

National Institute of Justice

Briefing on Planned Fiscal Year 2022 Solicitation Funding Opportunities

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February 16, 2022

The webinar will begin shortly



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National Institute of Justice Mission

- As the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, NIJ is dedicated to improving knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science.
- Provides objective and independent knowledge and tools to reduce crime and promote justice, particularly at the state and local levels.
- Two science offices
 - Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences (OIFS)
 - Office of Research, Evaluation and Technology (ORET)

CFDA 16.560—National Institute of Justice Research, Evaluation and Development Project Grants Program

Goal

- Foster the development of new knowledge and tools that can be applied to reduce crime and advance justice, particularly at the state and local level.

Objectives

- Develop, demonstrate, and evaluate programs and practices relevant to criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victims' services outcomes.
- Identify and analyze the causes and correlates of crime.
- Improve the functioning of the criminal and juvenile justice systems.
- Develop new methods for the prevention and reduction of crime.
- Develop new methods to detect, investigate, and prosecute crime.
- Enhance the justice research infrastructure.

Fiscal Year 2021 Competitive Funding Highlights

- Solicitations – 23
- Award applications – 768
- Awards – 86
- Funds awarded – \$58.5 million

Application and Submission Process

Department of Justice (DOJ) funding applications are submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline.

1. Applicants begin the application process by submitting an SF-424 and SF-LLL within Grants.gov. Application information and forms are transferred to the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) and will automatically appear for the applicant in JustGrants.
2. Applicants can then submit the full application, including attachments, in JustGrants.

For further guidance and resources, read the solicitation document carefully, access the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#), and see the [JustGrants Application Submission training page](#).

Planned ORET Solicitations



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Developing Knowledge and Tools to Reduce Violent Crime

Solicitation	Funding (in millions)
Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization and Violent Extremism <ul style="list-style-type: none">Includes a topic on research on mis-, dis- or mal- information.	\$10
Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women	\$2.5
Research and Evaluation on School Safety	\$6
Research and Evaluation on Violent Crime and Firearm Violence in the Community	\$5
Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime	\$3
Research and Evaluation on Desistence from Crime	\$2

Developing Knowledge and Tools to Reduce Victimization and Improve Victim Services

Solicitation	Funding (in millions)
Research and Evaluation of Services for Victims of Crime	\$3
Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons	\$2.5
Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes	\$3

Developing Knowledge and Tools to Produce a More Equitable and Efficient Justice System

Solicitation	Funding (in millions)
Research on the Impact of Public Policy on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Justice System	\$0.8 (one award)
Research and Evaluation on Jails	\$3
Research and Evaluation on the Administration of Justice	\$4
Research and Evaluation on Policing	\$3

Developing Knowledge and Tools to Improve Juvenile Justice

Solicitation	Funding (in millions)
National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program	\$2.4 (one award)
Research on Juvenile Justice Topics	\$3
Youth Mentoring Research and Evaluation	\$2



Building the Justice Research Infrastructure

Solicitation	Funding (in millions)
Tribal Researcher Capacity Building Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none">Both applications for funding for new planning grants and applications for funding for projects resulting from prior year planning grants.	\$2.5
Graduate Research Fellowship <ul style="list-style-type: none">Open to all sciences	\$3

Planned OIFS Solicitations



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Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes



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Forensic Science R&D for Criminal Justice Purposes



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Research and Development in Forensic Sciences for Criminal Justice Purposes, Fiscal Year 2022

Opportunity ID: O-NIJ-2022-171074
Solicitation Status: Forthcoming
Fiscal Year: 2022
Solicitation Type: Competitive

Description
With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals for rigorous basic or applied research and development projects. An NIJ forensic science research and development grant supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project that will:

- Increase the body of knowledge to guide and inform forensic science policy and practice; or
- Lead to the production of useful material(s), device(s), system(s), or method(s) that have the potential for forensic application.

Date Created: February 2, 2022

Current Funding
Forthcoming Funding
Expired Funding
Awards: Listing of Funded Projects
Guidance for Applicants and Awardees
Fellowship & Student Programs
Travel Scholarships
NIJ Challenge Program

Purpose: Support basic or applied research and development in forensic science for criminal justice purposes.

