



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FORENSIC SCIENCE R&D GRANTS

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) invites proposals to its **Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes** program. NIJ-funded projects are expected to:

- Increase the body of knowledge to guide and inform forensic science policy and practice;
- or
- Result in the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods that have the potential for forensic application.

Goals

Proposals should address at least one of the following goals:

- **Fundamental/Basic Research Goal:** Improve the understanding of the accuracy, reliability, and measurement validity of forensic science disciplines.
- **Applied Research Goal:** Increase knowledge or understanding necessary to guide criminal justice policy and practice related to the forensic sciences.
- **Development Goal:** Produce new materials, devices, systems, or methods that have the potential for forensic application for criminal justice purposes.

NIJ is interested in funding innovative research that aligns with administration priorities and attempts to address the needs of the forensic science community.

Priority Areas of Research

Proposals that advance the following national priorities may be given special consideration in award decisions:

- Industries of the Future (American Artificial Intelligence Initiative; National Nanotechnology Initiative)
- Transformative High Risk/High Reward Research
- Strategic Multisector Partnerships

Needs of the Community

For more information on what research and technology forensic practitioners would benefit from, see NIJ's Forensic Science Technology Working Group operational requirements at [go.usa.gov/xnvJ3](https://www.go.usa.gov/xnvJ3).

Grants.gov Deadline: June 3, 2021

JustGrants Deadline: June 10, 2021

Begin the application process early by registering with [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov). Read the solicitation at [nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2021-95001](https://www.nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2021-95001).