Upcoming Important Events:

Research Foundation Office of Legal Affairs Information Session
@ John Jay College

This session is for all Research Foundation PIs, Project Administrators or Project Staff, particularly those that are responsible for the success of sponsored projects, and/or also for project staff whose projects currently (or may in the future) require the services of a Subcontract Organization or Independent Contractor.

The Research Foundation of CUNY's Office of Legal Affairs provides legal support/services to assist in the administration of sponsored projects. These services include the review and negotiation of Grants & Contracts and the review, drafting and negotiating of Subcontracts and Independent Contractor Agreements (ICA's).

The workshop will be led by representatives from the Research Foundation of CUNY's Office of Legal Affairs. They will share their expertise with us on topics such as:

- How to properly classify an Employee vs. an Independent Contractor, and comply with IRS Guidelines.
- How to set-up an Independent Contractor Agreement (ICA).
- How to set-up a Subcontract Agreement with another Institution.
- Other best practices to protect PIs, the College, the RF and others from fines and penalties.
- Q&A.

*** Please come and meet members of the RF Legal Team! ***
*** Bring your sponsored project-related legal questions. ***
*** Refreshments will be served! ***

See Page 3 for more details!
Did You Know?

- If you have forgotten or do not have an RF logon ID, please email weblogin-nid@rfcuny.org to obtain this information, and to gain access to the RFCUNY web pages and E-Systems.
- You can join our Listserve or visit http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/1427.php for up-to-date grants information.
- NYS Minimum Wage Increased to $8.75 Effective 12/31/14.
- Planning to buy a computer on your RF-sponsored project? Please contact our representatives from Dell and Apple Higher Ed. By doing so you will be able to secure educational pricing and sales tax exemption.

Dell—Rep: Sarah Alvarez
Email: Sarah_Alvarez@dell.com
Apple Rep: Heather Patrick
Email: hpatrick@apple.com
Phone: 800-800-2775 x 46907
or 512-674-2000
Customer Account: 725195
NYS PT65428, CCN4901

- Effective 1/5/15, our RF HR Rep., Joseph Vargas will be handling all new hire and rehire paperwork. Please remember to contact OSP first before hiring employees.

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**RF NEWS**

### New RF Personnel Vacancy Notice (PVN) System

The Research Foundation is deploying an updated Personnel Vacancy Notice (PVN) system on March 9th. The new system will afford PIs much more autonomy in managing the entire hiring process. Submitters will be able to “Save” a PVN before submitting to review and make changes; they may view and/or print a copy of all PVNs submitted; and take a PVN off the website while reviewing the applications.

The RF will be sending notification and instructions to all PIs shortly.

If you would like additional information, have any questions or want a more detailed walk-through please contact Linda Hellman (212-417-8606 or linda_hellman@rfcuny.org). In the alternative, you may access the new procedures at the following link: https://www.rfcuny.org/applicanttracking/documentation/APPLICANT_TRACKING_PROCEDURES.pdf

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**HR Alert: Enhancement to the E-Timesheet System Effective April 1, 2015**

On April 1, 2015, the Research Foundation will implement the next phase of modifications to its Time and Leave system. In this phase, all existing unused annual leave balances accrued since 4/1/13 on a project-sub by project-sub basis will be included into the employee’s current appointment’s annual leave balance and, therefore, will also be greyed-out on the timesheet before that employee’s current appointment end date.

Additional details are available under the Upcoming Modifications to the Time and Leave System section of the Time/Leave for Project Employees web page.

**Note:** PI’s should discuss annual leave accruals with their employees and work with them to schedule their annual leave during their appointment period.

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**Important Changes to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreements**

(Independent Contractors Paid Less Than $5,000)

(Important Information for PIs & Authorized Signatories)

RF has updated the MOU document (RF Form-804) and the process for its submission. The sum effect of these changes will result in a prequalification/approval of the contractor prior to the commencement of work (this is to ensure that an individual should properly be classified as an independent contractor). Form RF-804 should be used when the total cost of services from a contractor is under $5,000. While Form RF-804 does not require prior review or approval by the Office of Legal Affairs as is the case with an Independent Contractor Agreement for $5,000 or more, it is a legally binding agreement and should be executed PRIOR to the commencement of any services. Requests for payments should be submitted after execution of Form RF-804. After completing Form RF-804 and obtaining all the proper signatures, the Project Director should forward the signed agreement along with the appropriate documentation/information to RF804@rfcuny.org. After the receipt of the documents, the Research Foundation will review, and if acceptable, execute the Form and create an encumbrance. The Research Foundation will then send back an executed copy of the Form along with the PO number under which the encumbrance was created. The Project Director may then submit invoices through the e-Payment Request system.

For more information, please visit https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/policies/content.aspx?catID=2420 (you will need to log into the RF CUNY website if you have not done so already).
EVENTS

Please check the OAR events page at http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/6325.php for a list of upcoming OSP/OAR events and workshops as well as updates on the events below:

Save The Dates

Event: OSP Info Sessions: “RF Legal”

Location: 3417N North Hall 3rd Floor
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Time: 3:00-5:00pm
RSVP Info: Please RSVP by Friday, March 6 to sponsoredprograms@jjay.cuny.edu, or 212-237-8448.


Location: 9th Floor Conference Room 9.64
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015
Time: 4:15pm—5:30pm
RSVP Info: This event is open to Faculty, Students, and interested JJC Community members

Event: Adam Berlin’s Book Talk: “The Number of Missing”

Location: 9th Floor Conference Room 9.64
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Time: 4:15—5:30pm
RSVP Info: This event is open to Faculty, Students, Interested JJC Community members

Event: 2nd Annual John Jay Grants Reception

Location: TBA
Date: Monday, March 30, 2015
Time: 5:00pm—7:00pm
RSVP Info: Invited guests will be notified individually.

E-PAF and E-Timesheet Orientation

The Research Foundation offers E-PAF & E-Timesheet Training Sessions.

Learn how to access RF web-based E-PAF and Time and Leave systems for processing employee appointments and creating/submitting timesheets

Training sessions will be held at The Research Foundation of CUNY 230 West 41st Street, 7th Floor, on:

Tuesday, April 7, 2015  9:30am—12:00pm
Tuesday, May 5, 2015   9:30am—12:00pm

Principal Investigators, Timekeepers and Administrative Assistants will benefit from this training.
Seating is limited. To enroll, please send an email to
Sacheen_McWatt@rfcuny.org
Sponsor/ Agency News

(NIH News) New NIH Bio-sketch Format
A new biographical sketch format will soon be required for NIH submissions. The NIH encourages applicants to use the newly published biosketch format for all grant and cooperative agreement applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2015, and will require use of the new format for applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2015. Applicants may submit using the new biosketch format for due dates before January 25, 2015, if they wish. Please see http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-032.html for more information.

The forms can be accessed here: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm#format

Biographical Sketch Format Page – Forms Version C is the form you may now use for applications due 1/25/15 or later. And you can use the Biographical Sketch Sample – Forms Version C as an example. The new format is not required until May 25, 2015, although it is encouraged!

(NIJ News) National Institute of Justice solicitations should be available on their website in early 2015. Below are notice of topics of interest for 2015.

NIJ—Proposals for Social Science Research on Forensic Science
The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has issued a Dear Colleague letter to alert social and behavioral science researchers to its interest in receiving proposals related to the forensic sciences, including the administration and operation of forensics and their contribution to investigations. For Fiscal Year 2015, the NIJ Office of Research and Evaluation’s (ORE’s) particular interests in the social science research on forensic sciences include the following:
- Digital forensics, its prevalence in investigations and impact on arrest and prosecution outcomes.
- Ballistics forensic evidence, its use in prosecutions and impact in producing convictions or pleas.
- 3-D forensic laser scanners, their use in the field and in the courtroom.

NIJ contacts: Mr. Eric Martin at Eric.D.Martin@ojp.usdoj.gov and Dr. Katharine Browning at Katharine.browning@usdoj.gov.


NIJ—Proposals for Policing Research
The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has issued a Dear Colleague letter to alert social and behavioral science researchers to its interest in receiving proposals related to policing and crime that can strengthen the knowledge base and enhance criminal justice practices. For Fiscal Year 2015, the NIJ Office of Research and Evaluation’s particular interests in policing include topics such as:
- Police use of force, police legitimacy and de-escalation strategies.
- Officer safety and wellness and intervention programs.
- Evaluations of body-worn cameras, their benefits, costs and potential concerns.
- Evaluations of internal and external procedural justice training mechanisms and public trust.
- Randomized controlled trials of police patrol practices and their impact on crime reduction or prevention.
- The impact on police investigations of changes in policing and new technologies.
- The utility and effectiveness of eyewitness identification procedures.
- The impact of social media on policing and its efficacy.

NIJ contacts: Dr. Brett Chapman at Brett.Chapman@ojp.usdoj.gov and Mr. Eric Martin at Eric.D.Martin@ojp.usdoj.gov.


