April 2018

NIJ FY18 Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

Agency Name: Department of Justice

National Institute of Justice

Deadline: April 23, 2018

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$20,000,000

Expected Number of Awards: 50 **Cost Share/Match Requirement:** No

Grant Contact Information: See the <u>Full Announcement</u>

With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals for basic or applied research and development projects. An NIJ forensic science research and development grant supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project that will: (1) increase the body of knowledge to guide and inform forensic science policy and practice, or (2) lead to the production of useful material(s), device(s), system(s), or method(s) that have the potential for forensic application. The intent of this program is to direct the findings of basic scientific research; research and development in broader scientific fields applicable to forensic science; and ongoing forensic science research toward the development of highly-discriminating, accurate, reliable, cost-effective, and rapid methods for the identification, analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence for criminal justice purposes. Projects should address the challenges and needs of the forensic science community. The operational needs discussed at NIJ's FY 2016 Forensic Science TWG meeting may be found on NIJ.gov. Additional research needs of the forensic science community can be found at the Organization of Scientific Area Committees website. While the goals and deliverables of proposed projects do not necessarily need to result in immediate solutions to the posted challenges or needs, they should speak to them and produce knowledge that adds to work towards eventual resolutions.

Congratulations Internal Award Recipients

R&PD Main Round FY19

Claire Abernathy Chung Fan Chang Cristina Cummings Victoria Estrada Reynolds Jessica Favorito Jessie Finch Jennifer Forestal Mary Lou Galantino John Guers Nathaniel Hancock Christina Jackson Steven Kalman Craig Lind Manish Madan Russ Manson Betsy McShea Francis Nzuki **Barry Pemberton** Anna Pfeiffer-Herbert Caitlin Pittenger

David Reiser
Marc Richard
Rain Ross
Javier Sanchez
Edward Siecienski
Aaron Stoler
Emily Van Duyne
Jeffrey Webber
Emma Witt
Kaite Yang

Scholarship of Engagement FY19

Jennifer Forestal/Jessie Finch Rachel Kirzner Marissa Levy

Call for Proposals

Apply via the <u>Online Application Internal Award System.</u>

CDC FY19 -

- This funding opportunity is for tenured faculty with priority given to those assessed in the current year.
- Average award is \$1,500.
- The call for applications will begin April 13th and will be due no later than 5:00pm, May 18, 2018.

Provost Faculty Opportunities Fund FY19 (Fall 2018 Semester)

- Support for travel to conferences, student assistant, professional services or supplies related to scholarship in 2020 Initiatives.
- Cap per funded applicant is \$2,000.
- The call for applications will begin April 19th and will be due no later than 5:00pm, May 30, 2018.

Federal Budget Update

The U.S. House of Representatives has <u>passed</u> a \$1.3 trillion omnibus <u>spending bill</u> that, if passed in the U.S. Senate and signed into law, would fund the federal government through the rest of FY 18. The bill would increase military spending but defy the White House's requested cuts to domestic programs, including research. The Senate is expected to vote on the bill this week, with the goal of passing it before the current continuing resolution (CR) runs out tomorrow. President Trump is expected to sign the bill into law upon passage. If passage in the Senate doesn't happen by tomorrow, a short CR may be passed to give the Senate more time.

The bill would provide increases to the Nation's health research and education efforts in a number of areas. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services would receive \$88.1 billion in discretionary funding, a \$10.1 billion increase above FY 17 levels. The fight against opioid abuse would receive major attention through a \$2.55 billion increase in funding. The National Institutes of Health would see a \$3 billion increase in funding. Mental health funding at SAMHSA would be funded at \$1.5 billion, an increase of \$306 million. Other areas receiving significant attention are rural healthcare, the BRAIN program, the All of Us precision medicine study, and Alzheimer's disease research (which would see a \$414 million increase).

The National Endowments for the Humanities and for the Arts would each receive about \$152.85 million (an increase of about \$4 million from FY 17 levels) and funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services would increase by \$9 million. All three agencies faced elimination under the Trump Administration's proposed budget.

The U.S. Department of Education would also see increases and receive \$70.9 billion in discretionary funding, a \$3.9 billion increase above FY 17 levels. The bill would fund TRIO at \$1.01 billion (a \$60 million increase), increase funding for campus-based aid programs by \$107 million, and increase funding for programs supporting HBCUs and MSIs by \$106 million. Promise Neighborhoods would receive a \$5 million increase to \$78 million. And \$50 million would be provided for evidence-based STEM education programs. The maximum Pell grant award would also be raised to help students keep up with rising costs.

More highlights of the omnibus bill can be found <u>here</u>, while the full bill can be found <u>here</u>.



Nancy Reddy

Gordan Reeves

Grant Writing Workshop - July 18-19th from 9AM-3PM and August 16th from 9AM-3PM.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will once again be offering a Grant Writing Workshop over the summer. Send applications to Todd Regn no later than Monday, April 9th.

