

# NIJ FY 2024 Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes and NIJ FY 2024 Research on School-Based Hate Crimes Solicitations Webinar

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**The webinar will begin shortly**



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# NIJ's FY24 Research on School-Based Hate Crimes

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*Grants.gov Deadline: March 22, 2024*

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## Webinar Agenda

- Overview of the Solicitations
- Application Process
- NIJ Review Process
- Common Issues and Critiques
- Tips
- FAQs
- Resources
- Q & A



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## FY24 Research on School-Based Hate Crimes – Purpose and Goals

- Conduct a study to better understand the scope, characteristics, and outcomes of hate crime incidents in K-12 schools
- Eligibility limited to accredited research universities

## FY24 Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes – Purpose and Goals

- Develop knowledge to inform policy and practice to prevent and respond to hate crimes
- Broad eligibility (see p. 4)
- Four topics :
  1. Evaluations of federal-, state-, or locally funded efforts to combat hate crimes.
  2. Research that informs strategies to prevent hate crimes.
  3. Research and evaluations of strategies to improve the reporting, identification, and response to hate crimes.
  4. Research and evaluations of strategies to improve outcomes for survivors and their communities.



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## FY24 Research on School-Based Hate Crimes – Scope

- Must include incidents that do not come to the attention of law enforcement
- May include bias-motivated incidents that are not criminal offenses with explanation and justification
- May include incidents outside of the school setting with demonstration of relevance to the school setting

## What will not be funded

- Applications to purchase equipment/materials/supplies, etc. or provide direct services\*
- Unresponsive applications
- Proposals to expose research participants to extremist content
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- Studies of hate crimes outside the U.S.



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## Expected Deliverables

- Standard grant reporting requirements
- Final Research Report (draft 90 days before end of award)
- Required data sets and associated files and documentation
- Scholarly products



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# Key Application Submission Requirements

## Critical Application Elements (Basic Minimum Requirements)

- Forms: SF-424 and SF-LLL (in Grants.gov)
- Program Narrative
- Budget Web-Based Form (budget details and narrative)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Control Questionnaire (in JustGrants)
- Curriculum vitae or resume for key personnel

*Research on School-Based Hate Crimes p. 15*  
*Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes p. 19*

## Additional Requirements

- e.g., Project Abstract; Letters of Support; Any tools/instruments, questionnaires, tables/charts/graphs, maps; Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

*Research on School-Based Hate Crimes starting p. 16, Checklist p. 33*  
*Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes starting p. 20, Checklist p. 37*



# Two-Step Application Submission Protocol

1. Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>)
  - Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL forms ONLY

Research on School-Based Hate Crimes Deadline	Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes Deadline
<b>March 22, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. ET</b>	<b>April 29, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. ET</b>

2. JustGrants.gov (<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/getting-started>)
  - Submit FULL application, including ALL attachments

Research on School-Based Hate Crimes Deadline	Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes Deadline
<b>April 5, 2024 at 8:59 p.m. ET</b>	<b>May 6, 2024 at 8:59 p.m. ET</b>



## Deadlines are Hard

- Third party software failed to submit applications
- Submitting application material after the deadlines (e.g., letters of support)
- No extensions
- No exceptions

## Support

- **OJP Response Center**
  - Phone: (800) 851-3420
  - Email: [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)
- **Grants.gov**
  - 1-800-518-4726
  - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- **JustGrants:**
  - Toll-free: +1 (833) 872-5175
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## Application Review Process

- Basic Minimum Review (BMR) Determination
- External Peer Review
  - Technical and Practitioner Reviewers
  - Independent scores and comments
  - Review criteria (starting p. 26 for School-Based Hate Crimes and p. 30 for Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes)
- Internal Review
  - NIJ science staff, NIJ leadership, other federal subject matter experts

***All funding decisions are made at the discretion of the NIJ Director!***



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# Common Critiques Raised During Peer Review

## Statement of the Problem

- Statement fails to identify gaps in the current literature or understanding of current research.
- The literature review is insufficient.
- The scope of the proposed research is extremely limited or too ambitious.
- Too much focus is placed on the necessity of the proposed research at the expense of the research design.



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# Common Critiques Raised During Peer Review

## Research Design

- The proposed research questions are not derived from the literature review or inadequately specified.
- The overall research design is not well articulated.
- The proposed research design/methods approach does not logically flow from the problem statement, research questions and literature review.
- The research design is too ambitious and too complex.
- The research and analysis plan are not demonstrated to be the most rigorous feasible.



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# Common Critiques Raised During Peer Review

## Research Design continued

- The proposed sampling strategy is flawed or too ambitious.
- The proposed quantitative analyses is vague and unclear.
- The data collection and analysis plan is confusing.
- Research challenges and mitigation strategies are not discussed.
- Access and ability to utilize proposed data sources is not demonstrated.
- Timelines, staffing plans, and/or budgets do not support the proposed work.



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# Common Critiques Raised During Peer Review

## Capabilities and Competencies

- The Principal Investigator (PI) does not demonstrate familiarity or proficiency with the proposed quantitative analysis.

## Potential Impact

- The dissemination plan lacks specificity and/or is not innovative.
- There is no plan for reaching non-academic audiences.



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## Tips

- **Proposals should be:**
  - **Well-written**
  - **Innovative**
  - **Timely**
  - **Rigorous and well-designed**
  - **Feasible**
  - **Impactful**
- **Include Letters of Support**
- **Consider Research/Evaluation Independence**



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## FAQs

- Award amount + period of performance
- Timing of award and non-award notifications
- Foreign entities / subrecipients / co-investigators
- Filing and submitting forms / IRB / HSP / New Investigator

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## Recommended Resources

- OJP Funding Resource Center:  
<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide:  
<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>
- NIJ Funding FAQs:  
<https://www.nij.gov/funding/Pages/faqs.aspx>



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# Questions?

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