NIJ—Proposals for Corrections Research
The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has issued a Dear Colleague letter to alert social and behavioral science researchers to its interest in receiving proposals related to corrections that can strengthen the knowledge base and enhance corrections practices. For Fiscal Year 2015, the NIJ Office of Research and Evaluation’s particular interests in corrections research include but are not limited to the following:
- Alternatives to incarceration, their consequences and cost effectiveness.
- Correctional officer safety and wellness, coping mechanisms and intervention programs.
- The impact of the prison experience and facility characteristics on reentry.
- Short- and long-term implications of offender employment, discrimination and redemption.

NIJ Contacts: Dr. Marie Garcia at Marie.Garcia@usdoj.gov. Applicants interested in employment and redemption should contact Ms. Marilyn Moses at Marilyn.Moses@usdoj.gov.

Dr. Guoqi Zhang is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry in the Department of Sciences at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Since he began his career at John Jay in Fall 2013, Dr. Zhang has been actively pursuing external grants to support the research in his group. In 2014, he was awarded two prestigious grants, including one from the American Chemistry Society Petroleum Research Fund for $55,000 over two years, and another grant from the CUNY Collaborative Incentive Research Grant Program for $30,000 for one year. These awards support both undergraduates and graduates to perform cutting-edge research with him in his research laboratory.

One of Dr. Zhang’s current research projects focuses on the development of non-precious metal catalysts for energy-related biomass conversion. This project addresses a major challenge we are facing in the field of sustainable chemistry, i.e. the replacement of precious metal catalysts with earth-abundant metal alternatives for energy conversion. Two aspects of this project have received funding support as mentioned above, and extended research plans are composed in proposals pending for additional support from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Dr. Zhang’s research interests also span forensic chemistry and toxicology, with a focus on the sensing and detection of toxic metals or chemical/biological reagents by fluorescence technology. His research has catalyzed both national and international collaborations with some terrific scientists from Hunter College, the University of California San Diego, Yeshiva University, University of Basel in Switzerland and Soochow University in China. Dr. Zhang has a research laboratory equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and a cohort of graduate, undergraduate and high school students. His group has been quite productive in terms of scientific publications. Over the last year, he and his students have coauthored over ten peer-reviewed journal publications, including those in leading journals in Chemistry such as Advanced Materials, Dalton Transactions, RSC Advances and European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry. His research was also recognized by the CUNY Graduate Center with a mentorship in the Chemistry Ph.D. program.

To read more about Dr. Zhang’s research, please visit: [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/faculty/guoqi-zhang](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/faculty/guoqi-zhang)
Forthcoming Funding Opportunities - NIJ

Typically, most of NIJ’s solicitations are released December through April (pending appropriations from Congress). This preliminary list of solicitations will change over the coming weeks. When the solicitation is released, it will contain the name and contact information of the person managing the solicitation. To be fair and open in the competition, we do not discuss solicitations until they are published. Total funding for these solicitations will depend on the availability of funds.

Find forthcoming solicitations at http://nij.gov/funding/Pages/forthcoming.aspx#oifs

National Institute of Justice – Funding Opportunities

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Find forthcoming solicitations at http://nij.gov/funding/Pages/forthcoming.aspx#oifs in these areas:

- Forensic Sciences
- Social Sciences

Current Funding Opportunities - NIJ

NIJ is accepting applications for the following funding opportunities. Funding opportunities are presented in order of application deadline with the opportunity with the nearest deadline first.

Link: http://nij.gov/funding/Pages/current.aspx?status=current

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

Deadline: March 17, 2015

Description: NIJ is seeking proposals for research on sentinel events in the criminal justice system. When bad things happen in a complex system, the cause is rarely a single act, event, or slip-up. More often, bad outcomes like wrongful convictions, mistaken prison releases, and even revictimization are “sentinel events”—defined as significant negative outcomes that signal underlying weaknesses in the system or process. Sentinel events are likely the result of compound errors and, if properly analyzed and addressed, may provide important keys to strengthening the system and preventing future adverse events or outcomes. Even “near misses,” where tragic outcomes are eventually averted, can signal serious underlying weaknesses in the overall system. NIJ is seeking proposals for research that can add to our understanding of how the concept of sentinel events can be used to improve the functioning of justice systems.

Funding under this solicitation will support multiple awards for either basic research or for applied studies (including evaluations).

Amount: NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $1 million may become available for 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.

Link: https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001132.pdf
NIJ—Developing a Method to Valuate Law Enforcement Data

**Deadline:** March 23, 2015

**Description:** NIJ seeks proposals to conduct research to improve the understanding of the comparative value of data relevant to the law enforcement business process. The proposed research should develop quantifiable measures that reflect the importance of the different kinds of data, offset by the cost to collect, process, analyze, distribute and retain that data, to include the data security costs. For purposes of this solicitation, the law enforcement business process is defined as the related, structured actions carried out by law enforcement agencies to accomplish their mission.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $500,000 may become available for awards under this solicitation in FY 2015. From the total amount, NIJ anticipates that it will make one award.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001135.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001135.pdf)

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NIJ—Research on Law Enforcement Use of Common Operational Picture (COP) Technologies

**Deadline:** March 23, 2015

**Description:** NIJ seeks proposals to conduct research to identify and characterize the common operational picture (COP) technologies being used by law enforcement agencies for emergency response and law enforcement operations, and determine what is known about their efficacy.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $500,000 may become available for awards under this solicitation in FY 2015. From the total amount, NIJ anticipates that it will make one award.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001138.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001138.pdf)

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NIJ—Collecting Digital Evidence from Large-Scale Computer Systems and Networks

**Deadline:** March 23, 2015

**Description:** NIJ seeks proposals for funding to conduct research and technology development leading to the introduction into practice of new and innovative means to speed the processing of large-scale computer systems and computer networks for digital evidence, in a forensically sound manner that preserves the probative value of the evidence that the computer system or network may contain.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $1,000,000 may become available for awards under this solicitation in FY 2015. From the total amount, NIJ anticipates that it will make one to two awards.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001136.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001136.pdf)

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NIJ—Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

**Deadline:** March 30, 2015

**Description:** NIJ is seeking proposals for innovative doctoral dissertation research in science, technology, engineering or mathematics that is relevant to providing solutions to better ensure public safety, prevent and control crime, and ensure the fair and impartial administration of criminal justice in the United States. The NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics provides awards to accredited academic institutions to support such graduate research leading to doctoral degrees.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to $1,000,000 will be available in FY 2015 for a maximum of 20 awards.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001141.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001141.pdf)
NIJ—Research on the Efficacy of Different Contraband Interdiction Modalities Used in Correctional Facilities

**Deadline:** April 2, 2015

**Description:** NIJ seeks proposals to conduct research to identify the different interdiction modalities currently used by criminal justice agencies to keep contraband out of correctional facilities and what is known about their efficacy. An interdiction modality is considered to include both (1) the policies and practices that agencies use to prevent contraband from being brought into a facility as well as (2) those used to detect and remove contraband that may be in the facility. It also includes the statutes and regulations that govern how these modalities are applied.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $500,000 may become available for awards under this solicitation in FY2015. From the total amount, NIJ anticipates that it will make one award.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/slo01137.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/slo01137.pdf)

NIJ—Research into the Use of Suicide Prevention and Intervention Strategies by Law Enforcement Agencies

**Deadline:** April 2, 2015

**Description:** NIJ seeks proposals for innovative, rigorous research to identify and characterize the suicide prevention and intervention strategies currently being used by law enforcement agencies in the United States and, potentially, elsewhere. NIJ is particularly interested in understanding the rationale for the adoption of a particular strategy and what evidence may exist regarding its efficacy.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $500,000 may become available for awards under this solicitation in FY2015. From the total amount, NIJ anticipates that it will make one award.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/slo01148.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/slo01148.pdf)

NIJ—Research and Evaluation on the Investigation and Adjudication of Campus Sexual Assault

**Deadline:** April 6, 2015

**Description:** NIJ is seeking proposals for research and evaluation related to the investigation and adjudication of sexual assaults on college and university campuses. The White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault identified a need to improve understanding of current practices in campus investigation and judicial decision-making involving student-on-student sexual assault. In response, NIJ is seeking proposals to examine:

- Current or new investigation practices and protocols used in the handling of campus sexual assault cases; and/or
- Current or new adjudication practices and protocols used in the handling of campus sexual assault cases.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $1.5 million may become available for multiple awards made through this solicitation.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/slo01144.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/slo01144.pdf)
NIJ—Postdoctoral Fellowship on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, Teen Dating Violence, and Stalking

**Deadline:** April 7, 2015

**Description:** NIJ seeks applications to support the scholarship of up to three promising postdoctoral researchers to conduct original data collection and/or secondary data analyses on violence against women (intimate partner violence, sexual violence, teen dating violence, stalking) under the supervision of a mentor. NIJ strives to provide objective and independent knowledge and validated tools to reduce violence against women and girls, and promote healing and justice for victims. Any specific topic that offers important insights into research on violence against women will receive consideration.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of up to $600,000 may become available for up to three awards for a 12-36 month project period. Proposals may include more than one research project, but are limited to 12-36 months.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001145.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001145.pdf)