- **Increase the body of knowledge** to guide and inform forensic science policy and practice, or
- **Lead to the production** of useful material(s), device(s), system(s), or method(s) that have the potential for forensic application.

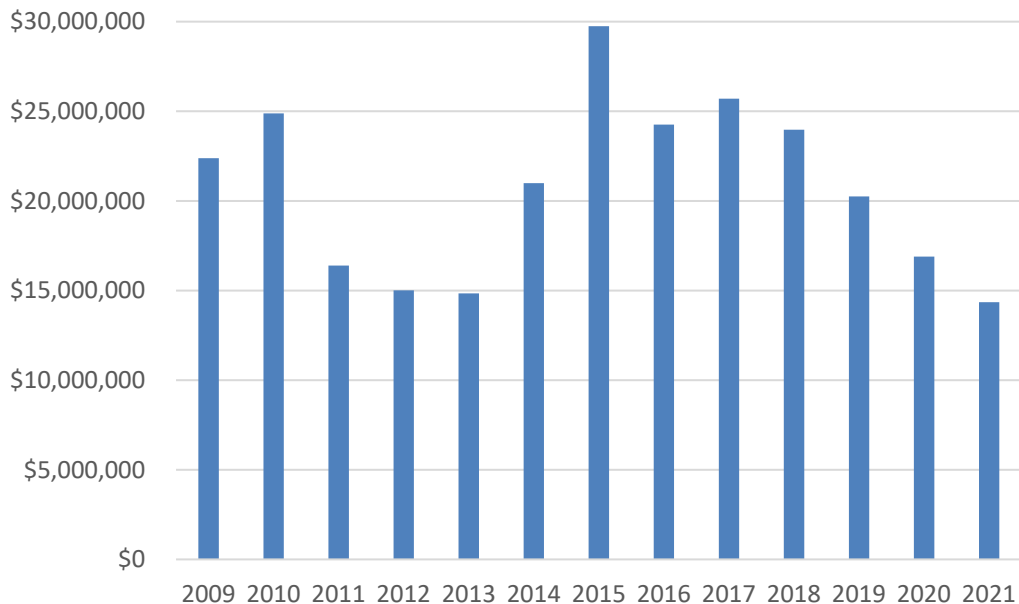


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<https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2022-171074>

Forensic Science R&D for CJ Purposes Funding History

Total Funding 2009-2021



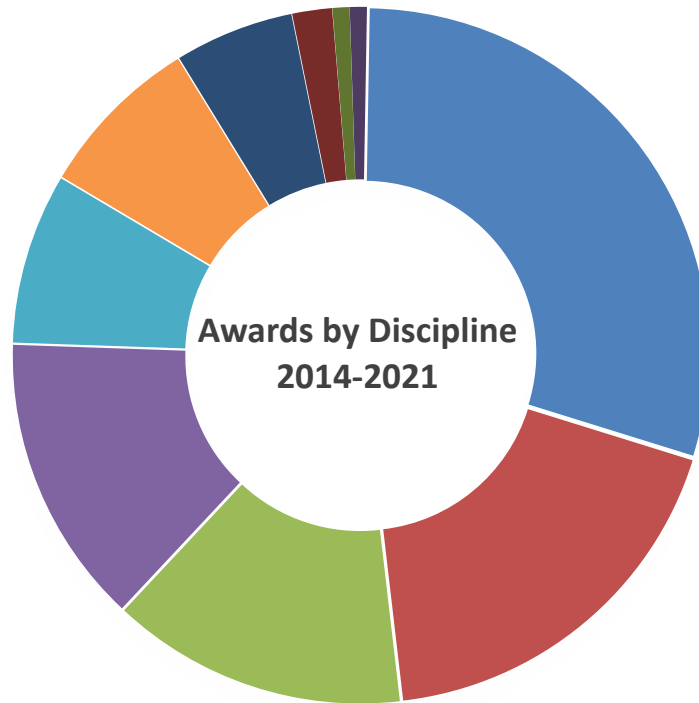
FY	Total Peer Reviewed Applications	Total Awards
2021	165	30
2020	184	35
2019	199	44
2018	210	51
2017	173	52
2016	150	54
2015	159	61
2014	177	49
Totals	1417	376

For applications that were peer reviewed the average applicant success rate is **27%**



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What does the program fund?



