants that support unique opportunities or projects that advance a significant interest related to the Foundation’s mission but not directly covered by other Foundation grant making programs. (9) **Civic Initiatives** - Grants for projects that benefit the New York City metropolitan area in ways consonant with the Foundation’s mission.

**Amount:** Award sizes varies by program area.

**Link:** [http://www.sloan.org/major-program-areas/](http://www.sloan.org/major-program-areas/)

Public Welfare Foundation—Social Justice Programs

**Deadline:** Letters of intent are accepted throughout the year.

**Description:** The Public Welfare Foundation supports efforts to advance justice and opportunity for people in need. The Foundation looks for strategic points where its funds can make a significant difference and improve lives through policy change and system reform. They focus on three program areas: Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice and Workers’ Rights.

**Amount:** Awards vary by project needs.

**Link:** [http://www.publicwelfare.org/grants-process/program-guidelines/](http://www.publicwelfare.org/grants-process/program-guidelines/)
CUNY—William Stewart Travel Awards

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Description/Amount:** Established in 2002, the William Stewart Travel Awards provide grants of up to $500 to full-time assistant professors who first took up the position of CUNY assistant professor after July 2012. The award is for presenting, chairing or moderating at a scholarly conference from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and early applications get special consideration.

**Link:** [http://cunyufs.org/academy/award.html](http://cunyufs.org/academy/award.html)

CUNY Travel Funds Program

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Description/Amount:** On occasion it is important for faculty to travel to funding agencies, especially federal agencies, to discuss specific RFPs or RFAs. There are also occasions when faculty members are invited to such funding agencies to discuss their individual proposals. The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research has limited funds that can be made available to assist with travel etc. for such specific occasions. Guidelines for Application: Travel funds may be reimbursed only for travel to funding agencies. Funds are to be used exclusively for travel and hotel costs (meals, cab fares are excluded). Applicants must apply for reimbursement prior to travel with the form provided. These funds are only for reimbursement after travel is completed, and cannot be forwarded.

If the request is approved, the form will be returned to the applicant, along with a Travel Voucher form. Once travel is completed, applicant must fill out and sign the Travel Voucher form, attach all receipts and supporting documentation (conference program, e.g.), and submit to the Office of University Research.

**Link:** [http://www.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding-programs/travel-funds-program.html](http://www.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding-programs/travel-funds-program.html)
The Office of the Advancement of Research’s (OAR) Internal Funding Programs

**NOTE:** The Office for the Advancement of Research (OAR) is dedicated to working with faculty in the pursuit of their research and scholarly goals, and is available to assist faculty in grant-seeking and publication activities. Faculty members are encouraged to consult with OAR on any aspect of these processes. OAR promotes faculty success through several funding programs. Applications to all programs are accepted on a rolling basis (with the exception of the Senior Scholar Release Program, for which applications are accepted between 15 Feb and 30 March). Applications are reviewed during the first full week of each calendar month, with decisions returned to applicants by the second Thursday of each calendar month. Funding is offered through the following programs listed below:

For more information on Internal Funding please visit us at: [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/internal-funding-opportunities](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/internal-funding-opportunities)

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**Seed Money Requests**

**Description:** Funds are available to support pilot or preliminary work necessary to pursue a major grant application to an external funding agency. Funds may be requested to undertake a pilot study to gather background data toward supporting a major proposal. Funds may also be requested to conduct planning activities or support the writing of a major proposal. **Funds are limited to $2,000 per request.** Faculty requesting Seed Money will need to submit to an external funding program within one (1) year of receiving funding, and must revise and resubmit the proposal at least one time (to the same or an alternative external funding program) if the original proposal is not funded. To make a request to the Seed Money program, faculty must submit a two-page project summary to OAR. This summary should justify the seed request, detail the funding agency being targeted and the nature of the planned proposal, and provide a detailed budget. Requests should be submitted in electronic form to OAR ([oar@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:oar@jjay.cuny.edu)) with Seed Money clearly indicated in the subject line.