NIJ—Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence

**Deadline:** April 7, 2015

**Description:** NIJ is seeking proposals for research and evaluation on violence against women, and specifically intimate partner and sexual violence. For example, NIJ is interested in proposals to examine the effectiveness of specialized police and court-based units, services, and methods related to intimate partner and sexual violence. NIJ is also interested in research on the development, adaptation, and testing of screening tools used for the identification of intimate partner violence in family court proceedings—specifically for cases involving child custody. Although specific areas of interest have been identified, other topics that offer important insights into violence against women will also be accepted for review.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $1 million may become available for multiple awards made through this solicitation.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001146.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001146.pdf)

NIJ—Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals

**Deadline:** April 7, 2015

**Description:** NIJ is seeking proposals for research and evaluation related to the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elderly individuals. As the elderly population grows, crimes against this population are expected to increase. NIJ will be particularly interested in funding research to:

1. Determine an estimate of the financial costs associated with elder abuse.
2. Develop a taxonomy of case outcomes that can be used to define success from multiple perspectives.
3. Examine theoretical perspectives on elder abuse that move the field toward a better understanding of why perpetrators abuse, neglect, and/or exploit elderly individuals.

In 2009, the results of the NIJ-funded National Elder Mistreatment Study indicated that 11 percent of elders reported experiencing at least one form of mistreatment — emotional, physical, sexual or potential neglect — in the past year. Financial exploitation by a family member was reported by five percent of elders. The Government Accountability Office has described repeatedly the growing concern among Americans about the abuse and neglect of persons living in residential care facilities. Current demographic trends show that our society is aging rapidly, and the number of people living in residential care facilities is rising. As such, crimes against these populations are expected to increase. Given the paucity of evidence-based data in the field, additional research is needed to inform, evaluate, and improve the efficacy of efforts to protect elderly individuals and to hold perpetrators of abuse accountable for their crimes.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $1 million may become available for multiple awards made through this solicitation.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001140.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001140.pdf)
NIJ—Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Violence

**Deadline:** April 8, 2015

**Description:** NIJ is seeking multidisciplinary research and evaluation proposals related to childhood exposure to violence. Such violence may include children who are direct victims and/or bystanders or observers of various forms of violence in the home, school, or community, including but not limited to peer victimization, bullying, harassment, child maltreatment, domestic violence, and community violence. Other types of violence to which children are exposed may be addressed, with the exception of media violence (e.g., television and movie violence, music advocating aggression, and violent video games). In particular, NIJ seeks proposals that address justice system responses to children identified as being exposed to violence; polyvictimization and multisystem involvement; and resilience and help-seeking.

**Amount:** NIJ estimates that up to a total of $1 million may become available for one or multiple awards for up to a 36-month project period.

**Link:** https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001143.pdf

NIJ—Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

**Deadline:** April 8, 2015

**Description:** NIJ is seeking proposals for basic or applied research and development projects that will:

- Increase the body of knowledge to guide and inform forensic science policy and practice or;
- Result in the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods that have the potential for forensic application.

The intent of this program is to direct the findings of basic scientific research, research and development in broader scientific fields applicable to forensic science, and ongoing forensic science research toward the development of highly discriminating, accurate, reliable, cost-effective, and rapid methods for the identification, analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence for criminal justice purposes. The operational needs and requirements discussed at NIJ’s FY 2014 Forensic Science Technology Working Group (TWG) meeting may be found at the following link and are intended to assist you in your proposal development: www.nij.gov/topics/forensics/pages/fy14-twg-operational-requirements.aspx.

**Amount:** Total funding for this solicitation and the number of awards made will depend on the availability of funds, the quality of the applications, and other pertinent factors. In fiscal year 2014, NIJ provided over $20 million in grants to fund research and development projects related to forensic science, including DNA. NIJ funding for an individual research or development project rarely exceeds $500,000 annually, although total funding for projects requiring multiple years to complete has exceeded $1 million in some cases. In FY 2014, the average forensic science research and development award was approximately $206,808 per year, and the average project period was 2 years.

**Link:** https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001149.pdf

NIJ—Secondary Analysis of the 2010 National Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) Data: General Population and American Indian and Alaska Native Samples

**Deadline:** April 9, 2015

**Description:** The purpose of this National Institute of Justice (NIJ) solicitation is to encourage and support research using the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) data available from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD) to help inform policies and programs aimed at preventing violence, as well as addressing the specific information needs of state and national governmental and nongovernmental organizations. The survey was designed to track trends in intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence (SV), and stalking. NIJ seeks to support the scholarship of promising researchers to conduct secondary data analyses of these existing data.

**Amount:** NIJ estimates that it will make up to five awards of up to $40,000 for an estimated total of $200,000 for a 12-month project period.

**Link:** https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001129.pdf
NIJ—Social Science Research on Implementation, Dissemination, and Translation FY 2015

**Deadline:** April 9, 2015

**Description:** NIJ seeks proposals for funding projects to study how criminal justice practitioners use research in their decision-making processes and how they implement evidence-based programs or practices. NIJ proposes two distinct research activities under this solicitation.

- Incorporating the Use of Research in Policy Decisions
- Implementation Studies

Applicants may apply to one or both sections of the solicitation; however, proposal titles should clearly identify the section of the solicitation for which the proposal is being submitted.

**Amount:** NIJ estimates that it will make up to six awards of up to $150,000 to $200,000 for an estimated total of $1,000,000, for case studies with up to a 24-month project period.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001151.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001151.pdf)

NIJ—Research on Bias Crime Victimization

**Deadline:** April 13, 2015

**Description:** NIJ is seeking proposals for research and evaluation relating to bias crime (a.k.a. hate crime) victimization. As compared with analogous crimes, bias crime is associated with more negative outcomes for victims and communities. NIJ is particularly interested in funding research to:

- Develop and test screening and/or assessment tools to identify bias crime victims.
- Conduct localized victimization surveys using new and innovative sampling strategies to understand hate crime among immigrant and other understudied communities.
- Explore the use of non-traditional data sources to track bias crime victimization.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $1 million may become available for multiple awards made through this solicitation.

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001142.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001142.pdf)

NIJ—Research and Evaluation on Justice Systems

**Deadline:** April 15, 2015

**Description:** NIJ is seeking applications for funding for social and behavioral science research on, and evaluation related to, justice systems topics including policing, courts, institutional and community corrections that bear directly and substantially upon federal, State, local, or tribal criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. Application titles should clearly indicate the justice systems focus area selected.

The goals of the Research and Evaluation on Justice Systems solicitation are to improve the knowledge and understanding of criminal justice-related issues and to enhance the function and purposes of criminal justice systems through rigorous social and behavioral science. NIJ promotes the effective, efficient, fair and equitable treatment of offenders and victims through research, development, and evaluation. The objectives of this solicitation are to fund high-quality research projects, and to facilitate advances in basic scientific knowledge and methods.

In addition to required data sets, a draft and final summary overview of research results, interim and final progress and financial reports, NIJ expects scholarly products to result from each award under this solicitation, taking the form of one or more published, peer-reviewed, scientific journal articles, and/or (if appropriate) law review journal articles, book chapter(s) or book(s) in the academic press, technological prototypes, patented inventions, or similar scientific products.

**Amount:** NIJ anticipates that up to a total of $6.5 million may become available for awards under this solicitation

**Link:** [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001131.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001131.pdf)
National Institute of Justice—Funding Opportunities (Cont’d)

NIJ—Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships FY15

Deadline: April 20, 2015

Description: NIJ is seeking proposals for criminal justice research and evaluation that includes a researcher-practitioner partnership component. Through researcher-practitioner partnerships, criminal justice practitioners can gain new skills in assessing programs and measuring outcomes. Likewise, criminal justice researchers can better understand the goals and purposes criminal justice practitioners seek to achieve. Ultimately, these partnerships provide criminal justice practitioners with practice- and policy-relevant information while affording researchers the opportunity to contribute to the current body of knowledge. NIJ intends to support criminal justice research in the two following areas related to new and ongoing researcher-practitioner collaborations:

- Junior Faculty/Research Associate Grant Program to Promote Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships.
- Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Fellowship Placement Program.

Amount: NIJ estimates that a total of 2 million may become available to make multiple awards for project periods ranging from 24 to 48 months.

Link: https://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001133.pdf

NIJ—Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism

Deadline: April 21, 2015

Description: NIJ is seeking proposals for research targeted toward developing a better understanding of the domestic radicalization phenomenon, and advancing evidence-based strategies for effective intervention and prevention. The goal of this solicitation is to aid federal, State, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies and their attendant communities in implementing programs that prevent or counter radicalization to violent extremism. The solicitation focuses on all forms of radicalization that lead to violent extremism in the United States, but NIJ is particularly interested in responses to one or more of the following areas of focus: (1) radicalization to indigenous violent extremism; (2) NIJ partnership to translate findings for practitioners; (3) contemporary radicalization and (4) evaluation studies.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make up to 6 awards of up to $750,000 for an estimated total of $4,000,000 for a 12- to 36-month project period, beginning on January 1, 2016.

