

Yan Shan Yu is a junior in the Honors Program majoring in forensic psychology and minoring in criminology. She currently works at the Office for Student Research and Creativity at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (JJC, City University of New York) as a Research and Administrative Assistant.

Yan was recently accepted into the McNair Program where she is provided an opportunity to conduct her own research. Specifically, she plans to delve deep into the crimes of sexual grooming and how it impacts victims of different ages. Her interest in this particular topic stems from her realization that this area continues to be a taboo topic in many ways and, therefore, remains underreported. In addition, the program provides resources to help her with applying for graduate school.

Aside from conducting her own research and working as a Research and Administrative Assistant, Yan is also the Operations Manager of the INSPIRE lab. In that role, she updates project data collections and, with the leadership team, develops lesson plans for research assistants' professional development.

After graduating, Yan plans to pursue her PhD in clinical psychology and practice as a licensed psychologist, providing services to and assist those with serious mental illnesses.