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**Open-Access Publication Funding**

**Description:** Funds are available to faculty who wish to publish articles in open-access format in major, peer-reviewed, scholarly journals. Once a manuscript is accepted for publication, faculty must submit a request to OAR with the journal name, a copy of the acceptance letter, and a brief description of the journal quality and reach. Requests should be submitted in electronic form to OAR ([oar@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:oar@jjay.cuny.edu)) with Open-Access Publication clearly indicated in the subject line. **Funding is limited to $1,000 per request.**

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**Faculty Scholarship Funding**

**Description:** Funds are available to support efforts related to the publication of a significant work of scholarship or the mounting of a creative work such as a performance, art exhibition, musical composition, etc. **Funds are limited to $1,500 per request,** and can be used for the purpose of travel to libraries, archives, or other sites for data collection; purchase of software or equipment required for analysis; costs related to the mounting of creative works, etc. Funds are not intended to support release time or conference travel. Faculty requesting Faculty Scholarship Funding must publish (as a book or in a peer-reviewed journal) or produce the results of the funded work within one (1) year of receiving funding. To make a request to the Seed Money program, faculty must submit a two-page project summary to OAR. This summary should justify the need for funding, describe the intended scholarly outcome, and provide a detailed budget. Requests should be submitted in electronic form to OAR ([oar@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:oar@jjay.cuny.edu)) with Scholarly Output Funding clearly indicated in the subject line.

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**Proposal Pre-Review**

**Description:** To improve the quality of external grant proposals and their likelihood of success, OAR makes funds available for faculty to obtain external reviews of grant proposals, prior to their submission to an agency or funding organization. Requests must be made in writing to OAR ([oar@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:oar@jjay.cuny.edu)) with Proposal Pre-Review clearly indicated in the email subject line. Please include a summary of the grant application to be reviewed, along with a potential reviewer’s name, title, affiliation(s), and a brief (one sentence) description of her qualifications. Faculty are responsible for identifying and handling all communications with the peer reviewer, and the request must be sent at least 5 weeks before the grant deadline in order to be considered. OAR will provide an honorarium of $250 (limited to one review per grant application), which will be paid directly to the peer reviewer to incentivize her work. The PI must submit a copy of the external review to OAR at least two weeks prior to the grant application deadline in order for the honorarium to be paid.

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**Book Publication Funding**

**Description:** The Office for the Advancement of Research wishes to support faculty authors who are in the process of publishing books (as a single-author/editor or first-author/editor) with high-quality, reputable presses. OAR will reimburse the author up to $1,000 to pay page fees, indexing fees, image rights, etc. Once a book proposal is accepted for publication, faculty must submit a request to OAR with (1) the original proposal, (2) a copy of the publication contract, (3) a brief description of the publisher's quality and reach, and (4) copies of receipts or invoices for the services to be funded. Applications will not be considered in the absence of receipts or invoices totaling the full amount of funding requested. Please note that contracts in which the author receives an advance of any amount are not eligible for this funding program. Requests should be submitted in electronic form to OAR ([oar@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:oar@jjay.cuny.edu)) with Book Publication clearly indicated in the subject line.
Community Event Funding

Description: The OAR will fund scholarly or creative events to be held at John Jay College that are free of charge and open to faculty or the John Jay Community as a whole. Faculty requesting funding should submit a 2-3 page proposal in electronic form to OAR (oar@jjay.cuny.edu) with Collaborative and Community Project Funding clearly indicated in the subject line. Successful requests will include either (1) a description of the collaborative project, planned scholarly outcomes and external funding applications, and a detailed budget with justifications for why funding is needed; or (2) a detailed description of the planned events or opportunities, along with a budget and a clear rationale for how the John Jay community stands to benefit. Average funding is expected to range from $1,000 to $1,500.