Link: https://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001152.pdf

NIJ—Research and Evaluation on White-Collar Crime and Public Corruption

Deadline: April 22, 2015

Description: The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) characterizes white-collar crime as the full-range of frauds committed by business and government professionals. Fraud is a general type of crime that involves using deception for illegal monetary gain. White-collar crime includes violations of law committed by both individuals and organizations. White-collar offenders are generally recognized as those in high-status positions, including positions of trust. Public corruption is one form of white collar crime that involves a breach of public trust or an abuse of position by federal, State, or local government officials. In general, white-collar offenses may be handled through the criminal justice system, the civil system, or through regulatory means.

NIJ is seeking proposals for social and behavioral science research and program evaluations that inform efforts to detect, investigate, prosecute, and otherwise combat and prevent white-collar crime and public corruption. NIJ is particularly interested in proposals for research related to public corruption.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make up to three awards for an estimated total of $1 million. Individual awards may be budgeted for up to $1 million for a 36-month project period, beginning on January 1, 2016.

Link: https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001155.pdf
NIJ— Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

Deadline: April 6, 2015

Description: NIJ seeks proposals for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (the Coverdell program), which awards grants to States and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. Among other things, funds may be used to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic evidence and to train and employ forensic laboratory personnel, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog. State Administering Agencies (SAAs) may apply for both “base” (formula) and competitive funds. Units of local government may apply for competitive funds.

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

Link: https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001134.pdf

NIJ— Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing

Deadline: April 28, 2015

Description: DNA technology can provide valuable information to assist in determining the source of unidentified human remains. In recent years, newer DNA technologies have substantially increased the successful analysis of aged, degraded, limited, or otherwise compromised biological evidence. As a result, biological samples, including skeletal remains, once thought to be unsuitable for testing, may now yield DNA profiles. Additionally, samples that previously generated inconclusive DNA results may now be amenable to reanalysis using newer methods.

NIJ is seeking proposals for funding under the Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing program. This program offers assistance in performing DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and family reference samples to support the efforts of States and units of local government to identify missing persons.

Amount: NIJ estimates that it will make up to four awards for an estimated total of $3 million for a project period of 24 months, beginning on January 1, 2016.

Link: https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sL001154.pdf

NIJ— Post-conviction Testing of DNA Evidence to Exonerate the Innocent

Deadline: May 4, 2015

Description: Since the advent of forensic DNA analysis, a growing number of Americans convicted of violent crimes have been exonerated through DNA analysis of evidence that was untested at the time of trial. New technologies have increased the likelihood of successful DNA analysis of aged, degraded, limited, or otherwise compromised biological evidence. As a result, crime scene samples once thought to be unsuitable for testing may now yield viable DNA profiles. Moreover, samples that had previously generated inconclusive DNA results may be amenable to reanalysis using newer methods.

NIJ seeks proposals for funding to assist in defraying the costs associated with post-conviction DNA testing in cases of violent felony offenses (as defined by State law) in which actual innocence might be demonstrated. Funds may be used to identify and review such post-conviction cases and to locate and analyze associated biological evidence.

Amount: The number and value of the awards made will depend on available funding and the volume and quality of applications received.

Link: https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sL001150.pdf
BJA—Wrongful Conviction Review Program

**Deadline:** April 8, 2015

**Description:** The purpose of the Wrongful Conviction Review Program is to provide high-quality and efficient representation for defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence. Post-conviction innocence claims are likely to include complex challenges to the reliability and/or accuracy of evidence presented at trial and generally fall into three categories: 1) eyewitness identification evidence; 2) confession evidence; and 3) forensic evidence. In some cases, post-conviction DNA testing alone can establish innocence, but the majority of cases will rely on other forms of evidence, and many will involve DNA testing together with additional sources of proof and/or expert testimony, the costs of which may be prohibitive.

**Amount:** BJA anticipates that it will make up to six awards of up to $250,000 each for Category 1, for a 24-month project period. For Category 2, one award will be made for up to $100,000, for a 24-month project period. The projects start date should be on or after October 1, 2015.

**Link:** [https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15WrongfulConvictionSol.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15WrongfulConvictionSol.pdf)

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BJA—Smart Defense Initiative: National Training and Technical Assistance FY 2015 Competitive Grant Announcement

**Deadline:** April 8, 2015

**Description:** The purpose of Smart Defense is to improve the quality of public defense delivery systems guided by the Ten Principles of a Public Defense Delivery System, promulgated by the American Bar Association (ABA). The ABA Ten Principles of a Public Defense Delivery System (the ABA Ten Principles) represent fundamental building blocks for implementing quality legal representation for indigent criminal defendants. Released in 2002, the ABA Ten Principles list the American Bar Association’s recommendations for government officials and other parties who are charged with improving public defense delivery systems. These principles address defenders’ appropriate function, workload, resources, training, and quality, and have been recognized by the Attorney General “as [an] essential guidepost for ensuring that our indigent defense efforts are as effective- and as efficient – as possible.” To help jurisdictions strengthen state and local public defense delivery systems, BJA released a separate competitive grant announcement, the Smart Defense Initiative, to fund state and local sites.

**Amount:** BJA estimates that it will make one award of up to $500,000 for a 24-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2015.

**Link:** [https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15SmartDefenseTTAsol.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15SmartDefenseTTAsol.pdf)

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BJA—Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) National Training and Technical Assistance Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Announcement

**Deadline:** April 9, 2015

**Description:** The goal of the PSN National TTA Program is to provide assistance to state and local law enforcement, criminal justice professionals (e.g., academic, corrections, etc.) and communities to improve the level of knowledge, communication, collaboration, and tactics involved in addressing gun crime and gang violence that impact communities throughout the nation. The PSN National TTA Program is supported by research and evidence-based practices and strategies. The program combines the leadership of DOJ and the expertise of nationally recognized criminal justice practitioners and action research experts to deliver a wide variety of TTA nationwide. Programs funded under this solicitation are intended to have a national impact.

**Amount:** BJA estimates that it will make one award for each of the three categories. Funding for each category is as follows: Category 1 up to $250,000; Category 2 up to $150,000; and Category 3 up to $600,000 for an estimated total of $1,000,000. Each award will be for a 36-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2015.

**Link:** [https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15PSNTTAsol.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15PSNTTAsol.pdf)
BJA—Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

**Deadline:** April 20, 2015

**Description:** In many ways, community safety and crime prevention are prerequisites to the transformation of distressed communities, including the revitalization of civic engagement. Addressing community safety is the role of criminal justice agencies, the community, and its partners as a whole. To improve and revitalize communities, all relevant stakeholders should be included: law enforcement and criminal justice, education, housing, health and human services, community and faith-based non-profits, local volunteers, residents, and businesses. This program is funded pursuant to the “Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015” under the Edward Byrne Memorial criminal justice innovation program appropriation (P.L. 113-235). The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) program 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) Planning, and 2) Implementation. Under Category 1, BJA estimates that it will make up to 15 awards of up to $175,000 each for up to an 18-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2015. Under Category 2, BJA estimates that it will make up to 3 awards of up to $1,000,000 for up to a 36-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2015.

**Link:** [https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15BCJIsol.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15BCJIsol.pdf)

BJA—Justice Reinvestment Initiative: State-Level Technical Assistance

**Deadline:** April 23, 2015

**Description:** Approximately 2.2 million people were incarcerated in federal, state, and local prisons and jails in 2013, a rate of 1 out of every 110 adults. After three years of declines, the prison population increased slightly in 2013, largely due to growth in state prison populations. These prisons face crowding and resource challenges. Accordingly, state spending on corrections has remained high. Over the last 25 years, state corrections expenditures have increased significantly—from $12 billion in 1988 to more than $55 billion in 2013. Justice reinvestment emerged as a way to address these issues through a targeted, data-driven policymaking process. BJA, in a public/private partnership with The Pew Charitable Trusts, launched the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) in 2010 as a multi-staged process in which a jurisdiction increases the cost-effectiveness of its criminal justice system and reinvests savings into high-performing public safety strategies. Under the JRI model, a governmental working group with bipartisan and interbranch representation analyzes the correctional population and its costs, develops cost-effective policy options, and implements reforms to manage correctional populations while enhancing public safety. JRI jurisdictions reinvest these cost savings into high-performing initiatives that make communities safer. In addition to reducing prison populations, justice reinvestment encourages states to embrace a culture of greater collaboration, data-driven decision-making, and increased use of evidence-based practices.

**Amount:** BJA anticipates that it will make no more than three cooperative agreement awards to national-scope entities to implement JRI activities at the state level. Applicants may propose to provide either 1) data analysis and policy development, or 2) implementation and sustainability assistance, or both. BJA estimates that it will make up to 3 awards ranging from $1.5 million up to $8 million, depending on the type of assistance to be provided, for an estimated total of $10 million for a 60-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2015.