- Forensic Biology/DNA
- Impression & Pattern Evidence
- Trace Evidence
- Anthropology and Medicolegal Death Investigations
- Forensic Toxicology
- Seized Drugs
- Forensic Pathology
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Seized Drugs/Toxicology
- Digital Forensics/Biometrics



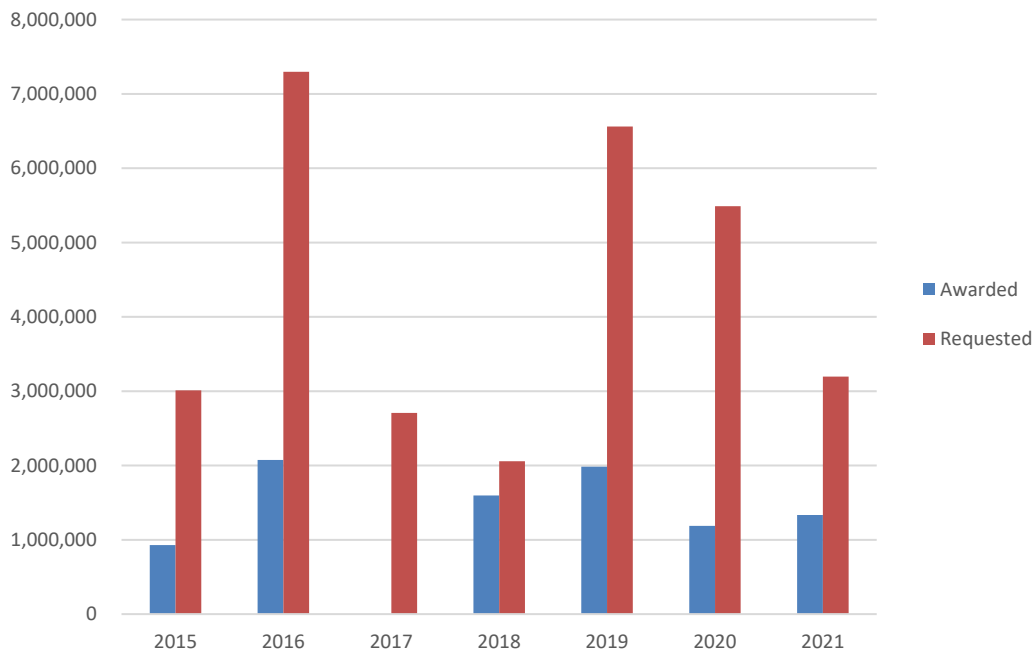
Research and Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories



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R&E: Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories Funding History

Funding Requested vs Awarded



<u>FY</u>	Total Peer Reviewed Applications	Total Awards
2021	11	5
2020	25	5
2019	15	6
2018	5	5
2017	10	0
2016	20	6
2015	22	7
Totals	108	34

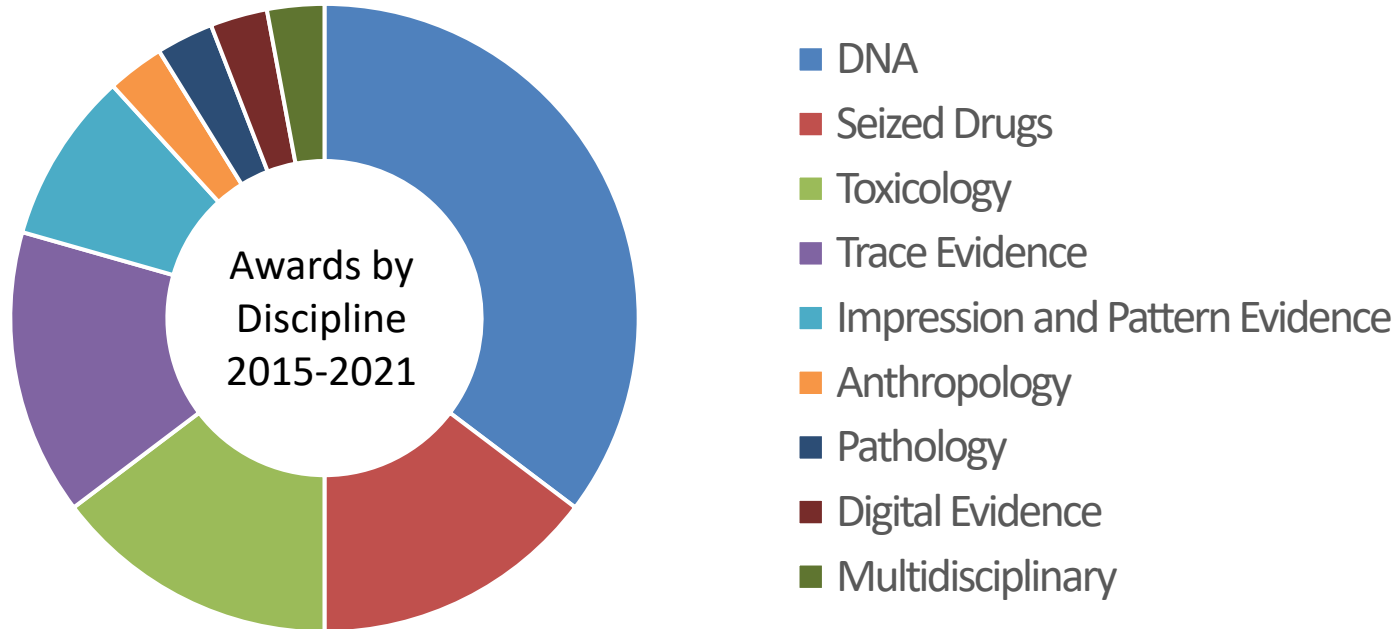
34 awards and \$9M+ since inception in 2015

