



## Biography

W.E.B. Du Bois (1868–1963) was an early leader in the struggle for racial equality in the United States. As a social scientist, Du Bois used the objective method of his profession to challenge discriminatory ideologies and institutions and advocate social change. His classic study, “The Philadelphia Negro,” published in 1899, was a groundbreaking sociological study of that city’s Black community, one of the first research projects to combine urban ethnography, social history, and descriptive statistics.

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE W.E.B. DU BOIS PROGRAM

The W.E.B. Du Bois Program supports quantitative and qualitative research that furthers the Department’s mission by advancing knowledge regarding the intersections of race, crime, violence, and the administration of justice within the United States. The program funds investigator-initiated research examining how observed racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system might be reduced through public policy interventions at any point during the administration of justice.

## NIJ seeks applications in two funding categories:

- W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars** – Researchers who are advanced in their careers (awarded a terminal degree at least seven years prior to December 31, 2021) may apply for grants for research, evaluation, and to mentor less experienced researchers.
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## Objective of the Program

This program promotes the fair administration of justice. Findings from this research program will assist state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to develop more equitable justice systems, and increase the legitimacy of those systems. This program advances justice research methods and grows the field of well-trained researchers.

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