**Link:** [https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15JRIStateTAsol.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15JRIStateTAsol.pdf)
NEH—Fellowships

**Deadline:** April 30, 2015

**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.

NEH encourages submission of Fellowships applications from independent scholars and faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

**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. The award period must be **full-time and continuous**. Teaching and administrative assignments or other major activities may not be undertaken during the fellowship period.

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

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National Endowment for the Humanities—Funding Opportunities

**National Endowment for the Humanities**

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

**Deadline:** April 15, 2015

**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.

**Amount:** This program supports awardees who work between half time and full time on their projects. Awardees may combine part- and full-time work. The amount of the award is $4,200 per full-time month. Thus an award to support eight months of half-time work would be $16,800 (equivalent to four months of full-time work at $4,200 per month). The minimum award length is the equivalent of two months of full-time work; the maximum is the equivalent of twelve months of full-time work. The award period must be continuous. The length of support requested should be determined by the complexity of the project, the amount of work to be completed, and the commitment of the institution to the project. Requesting an award period shorter than twelve months will not improve an applicant's chances of receiving an award.

**Link:** [http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/awards-faculty-hispanic-serving-institutions](http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/awards-faculty-hispanic-serving-institutions)
Attention Forensic Science Research and Education Community!!!

National Science Foundation is interested in funding Forensic Science Research & Education!

Forensic Science—Opportunity for Breakthroughs in Fundamental and Basic Research and Education

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is interested in receiving proposals to existing programs in any directorate across the Foundation that address fundamental research questions which might simultaneously advance activities related to research and education in forensic sciences. Supplement requests to existing awards may also be submitted.

BACKGROUND: In 2009 the National Academy of Sciences published “Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward.” While the report acknowledges that “the forensic science disciplines have produced valuable evidence that has contributed to the successful prosecution and conviction of criminals as well as to the exoneration of innocent people,” it cites a need for systematic research to validate the various disciplines’ underlying assumptions and methodologies, adding that the “forensic science communities will be improved by opportunities to collaborate with the broader science and engineering communities.” NSF is the only Federal agency whose mission is to support basic research at the forefront of all fields of fundamental science and engineering. It is therefore appropriate for the Foundation to support basic research that can inform research and education in forensic science.

DETAILS: This is to alert all basic science and engineering communities, including education researchers, to the Foundation’s interest in receiving proposals that, while investigating fundamental questions, seek to pose and test hypotheses that could inform research in forensic sciences. The interest spans both disciplinary and interdisciplinary research. Additionally, the wide public interest in forensics can provide an effective vehicle for basic research in science education. International partnerships, where appropriate, are encouraged, as are synergistic interactions with forensics and/or law enforcement agencies and organizations. Proposals for workshops to explore fundamental science drivers and their relevance to forensics are also welcome.


This is not a special competition or new program. Proposals and supplement requests must meet the requirements and deadlines of the program to which they are submitted. Questions concerning this should be directed to the e-mail alias forensic-science-inquiries@nsf.gov. For more information, please visit the link above.

NSF—Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences: Sociology

Deadline: October 15 annually (Dissertation Research)
August 15 and January 15 Annually (Regular Research)

Description: The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed. Projects are evaluated using the two Foundation-wide criteria, intrinsic merit and broader impacts. In assessing the intrinsic merit of proposed research, four components are key to securing support from the Sociology Program: (1) the issues investigated must be theoretically grounded; (2) the research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation or illustration; (3) the research design must be appropriate to the questions asked; and (4) the proposed research must advance our understanding of social processes, structures and methods.

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369&org=SBE&sel_org=SBE&from=fund
**NSF—Social Psychology**

**Deadline:** July 15 & January 15 annually

**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 the proposed project.


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**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)

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**NSF—Research Coordination Networks (RCN)**

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted anytime. (RCN-UBE & UBE Incubator Track deadline: January 6, 2016)

**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.

National Science Foundation – Funding Opportunities Cont’d

NSF—Law and Social Sciences (LSS)


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:

1. Crime, Violence and Punishment
2. Economic Issues
3. Governance
4. Legal Decision-making
5. Legal Mobilization and Conceptions of Justice
6. Litigation and the Legal Profession

LSS provides the following modes of support:

1. Standard Research Grants and Grants for Collaborative Research
2. Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants
3. Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Fellowships
4. Workshop and Conference Proposal

Amount: $5,000,000 pending availability of funds. Estimated Number of Awards: 75

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504727

NSF—Perception, Action & Cognition

Deadlines: Research Full Proposal Windows: July 15, 2015—August 3, 2015 (Annually Thereafter); January 15, 2016—February 1, 2016 (Annually Thereafter)
Workshop and Conference Full Proposal Windows: April 1, 2015 - April 15, 2015 (Annually Thereafter); June 1, 2015 - June 15, 2015 (Annually Thereafter)

Description: Supports research on perception, action and cognition. Emphasis is on research strongly grounded in theory. Central research topics for consideration by the Perception, Action, and Cognition panel include vision, audition, haptics, attention, memory, reasoning, written and spoken discourse, and motor control. The program encompasses a wide range of theoretical perspectives, such as symbolic computation, connectionism, ecological, 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 (e.g., Linguistics, Developmental and Learning Sciences, Cognitive Neuroscience, etc). Proposals may involve clinical populations, animals, or computational modeling only if the work has direct impact on basic issues of human perception, action, or cognition.

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

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5686

NSF—Infrastructure Management and Extreme Events (IMEE)

Deadline: September 15, 2015; February 16, 2016; September 15 and February 15 Annually Thereafter

Description: The IMEE program focuses on the impact of large-scale hazards on civil infrastructure and society and on related issues of preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery. The program supports research to integrate multiple issues from engineering, social, behavioral, political, and economic sciences. It supports fundamental research on the interdependence of civil infrastructure and society, development of sustainable infrastructures, and civil infrastructure vulnerability and risk reduction.

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

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13353
**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 and 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.)


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**NSF—Cultural Anthropology**

**Deadlines:**

- **Full Proposal Target Dates:** August 15 and January 15 annually for Senior Research Proposals, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Proposals, most Workshop proposals and proposals for Training Programs.
- **Cultural Anthropology Scholars Target Dates:** August 16 and January 16 annually for Faculty Scholars proposals.

**Description:** The Cultural Anthropology Program supports basic scientific research about the causes, consequences, and complexities of human social and cultural variability. Cultural anthropologists analyze human social and cultural behavior holistically. This integrated approach makes anthropology a valuable research tool for understanding the modern world. Because cultural patterns are emergent over time and space, there is no single natural scale for ethnographic and ethnological analysis. In some cases, cultural patterns may emerge from the collective behavior of large ensembles of smaller scale units; in others, they may be imposed by larger scale constraints. The origins of social and cultural variability may be remote from the scale at which they are observed. Therefore, research may target any appropriate scale or scales from local to regional to global. The Program encourages innovative research that contributes to building spatially and temporally specific theory that extends understanding beyond individual case studies. The Cultural Anthropology Program accepts proposals for a variety of project types: Senior Research proposals (that is, research proposals from scholars with PhDs or equivalent degree); proposals for Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants; Cultural Anthropology Scholars awards (for research-related, post-PhD training); and CAREER proposals. The Program will also consider proposals for workshops and training programs, as well as supplements to current awards to support Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) and Research Experience for Graduate Studies (REG). Research in all sub-fields of cultural anthropology is eligible. Successful proposals are characterized by clear research questions and propositions that will be put to the test through meticulous attention to research design, data collection, and analysis.

**Link:** [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5388](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5388)
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NSF—Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS)

Deadline: August 27 & January 28 Annually Thereafter

Description: The Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS) Program is a standing, interdisciplinary program in the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE). MMS supports the development of innovative, analytical, and statistical methods and models for those sciences.

The MMS Program seeks proposals that are methodologically innovative, grounded in theory, and have potential utility for multiple fields within the social, behavioral, and economic sciences. Successful proposals often integrate across the following areas:

- The development, application, and extension of formal models and methodology for social and behavioral research, including methods for improving measurement. The proposed research must show promise for having value for multiple social and behavioral science fields.
- The development of formal models that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries, including research on statistical methodology or statistical modeling. The proposed research must show promise for having value for multiple social and behavioral science fields.
- Research on methodological aspects of new or existing procedures for data collection, including methodology for survey research, and research to evaluate or compare existing databases and data collection procedures.
- The collection of unique databases with cross-disciplinary value, particularly when paired with innovative developments in measurement or methodology.
- Infrastructure projects that facilitate the research activities of the MMS community.

Amount: An estimated 15 to 35 awards will be made. Approximately $3.4 million will be awarded annually, contingent upon the availability of funds. Additional funds may be available from participating federal statistical agencies for competitive survey and statistical methodology proposals. Project budgets should be developed at scales appropriate for the work to be conducted.

