

# Funding Opportunities Through NIJ for the W.E.B. Du Bois Program of Research on Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Justice System, Fiscal Year 2021

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Solicitation Post Date: September 28, 2021

Solicitation Close Date: December 30, 2021 11:59 PM EST Grants.gov

January 13, 2022 11:59 PM EST JustGrants

## Today's Presenter:

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## Webinar Overview

- NIJ Background
- W.E.B. Du Bois Program
- What's New in Fiscal Year 2021
- Applying to the Solicitation
- Important Considerations
- Q & A

# National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

## Who we are

- NIJ is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice

## Our mission

- Improving knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science



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# National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

- Provides objective and independent knowledge and tools to inform criminal and juvenile justice decision-making
- Has two research offices:
  - Office of Research, Evaluation, and Technology
  - Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences
- Administers the **National Missing and Unidentified Persons System** (NamUs)
- Hosts **CrimeSolutions**, a repository of evaluation evidence



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# NIJ W.E.B. Du Bois Program

- Begun in Fiscal Year (FY) 2000
- Supports quantitative and qualitative research that advances knowledge regarding intersections of race, crime, violence, and administration of justice within the United States
- Expanded funding opportunity in FY 2016 to include Scholars along with Fellows
- Reinstated in FY 2021 with a specific focus on reducing racial and ethnic disparities within justice systems



# NIJ W.E.B. Du Bois Program

- Over 40 Scholars and Fellows
  - Relatively modest but impactful program ~ \$6 million investment
- Projects include:
  - Implicit Racial Bias, Community Context, and Perceptions of Crime and Justice
  - Police Officer Learning, Mentoring, and Racial Bias in Traffic Stops
  - Improving the Accuracy and Fairness of Pretrial Release Decisions
  - Examining Race and Gender Disparities in Restricted Housing Placements



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# NIJ Requirements for FY 2021 W.E.B. Du Bois Solicitation

## Applicants must:

- Propose research on public policy interventions that may reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system
- Submit proposals under two categories of researchers:
  - 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). Scholars applications must include a mentorship component
  - W.E.B. Du Bois Fellows – Researchers who are early in their careers (awarded a terminal degree within seven years of December 31, 2021)



# NIJ Requirements for FY 2021 W.E.B. Du Bois Solicitation

## Applicants must provide as applicable:

- A complete description of the data to be used in the research
- A description of the justice phenomenon that currently results in an unwarranted disparity in the treatment of, or outcomes for, racial or ethnic categories
- A disparity analysis (using existing data) showing evidence of a racial or ethnic disparity surrounding the justice phenomenon or event to be studied



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# NIJ Requirements for FY 2021 W.E.B. Du Bois Solicitation

## Applicants must provide as applicable:

- A detailed description of the modification or intervention expected to resolve the unwarranted disparity, and a summary of the literature that suggests the intervention will reduce the unwarranted disparity
- A description of the analytic techniques to be employed and methods of determining success/failure
- An explicit statement discussing how the proposed research follows the W.E.B. Du Bois Program's tradition of multidisciplinary scientific inquiry, and how it will propel the justice research field forward



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# Application Critical Elements

## Basic Minimum Requirements (BMR):

- Proposal narrative
- Budget worksheet & budget narrative
- Resumes/CVs for key personnel
  - Principal investigator(s)
  - Any and all co-principal investigators



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# Application Evaluation Criteria

- Statement of the Problem and Research Questions (15%)
- Project Design and Implementation (50%)
- Capabilities and Competencies (20%)
- Potential Impact (15%)

Other non-scored criteria:

- Dissemination Plan
- Budget



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# External and Internal Review

## BMR/Responsiveness Review

- Submitted by an eligible applicant
- Responsive to the scope of the solicitation
- Critical elements included

## External Peer Review

- Technical and practitioner reviewers

## Internal Review

- NIJ scientific staff and senior management
- Department subject matter experts as relevant

**All funding decisions are at the discretion of the NIJ director**



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# Other Considerations

## Qualities of Successful Proposals:

- Include a rigorous research design
- Provide relevant literature
- Clearly articulate research questions
- Incorporate hypotheses as appropriate
- Describe data that will be used for the research



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# Other Considerations

## Qualities of Successful Proposals:

- Clearly show which data will be used for which measures
- Explain how measures will answer proposed questions
- Discuss the relevance of the study
- Free of grammatical and typographical errors



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# Application Process

Applications will be submitted in a new two-step process, each with its own deadline:

## **December 30, 2021 @ 11:59 PM EST**

- Step 1: Applicants submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

## **January 13, 2022 @ 11:59 PM EST**

- Step 2: Applicants submit full application, including attachments, in [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov)

\*Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance.



# JustGrants Application Submission Resources

## Application Mechanics eLearning Videos

By viewing the eLearning videos, job aids, DOJ Application Checklist and other resources, applicants will have all of the information needed to successfully navigate the mechanics of submitting an application.

- [Application Mechanics: Getting Ready to Apply](#)
- [Application Mechanics: Initiating Application Submission in Grants.gov](#)
- [Application Submission: Locating an Application](#)
- [Application Submission: Submitting an Application](#)
- [Application Submission: Completing a Budget Detail Form](#)
- [Application Mechanics: After Submitting an Application](#)



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# DOJ Application Submission Checklist

## Review the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#)

The checklist covers all necessary steps to complete the two-part application process in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

## The checklist includes:

- ✓ how to prepare to apply
- ✓ completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov
- ✓ Entity Onboarding and JustGrants Access
- ✓ completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting your application in JustGrants, and
- ✓ helpful user tips



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# For more information:

W.E.B. Du Bois Program webpage:

<https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/fellowships/web-du-bois-program>

NIJ Funding webpage:

<https://nij.ojp.gov/funding>

JustGrants

<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>

Grants.gov

<https://www.grants.gov>



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# Important Contact Information



Technical Assistance Submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into  
Grants.Gov: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035 | [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)



Technical Assistance Submitting the FULL APPLICATION into  
JustGrants: 833-872-5175 | [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)



Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements contact  
the OJP Response Center: 800-851-3420 | [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)





**QUESTIONS**



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