Enhanced Travel Funding

Description: The OAR will fund major travel opportunities with the potential to have a significant impact on a faculty scholar's trajectory. Examples include personally invited talks, special workshops or trainings, keynote addresses at major conferences, etc. Travel to present papers accepted as part of a public call or invitation to a standard academic conference is not eligible. Requests are limited to $1,000 per faculty member. In order to apply, please submit requests in electronic form to OAR (oar@jjay.cuny.edu) with Enhanced Travel Funding clearly indicated in the subject line. Successful requests will include (1) a justification for the funding need that clearly differentiates the travel opportunity from the general round of academic conferences in your discipline; (2) a personal letter of invitation detailing the expected parameters of your participation; and (3) an accompanying explanation from your department chair as to why they are unable to fund the opportunity through the departmental travel allocation.

Emergency Fund Program

Description: Support is available for research or other scholarly activities that specifically address a need that is urgent and/or time sensitive in nature. This may include support for research on disasters or other unanticipated events for which a rapid response is critical. Emergency funds may also be requested for events that could not be anticipated in the normal course of research, for example, new legislative funding priorities that are time-sensitive in nature, cuts to a grant budget that may severely impact performance, etc. Emergency Funds are not appropriate for needs that could have been anticipated in the normal course of research. To make a request to the Emergency Fund, faculty must submit a one-page project summary electronically to OAR (oar@jjay.cuny.edu) with Emergency Funds clearly indicated in the subject line) detailing the nature of the research planned and reason the project qualifies for emergency funds, including a detailed budget. Average funding is expected to be $3,000.

Senior Scholar Release Program

Description: This program is intended for tenured Associate and full Professors who are working toward a major scholarly outcome or creative project and have no other sources of course release. The fund provides 1-2 courses of release time to be used in the subsequent academic year (or, in the case of Fall applications, the following semester). Applications for release during the 2015-16 Academic Year are due March 30, 2015; if any courses of release time remain unallocated, an additional round of applications for Spring 2016 will be accepted during the Summer with a deadline of September 30, 2015. These funds cannot be used for Summer Salary or any support other than course release time during the semester designated in the original application. Faculty must submit a two- to five-page project summary to the Office for the Advancement of Research, detailing the nature of the scholarship planned and the reason the project requires the requested amount of course release time. Requests should be submitted in electronic form to OAR (oar@jjay.cuny.edu) with Scholar Release Program clearly indicated in the subject line.

Funds in each category listed above are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Office for the Advancement of Research will try to post, in an ongoing manner, what program budgets have been exhausted for an academic year. However, faculty are advised to consult our webpage or send an inquiry email to oar@jjay.cuny.edu before writing a proposal to confirm that a specific program is still accepting invitations.

In addition to these funding programs, OAR also has several competitive Award programs that recognize faculty scholarship and fund competitive research proposals, including: the Faculty Scholarly Excellence Award Program, the Collaborative Research Award Program, the Faculty Mid-Career Research Support Program, and the Donal EJ MacNamara Junior Faculty Award. To find out more about these Award programs please visit the Research page on the John Jay
OSP Tip of the Month:

Using COS Pivot to Optimize your Grant Searches!

OSP strongly advises full-time faculty and staff to sign up for a COS Pivot account. This will allow you to have access to resources for all types of funding opportunities in every discipline. Pivot is an invaluable resource for faculty and staff seeking external funding for sponsored projects.

Some of Pivot’s features include:

- Ability to identify and connect funding opportunities to researchers at their institution;
- Access to the most comprehensive sources of funding opportunities globally;
- Identifies researcher expertise from within or outside of the institution;
- Enhances communication, monitoring and tracking between individual faculty, teams of researchers and the Grants Office.

If you have not yet done so, we encourage you to create or claim your profile on Pivot and familiarize yourself with the product. If you need help getting started, please contact The Office of Sponsored Programs at sponsoredprograms@jjay.cuny.edu.

For more information please view COS Pivot video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMa_p5qN7mo&list=PL98C585B396F5A113