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5421

NSF—Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)

Deadline: April 20—May 4, 2015

Description: The goal of the CPS program is to develop the core system science needed to engineer complex cyber-physical systems upon which people can depend with high confidence. The program aims to foster a research community committed to advancing research and education in CPS and to transitioning CPS science and technology into engineering practice. By abstracting from the particulars of specific systems and application domains, the CPS program seeks to reveal cross-cutting fundamental scientific and engineering principles that underpin the integration of cyber and physical elements across all application sectors. To expedite and accelerate the realization of cyber-physic research and education projects -- differing in scope and goals -- will be considered through this solicitation:

- Breakthrough projects must offer a significant advance in fundamental CPS science, engineering and/or technology that has the potential to change the field. This category focuses on new approaches to bridge computing, communication, and control.
- Synergy projects must demonstrate innovation at the intersection of multiple disciplines, to accomplish a clear goal that requires an integrated perspective spanning the disciplines.
- Frontier projects must address clearly identified critical CPS challenges that cannot be achieved by a set of smaller projects.

Amount:

- Funding for Breakthrough projects may be requested for a total of up to $500,000 for a period of up to 3 years.
- Funding for Synergy projects may be requested for a total of $500,001 to $1,000,000 for a period of 3 to 4 years.
- Funding for Frontier projects may be requested for a total of $1,000,001 to $7,000,000 for a period of 4 to 5 years.

**NSF—Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC)**

**Deadline(s)** (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time):
- MEDIUM Projects: September 21, 2015; September 19, Annually Thereafter
- LARGE Projects: November 19, 2015; November 19, Annually Thereafter
- CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION Projects: December 19, Annually Thereafter
- SMALL Projects: January 14, 2015; January 14, Annually Thereafter

**Description:** Cyberspace has transformed the daily lives of people for the better. The rush to adopt cyberspace, however, has exposed its fragility and vulnerabilities: corporations, agencies, national infrastructure and individuals have been victims of cyber-attacks. In December 2011, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) with the cooperation of NSF issued a broad, coordinated Federal strategic plan for cybersecurity research and development to “change the game,” minimize the misuses of cyber-technology, bolster education and training in cybersecurity, establish a science of cybersecurity, and transition promising cybersecurity research into practice. This challenge requires a dedicated approach to research, development, and education that leverages the disciplines of mathematics and statistics, the social sciences, and engineering together with the computing, communications and information sciences.

The Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC) program welcomes proposals that address Cybersecurity from a Trustworthy Computing Systems (TWC) perspective and/or a Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) perspective, or from the Secure, Trustworthy, Assured and Resilient Semiconductors and Systems (STARSS) perspective. In addition, we welcome proposals that integrate research addressing all of these perspectives (see full solicitation).

**Amount:** Proposals may be submitted in one of the following three categories (plus Cybersecurity Education; see below):
- Small projects: up to $500,000 in total budget, with durations of up to three years
- Medium projects: $500,001 to $1,200,000 in total budget, with durations of up to four years
- Large projects: $1,200,001 to $3,000,000 in total budget, with durations of up to five years


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**NSF—Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF): Core Programs**

**Deadline(s)** (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time):
- MEDIUM Projects: September 21, 2015; September 19, Annually Thereafter
- LARGE Projects: November 19, 2015; November 19, Annually Thereafter
- SMALL Projects: January 14, Annually Thereafter

**Description:** The Division of Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF) supports transformative research and education projects that explore the foundations of computing and communication. The Division seeks advances in computing and communication theory, algorithm design and analysis, and the architecture and design of computers and software. CCF-supported projects also investigate revolutionary computing models and technologies based on emerging scientific ideas and integrate research and education activities to prepare future generations of computer science and engineering workers.

CCF supports three core programs - Algorithmic Foundations (AF), Communications and Information Foundations (CIF), and Software and Hardware Foundations (SHF). (See full solicitation for details.)

**Amount:** Proposers are invited to submit proposals in three project classes, which are defined as follows:
- Small Projects - up to $500,000 total budget with durations up to three years;
- Medium Projects - $500,001 to $1,200,000 total budget with durations up to four years; and
- Large Projects - $1,200,001 to $3,000,000 total budget with durations up to five years.

NSF—Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS): Core Programs

Deadline(s) (due by 5 p.m. proposer’s local time):
- MEDIUM Projects: September 21, 2015; September 19, Annually Thereafter
- LARGE Projects: November 19, 2015; November 19, Annually Thereafter
- SMALL Projects: January 14, Annually

Description: The Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS) studies the inter-related roles of people, computers, and information. IIS supports research and education activities that 1) develop new knowledge about the role of people in the design and use of information technology; 2) increase our capability to create, manage, and understand data and information in circumstances ranging from personal computers to globally-distributed systems; and 3) advance our understanding of how computational systems can exhibit the hallmarks of intelligence.

CISE’s Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS) supports research and education projects that develop new knowledge in three core programs:
- The Cyber-Human Systems (CHS) program;
- The Information Integration and Informatics (III) program; and
- The Robust Intelligence (RI) program.

Amount: Proposers are invited to submit proposals in three project classes, which are defined as follows:
- Small Projects - up to $500,000 total budget with durations up to three years;
- Medium Projects - $500,001 to $1,200,000 total budget with durations up to four years; and
- Large Projects - $1,200,001 to $3,000,000 total budget with durations up to five years


NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) Program

Deadline(s) (due by 5 p.m. proposer’s local time):
- Full Proposal: May 6, 2015 & February 22, 2016

Description: The NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, potentially transformative, and scalable models for STEM graduate education training. The NRT program seeks proposals that ensure that graduate students in research-based master’s and doctoral degree programs develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers. The NRT program includes two tracks: the Traineeship Track and the Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) Track. The Traineeship Track is dedicated to effective training of STEM graduate students in high priority interdisciplinary research areas, through the use of a comprehensive traineeship model that is innovative, evidence-based, aligned with changing workforce and research needs, and scalable. For this solicitation the Traineeship Track has one priority interdisciplinary research theme — Data-Enabled Science and Engineering (DESE); proposals are encouraged also on any non-DESE interdisciplinary research theme that is a national priority. The IGE Track is dedicated solely to piloting, testing, and evaluating novel, innovative, and potentially transformative approaches to graduate education, both disciplinary and interdisciplinary, to generate the knowledge required for their customization, implementation, and broader adoption. Whereas the Traineeship Track promotes building on the current knowledge base to more effectively train STEM graduate students, the IGE Track supports test-bed projects with high potential to enrich, improve, and extend the knowledge base with attention to transferability and innovation. For both tracks, strategic collaborations with the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government agencies, national laboratories, field stations, teaching and learning centers, museums, and academic partners are encouraged.

Amount:
- NRT Traineeship Track Awards (10 anticipated) are expected to be up to five years in duration with a budget up to $3,000,000.
- NRT IGE Track Awards (14-20 anticipated) are expected to be up to 2-3 years in duration with a budget between $300,000 and $500,000.

 NIH—Research on Ethical Issues in Biomedical, Social, and Behavioral Research (R21)

**Deadline:** June 16; October 16

**Description:** This FOA seeks applications for research projects that propose to analyze and address ethical challenges and issues related to the conduct and output of biomedical, clinical, social and behavioral research within the NIH mission. The results of projects funded under this program announcement should enhance the ethical conduct and social value of research within the NIH mission, optimize the protection of human research participants, ensure research burdens and benefits are equitably distributed across populations, and contribute to policy development regarding the implementation and oversight of new research discoveries and methods. Proposals to conduct empirical research as well as those that propose to develop new theoretical and conceptual ethical frameworks will be considered. Interdisciplinary and collaborative projects utilizing multiple approaches are strongly encouraged.

**Amount:** A project period of up to two years and a budget for direct costs of up to $200,000 per year may be requested with a maximum of $275,000 direct costs over two years.


 NIH—Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R01/R03/R21)

**Deadlines for New Applications:** Varies based on the activity code of the funding opportunity.

**R01 Deadlines for New Applications:** October 5, February 5, June 5

**R03 Deadlines for New Applications:** October 16, February 16, June 16

**R21 Deadlines for New Applications:** October 16, February 16, June 16

**Description:** This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) spans across the missions of several NIH Institutes and Centers and Offices, and includes basic neuroscience and basic behavioral research, clinical and translational studies, intervention development at the individual, family and community level, efficacy trials of interventions based on evidence from basic and translational studies, and research to identify the best ways to disseminate and implement efficacious and evidence-based interventions in real-world settings. While this FOA covers all of the areas mentioned above, particular consideration will be given to applications that propose studies of the intersection that focus on the various types of violence (homicide, suicide, youth and gang-related, intimate partner) and firearms.

