

Funding Opportunities in Key Areas

Incarceration; Health of Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals; Criminal Justice:

Note: Funding opportunities are listed in order of expiration date, beginning with those that will expire soonest.

- **Law & Social Sciences (LSS) (NSF)**

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2012/nsf12507/nsf12507.htm>

Application Due Date: January 15, annually

Purpose: The Law & Social Sciences Program considers proposals that address social scientific studies of law and law-like systems of rules. The program is inherently interdisciplinary and multi-methodological. Successful proposals describe research that advances scientific theory and understanding of the connections between law or legal processes and human behavior. Social scientific studies of law often approach law as dynamic, made in multiple arenas, with the participation of multiple actors.

LSS provides the following modes of support:

- Standard Research Grants and Grants for Collaborative Research
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants
- Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Workshop and Conference Proposals

Note: We recommend contacting the appropriate program officer to discuss your project idea prior to preparing an application.

- **Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NIJ, DOJ)**

<http://www.nij.gov/nij/funding/fellowships/graduate-research-fellowship/welcome.htm>

Application Due Date: Not yet released-check the website for the release of a current solicitation.

Purpose: NIJ's Graduate Research Fellowship Program is an annual program that provides assistance to universities for dissertation research support to outstanding doctoral students undertaking independent research on issues related to crime and justice. The NIJ Ph.D. Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) program provides awards for research on crime, violence, and other criminal justice-related topics to accredited universities that support graduate study leading to research-based doctoral degrees. NIJ invests in doctoral education by supporting universities that sponsor students who demonstrate the potential to successfully complete doctoral degree programs in disciplines relevant to the mission of NIJ.

Note: The NIJ has not yet released the GRF solicitation for 2013 but has confirmed that they plan to offer the program this year. More information will be provided as soon as the solicitation is released.

If you would like support applying for any of these opportunities, please contact Dr. Pam Factor-Litvak, Associate Dean for Research Resources (R²) at prf1@columbia.edu.

- **W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program (NIJ, DOJ)**

<http://www.nij.gov/nij/funding/fellowships/dubois-fellowship/welcome.htm>

Application Due Date: Not yet released- check the website for the release of a current solicitation.

Purpose: The W.E.B Du Bois Fellowship Program's objective is to provide talented researchers with an opportunity, early in their career, to elevate independently generated research and ideas to the level of national discussion. Although the specific areas of focus vary each year, any research funded under this program should have direct implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the United States.

Note: The NIJ has not yet released the W.E.B Du Bois Fellowship Program solicitation for 2013 but has confirmed that they plan to offer the program this year. More information will be provided as soon as the solicitation is released.

Forthcoming National Institute of Justice funding opportunity for in FY 2014

Research on "Sentinel Events" and Criminal Justice System Errors

In FY 2014, the National Institute of Justice intends to fund research on the challenges of criminal justice "system errors" and the role of "sentinel events" to implement a forward-thinking, non-blaming, all-stakeholders approach to improving the functioning of the justice system.

A formal solicitation for applications will be released later this year. In anticipation of the research solicitation, potential applicants will want to familiarize themselves with relevant background research papers, including:

- [Proceedings from the NIJ Roundtable on Sentinel Events, May 21-22, 2013.](#)
- "[Learning from error](#)," James M. Doyle, in Police Foundation's *Ideas in Policing*, No. 14, May 2012.
- "[The Wrong Patient \(pdf, 8 pages\)](#)," by Mark Chassin and Elise Becher, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Volume 136, Number 11, June 2002 .
- *Learning from Error in Policing: A Case Study in Organizational Accident Theory*, Jon Shane, 2013. Available for purchase from booksellers.
- "[Learning from error in American criminal justice \(pdf, 40 pages\)](#)," James M. Doyle, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, Volume 100, No. 1, 2010.