For applications that were peer reviewed the average applicant success rate is **37%**



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What does the program fund?



Graduate Research Fellowship Program



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Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF)



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- Opportunity ID:** O-NIJ-2022-171072
- Solicitation Status:** Forthcoming
- Fiscal Year:** 2022
- Solicitation Type:** Competitive

Description
The Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) program provides grants to accredited academic institutions to support outstanding doctoral students whose dissertation research is relevant to criminal and/or juvenile justice. Applicant academic institutions are eligible to apply only if:

- The student is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the sciences or engineering; and
- The student's proposed dissertation research has demonstrable relevance to preventing and controlling crime, and/or ensuring the fair and impartial administration of criminal and/or juvenile justice, in the United States.

Students may not apply on their own behalf.

On the right side of the page, there is a vertical list of links:

- Current Funding
- Forthcoming Funding
- Expired Funding
- Awards: Listing of Funded Projects
- Guidance for Applicants and Awardees
- Fellowship & Student Programs
- Travel Scholarships
- NIJ Challenge Program

Purpose: To support the development of new researchers addressing the challenges of crime and justice in the U.S.

- Supports students' dissertation research at their home institutions
- **All science and engineering fields welcome**

Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF)

Eligibility

- Currently enrolled in PhD program
- Dissertation project relevant to criminal justice



Benefits

- Up to \$52,500/year for up to 3 years of funding

Fields of study include:

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Cognitive Science
- Computer Science
- Public Policy
- Criminology
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- Geosciences
- GIS
- Information Sciences
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Neuroscience
- Pathology
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- Sociology
- **Many, many others!**



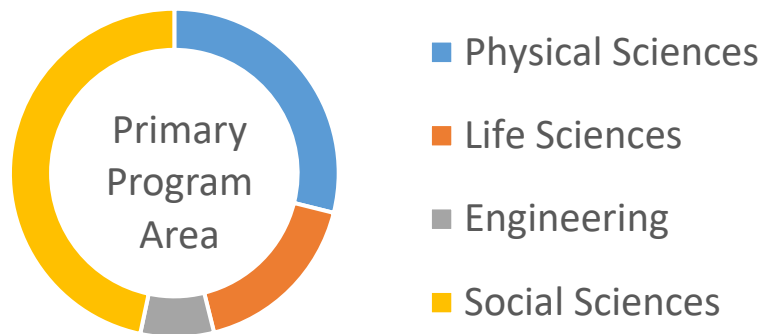
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www.nij.gov/GRF

Recent GRF Program Activity

There have been
180 GRF fellows
from more than
66 unique institutions
since 2012

GRF Fellows 2012 - 2020



Typically ~ **24 new fellows** awarded each year



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www.nij.gov/GRF

Important Contact Information



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



Technical Assistance Submitting the FULL APPLICATION into JustGrants: 833-872-5175 | JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov



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

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