**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—Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Program (R15)**

**Deadlines:**  June 25; October 25

**Award Ceiling:** Direct costs are limited to $300,000 over the entire project period (up to 3 years).

**Description:** The purpose of the AREA program is to stimulate research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation’s research scientists, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. AREA grants create opportunities for scientists and institutions, otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH research programs, to contribute to the Nation’s biomedical and behavioral research effort. AREA grants are intended to support small-scale research projects proposed by faculty members of eligible, domestic institutions, to expose students to meritorious research projects, and to strengthen the research environment of the applicant institution. Grants are renewable. Preliminary data are not required.

**Goals of the Program:** Support meritorious research; Expose students to research; & Strengthen the research environment of the institution.

**Principal Investigator Eligibility:**
- The PI must have a primary faculty appointment at an AREA-eligible institution. (John Jay College is eligible)
- The PI may not be the PI of an active NIH research grant at the time of an AREA award.
- The PI may not be awarded more than one AREA grant at a time.

**Link:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm)

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**NIH—National Institute on Drug Abuse Drug Abuse Aspects of HIV/AIDS (R01)**

**Deadline:** May 7; September 7; January 7

**Description:** The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) seeks research grant applications to examine the drug abuse aspects of HIV/AIDS, including research on drug-related risk behaviors, addiction and HIV disease, and drug use/HIV-related co-morbidities and consequences. Applications are needed to identify and predict changes in the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS among injection and non-injection drug users and among their sexual partners; to develop and test interventions for primary and secondary HIV prevention, including drug treatment interventions; to improve HIV testing, counseling, and treatment services for those living with HIV/AIDS; and to address basic mechanisms involved in HIV infection and AIDS pathogenesis in the context of drug abuse and addiction.

**Award Ceiling:** Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect actual needs of the proposed project. Budgets over $500,000 in direct costs per year must receive prior approval.

**Link:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-293.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-293.html)

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**NIH—AHRQ Health Services Research Project (R01)**

**Deadline:** June 5; October 5; February 5

**Description:** The Research Project Grant is an award made by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to an institution/organization to support a discrete, specified health services research project. The research plan proposed by the applicant institution/organization must be related to the mission and portfolio priority research interests of AHRQ. The AHRQ mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable and affordable, and to work with HHS and other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used. Within the mission, AHRQ’s specific priority areas of focus are:
- Improve health care quality by accelerating implementation of Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR)
- Make health care safer
- Increase accessibility by evaluating expansions of insurance coverage

**Amount:** $250,000 per year for a maximum of 5 years.

NIDA Mentored Clinical Scientists Development Award in Drug Abuse and Addiction (K12)

Deadline: June 12, 2015

Description: The purpose of the NIDA Mentored Clinical Scientists Development Award in Drug Abuse and Addiction (K12) is to encourage institutions to develop and/or sustain programs that support intensive, mentored research training and career development experiences for clinician scientists (scholars). It is expected that these programs will provide scholars the mentoring, training, and research experiences necessary for research independence in the area of drug abuse and addiction. Each award is intended to support scholars for 3-5 years of consecutive 12-month appointments.

Applications for this award must propose a comprehensive career development and research plan that has: (1) intrinsic research importance in the area of drug abuse and addiction and is within the mission of NIDA, (2) will serve as a suitable vehicle for learning the methodology, theories, and concepts needed for a well-trained, independent clinician researcher in the area of drug abuse and addiction; and (3) will ensure high research productivity. Research areas of interest at NIDA include, but are not limited to: translational research; epidemiology; health services; prevention; treatment; clinical neurosciences; genetics; HIV/AIDS; medical consequences; and pharmacotherapeutic development.

Programs should include both didactic training and supervised research experiences designed to accommodate research candidates with varying levels of experience and at different stages of their career. For example, a scholar with limited experience in a given field of research may find it appropriate to engage in a structured, phased developmental program, including a designated period of didactic training followed by a period of supervised research experience. Although scholars with limited research experience can be appointed to the program, they are expected to be prepared to apply for independent research funding by completion of the program.

Amount: The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Direct costs are limited to $500,000 per year and the project period duration may range from 3 to 5 years.


Reductions in Illicit Drug Use and Functional Outcomes (R21/R33)

Deadline: May 16 (Letter of Intent—required); June 16 & October 16 (Full Proposal)

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.

This FOA is intended to support the conduct of rigorous research to determine if reductions in illicit drug use are associated with positive health, psychosocial, and economic outcomes and potentially inform the development of new clinical outcomes beyond abstinence. The principal object of this FOA is to support projects to characterize reduced drug use and its various consequences as a multidimensional concept with associated dynamic changes in a range of outcomes. These outcomes, if correlated with decreased drug use, could ultimately form relevant endpoint(s) applicable to the development of medications for regulatory registration purposes and other behavioral and psychosocial interventions.

Drug use can be captured via self-report and/or biological measures. Funding preference will be given to studies using a combination of drug use data collection instruments, collected at regular intervals, repeatedly, over a sustained period of time. A range of research designs and methods may be relevant to this FOA including prospective collection of new data and/or secondary analyses of existing datasets.

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. 2 years for the R21 and up to 3 years for the R33.

National Institute of Justice and the National Science Foundation
Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers Program (I/UCRC)

**Deadline:** Letter of Intent is required and due the first Monday in January, Annually; and Last Friday in June, Annually thereafter. Planning Grant and Full Center Proposal Deadline: First Tuesday in March, Annually; and Last Friday in September, Annually thereafter.

**Description:** The Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC) program develops long-term partnerships among industry, academe, and government. The centers are catalyzed by a small investment from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and are primarily supported by industry center members, with NSF taking a supporting role in the development and evolution of the center. Each center is established to conduct research that is of interest to both the industry members and the center faculty. An I/UCRC contributes to the nation's research infrastructure base and enhances the intellectual capacity of the engineering and science workforce through the integration of research and education. As appropriate, an I/UCRC uses international collaborations to advance these goals within the global context. Specifically, the National Institute of Justice and the National Science Foundation have partnered to solicit proposals to establish Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRCs) for the forensic sciences.

The cooperative centers will convene forensic experts, industry developers, and researchers to develop long-term partnerships to address the needs and challenges of the forensic sciences. The centers are catalyzed by sponsorship investments from both NIJ and NSF. I/UCRC membership will also be open to local, state, and federal agencies, private philanthropic foundations, and other institutions. Federal agencies can also become members, contributing their practical experience as well as access to testing research concepts in working crime laboratories. The I/UCRC may also involve international collaboration.

NSF has helped create 170 I/UCRCs on a variety of topics since 1979; 67 of these are currently being supported but many others are now independently self-sustaining. NIJ and NSF welcome proposals on a range of relevant forensic science topics, such as human judgment and decision making, new principles and approaches for remote and field-based chemical measurement and imaging; and pattern-based analysis. Proposals should adhere to the terms and guidance in the I/UCRC solicitation, including requirements for the letter of intent. The title should begin with the phrase "Forensics I/UCRC" followed by a brief descriptor that conveys the main focus of the proposal. Estimated Number of Awards: 2 to 8 full center awards and 4 to 6 planning grant awards annually.

**Amount:** Anticipated Funding Amount: $12,000,000. Funding is dependent on the availability of funds. Anticipated funding includes continued annual support and supplemental requests for existing centers.


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**Department of Defense**

**U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences Broad Agency Announcement for Basic, Applied, and Advanced Scientific Research (FY13-18)**

(Dept. of the Army - Materiel Command)

**Deadline:** Applications will be reviewed each fiscal year through February 5, 2018.

**Description:** The United States Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (ARI) is the Army’s lead agency for the conduct of research, development, and analyses for the improvement of Army readiness and performance via research advances and applications of the behavioral and social sciences that address personnel, organization, training, and leader development issues. Programs funded under this BAA include basic research, applied research, and advanced technology development that can improve human performance and Army readiness. Collaboration is encouraged among educational institutions, non-profit/not-for-profit organizations, commercial organizations, and the other U.S. Military Services. Funding of research and development (R&D) within ARI areas of interest will be determined by funding constraints and priorities set during each budget cycle. Those contemplating submission of a proposal are encouraged to contact the ARI Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) identified in Part II Section G of this BAA or the responsible ARI Manager noted at the end of the technical area entry (Part II Section A of this BAA) to determine whether the R&D warrants further inquiry. If the R&D warrants further inquiry and funding is available, submission of a proposal will be entertained. The recommended three-step sequence is (1) telephone call to the ARI TPOC or responsible ARI Manager, (2) white paper submission, (3) full proposal submission. This sequence allows earliest determination of the potential for funding and minimizes the labor and cost associated with submission of full proposals that have minimal probability of being selected for funding.

**Amount:** Funding of research and development (R&D) within ARI areas of interest will be determined by funding constraints and priorities set during each budget cycle.

**Link:** [http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=219293](http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=219293)
Current Funding Opportunities from Various Sponsors

William T. Grant Foundation—Distinguished Fellows

**Deadline:** Letters of Inquiry are due on May 5, and August 4

**Description:** The William T. Grant Foundation’s Distinguished Fellows Program creates bridges between the research, practice, and policy communities. The program is designed to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research to improve the lives of youth. During the Fellowship, researchers are immersed in a practice or policy setting, and policymakers and practitioners in a research organization. This immersion helps Fellows to observe and experience firsthand the needs and challenges of their new settings. We expect that these experiences will facilitate the production and use of relevant, high-quality research and create stronger connections across the research, policy, and practice communities.

