



# Forensic Science Technology Working Group Operational Requirements

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*The Forensic Science Technology Working Group (TWG) is a committee of approximately 50 experienced forensic science practitioners from local, state, and federal agencies and laboratories.*

Through the Forensic Science TWG, NIJ reaches out to the forensic science practitioner community to identify, discuss, and prioritize operational needs and requirements. These needs and requirements help inform NIJ's planned and ongoing research and development activities, and ensure that future research and development investments meet practitioners' needs. TWG meetings are the first phase in NIJ's research and development process.

Disciplines represented by the Forensic Science TWG include:

- Crime Scene Examination
- Forensic Anthropology and Odontology
- Forensic Biology/DNA
- Forensic Pathology
- Physics and Pattern Interpretation
- Medicolegal Death Investigation
- Seized Drugs
- Toxicology
- Trace Evidence

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### NIJ's Research and Development Process

NIJ's research and development process helps ensure that projects are relevant to the field and produce valid, actionable results. The process typically includes:

#### 1 IDENTIFYING NEEDS

In addition to working group meetings, NIJ sponsors workshops and other events to guide future research.

#### 2 DEVELOPING A RESEARCH AGENDA

Our long-term research agenda is guided by our strategic goals.

#### 3 IMPLEMENTING RESEARCH

NIJ funds research at external organizations, supplemented by the in-house research of our science staff.

#### 4 POST-AWARD ACTIVITIES

NIJ scientists and grants managers monitor research projects and conduct site visits.

#### 5 EVALUATING RESEARCH RESULTS

Results from awards inform future funding opportunities and become part of the process of developing NIJ's research agenda.

#### 6 DISSEMINATING TO THE FIELD

NIJ spreads knowledge to policymakers, practitioners, and other researchers to advance science and practice.