



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE

STRENGTHEN SCIENCE. ADVANCE JUSTICE.



WHAT WE DO



LISTEN

Improving our ability to understand and respond to crime and justice challenges begins with listening to the field. NIJ regularly engages with criminal justice researchers and professionals to learn from their unique expertise and gather information on what knowledge and tools are necessary to reduce crime and advance justice. This process guides our research investments.

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LEARN

We invest in research across scientific disciplines, including the social and behavioral sciences, physical sciences, engineering, and technology, to provide evidence-based knowledge to strengthen the justice system. Researchers, students, and justice professionals have the opportunity to apply for research and development funding through NIJ solicitations, fellowships, and challenges.

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INFORM

NIJ's scientific investments inform the national conversation on issues of criminal justice and public safety. Evidence-based knowledge can lead to more effective justice policy and practice, new technology and scientific techniques, and responses to emerging justice challenges. We are committed to providing the criminal justice community with the knowledge and tools necessary to reduce crime and advance justice.

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OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to improving knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science. NIJ provides objective and independent knowledge and tools to inform the decision-making of the criminal justice community to reduce crime and advance justice, particularly at the state and local levels.

IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE

NIJ is committed to supporting the development of rigorous and independent research that crosses scientific disciplines and leverages the expertise of both researchers and those working within the criminal justice system. Investments in science allow us to better understand the challenges facing the U.S. criminal justice system and to develop and test effective solutions.

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