**Amount:** Fellowships are up to $175,000 and range between six months and two years. In addition, fellowship sites may request up to $25,000 to defray costs associated with hosting a Fellow.

**Link:** [http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants#apply-wtgrant-distinguished-fellows](http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants#apply-wtgrant-distinguished-fellows)

William T. Grant Foundation

**Strengthening Connections Between Education Research and Practice in NYC**

**Deadline:** September 2014—August 2017

**Description:** This grant will support the Research Alliance for New York City School’s efforts to be a sustainable source of high-quality, nonpartisan evidence that helps advance equity and excellence in the city’s public schools.

The Alliance plans to enhance its research productivity and timeliness and to build its communications capacity. More specifically, their goals are to execute fast-response research that addresses emerging policy questions, effectively communicate with key stakeholders about the findings from studies, maintain longitudinal data archives to support rigorous research, and raise their profile and visibility. The Research Alliance works with the New York City Department of Education and other stakeholders to identify important questions for research and to provide strong evidence to help solve problems and build capacity in schools.

**Amount:** $150,000

**Link:** [http://wtgrantfoundation.org/browsegrants#/grant/183742](http://wtgrantfoundation.org/browsegrants#/grant/183742)

Japan Foundation

**New York Office Grant for Arts and Culture**

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by JFNY at least 3 months prior to the beginning date of the project. JFNY will contact applicants regarding the result 2 months prior to the project starting date.

**Description:** The Japan Foundation New York office (JFNY) accepts applications for projects that take place within the 37 states east of Rocky Mountains for the JFNY Grant throughout the year. This grant aims to support projects that will further understanding of Japanese arts and culture.

Applications will be accepted only for projects that take place within the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains, regardless of the location of the applicant organizations. For projects to be held in the other thirteen states, please contact the Japan Foundation, Los Angeles. The purpose of the applicant’s project must be to nurture further understanding of Japanese arts and culture, or to produce U.S.-Japan collaborative projects, through performing arts, exhibitions, film screening, lectures, symposia, and other cultural events.

**Amount:** Successful projects may be granted up to $5,000. Priority will be given to those projects that have secured additional funding from sources other than the Japan Foundation.

**Link:** [http://www.jfny.org/arts_and_culture/smallgrant.html](http://www.jfny.org/arts_and_culture/smallgrant.html)
Current Funding Opportunities from Various Sponsors (Cont’d)

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; and
- 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)

Council for the International Exchange of Scholars—Fulbright Specialist Program

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Ceiling:** Varies; The program is designed to award grants to qualified U.S. faculty and professionals, in select disciplines, to engage in short-term collaborative 2 to 6 week projects at host institutions in over 100 countries worldwide

**Description:** The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) promotes linkages between U.S. academics and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas. The program is designed to award grants to qualified U.S. faculty and professionals, in select disciplines, to engage in short-term collaborative 2 to 6 week projects at host institutions in over 100 countries worldwide. International travel costs and a stipend are funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating host institutions cover grantee in-country expenses or provide in-kind services.

Project activities focus on strengthening and supporting the development needs of host institutions abroad and do not fund personal or clinical medical research and related projects involving patient contact. Eligible activities include short-term lecturing, conducting seminars, teacher training, special conferences or workshops, as well as collaborating on curriculum planning, institutional and/or faculty development.

U.S. faculty and professionals apply to join a Roster of Specialists for a 5 year term. Roster candidates are reviewed by peers in the same discipline, and by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB).

**Link:** [http://www.cies.org/program/fulbright-specialist-program](http://www.cies.org/program/fulbright-specialist-program)
European Commission—Horizon 2020

**Deadline:** Varies—see individual program sections

**Description:** Seen as a means to drive economic growth and create jobs, Horizon 2020 has the political backing of Europe’s leaders and the Members of the European Parliament. They agreed that research is an investment in our future and so put it at the heart of the EU’s blueprint for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and jobs.

By coupling research and innovation, Horizon 2020 is helping to achieve this with its emphasis on **excellent science, industrial leadership** and tackling **societal challenges**. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.

Horizon 2020 is open to everyone, with a simple structure that reduces red tape and time so participants can focus on what is really important. This approach makes sure new projects get off the ground quickly and achieve results faster.

Most programs require European Union institutions to serve as the project lead, with US institutions listed as collaborators. If you are interested in applying or are seeking a European collaborator, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs.

**Amount:** Awards typically range from 4-5M euros and support projects for 3-5 years.


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City University of New York Funding Programs

**Bridge Fund Program (CUNY)**

**Deadline:** None

**Award Ceiling:** The program will provide up to a maximum of $25,000.

**Description:** CUNY faculty who run externally funded research programs and who run into a funding crisis due to a competitive renewal of their grant not being funded may apply for bridge funds under specific circumstances as outlined below. In appropriate cases this program will provide up to a maximum of $25,000, when justified, with an equal matching requirement from the home campus of the faculty member. In order to ensure the continuance of this program and provide funding for as many faculty as possible, it is required that 50% of the funding provided by this office must be repaid within 6 months of the faculty member receiving any external funding, this repayment should come from indirect costs generated by the newly funded grant(s).

In order to be considered for funding through this program, faculty must meet a number of requirements, including:

- Have a history of continuous (at least six years), independent external funding for their research project (institutional grants do not meet this requirement).
- Have submitted a competitive renewal that has not been funded but that can be resubmitted at the next deadline.
- Have a signed commitment for an equal amount of matching funds from their home campus.
- Submit a detailed list of any funds currently available to them, including no-cost extensions, as well as a time frame for re-submission of the research proposal.
- Submit a list of other grant proposals submitted with timelines for possible funding.
- Submit a detailed budget for the bridge funds — acceptable items that will be considered include salaries for a postdoc, technician, graduate student; supplies; user fees for research facilities.

**Link:** [http://www.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding-programs/bridge-fund-program.html](http://www.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding-programs/bridge-fund-program.html)
CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences – William Stewart Travel Award

**Deadline:** Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and early applications get special consideration.

**Description:** Established in 2002, the William Stewart Travel Awards provide grants of up to $500 to first, second, third or fourth year tenure-track assistant professors at CUNY for presenting, chairing or moderating at a scholarly conference from July 1, 2014 to April 1, 2015.

Payment of the awards will be done by a new procedure, necessitated by CUNYFirst, done through college business offices.

1. Applicants apply for the award either before or after they travel to the conference.
2. Applicants receive approval for the award from the CUNY Academy on a rolling basis for conferences that take place between July 1, 2014 and April 15, 2015.
3. Awardees provide the Academy with documentary evidence that they have presented, chaired or moderated at a scholarly conference from July 1, 2014 to April 1, 2015 by providing a copy of the conference program with the awardee’s name listed in his/her session.
4. Awardees contact their college business office in order to remind that office about the impending transfer of funds under point 5, below.
5. On or about April 30, 2015, but not earlier than April 1, the CUNY Academy arranges for the transfer of award funds to the college business offices.
6. After the transfer described in point 4, awardees take a completed NYS travel voucher to their college business office in order to receive reimbursement for their conference expenses. Awardees must submit original receipts for registration, transportation, and lodging related to the conference; there is no per diem, and food is not included. Not all expenses can be covered.

**Amount:** $500 towards conference travel

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

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Travel Funds Program (CUNY)

**Deadline:** None

**Description:** 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. 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 that can be downloaded at the link below. These funds are only for reimbursement after travel is completed, and cannot be forward funded.

**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:

### 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) with Seed Money clearly indicated in the subject line.

### 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) with Open-Access Publication clearly indicated in the subject line. **Funding is limited to $1,000 per request.**

### 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) with Scholarly Output Funding clearly indicated in the subject line.

### 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) 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.

### 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) with Book Publication clearly indicated in the subject line.
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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 College website.
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OSP Tip:
Use COS Pivot to Find Relevant Funding Opportunities (including Grants, Fellowships, and more)!

OSP strongly encourages you to sign up for a COS Pivot account (http://pivot.cos.com/). Pivot is a searchable database of all types of funding opportunities in every discipline. Pivot is an invaluable resource for faculty and staff seeking external funding for sponsored projects. You can set up multiple searches based on various research/funding interests, track individual funding opportunities, share opportunities with colleagues, find collaborators, and much more. And best of all, it is free for John Jay faculty, staff and students!

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 among individual faculty, teams, or researchers and the campus 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. Anyone with a John Jay email address can set up a free Pivot account. We will keep you informed of upcoming training sessions.

If you need help getting started, please contact Darryl Singh, Grants Administrator, at 646-557-4867 or e-mail him at susingh@jjay.cuny.edu.

If you have any tips or success stories that you would like to share in our newsletter, please email them to sponsoredprograms@jjay.cuny.edu.

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