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# National Institute of Justice

## S O L I C I T A T I O N

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### Data Resources Program Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

April 15, August 13, and December 10, 1999

## Introduction

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) requests proposals to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). NACJD houses all quantitative data from NIJ sponsored research, and makes it available online for downloading machine-readable copies (in SPSS, SAS or ASCII), together with data dictionaries and study abstracts. The archive is maintained by the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan, and supported by NIJ. Of particular interest are projects that will utilize data sets resulting from projects supported by the NIJ, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), and by other Office of Justice Programs (OJP) offices and agencies. Awards of up to \$35,000 will be made to support research to be conducted within a nine-month period.

**Due dates for proposals are April 15, August 13, and December 10, 1999.**

## Priority Topics

Applicants should note that replication (of original findings) in itself is viewed as an important goal. In addition, the Institute is particularly interested in, although not exclusively interested in, innovative proposals addressing the following issues:

- Sentencing, sentencing guidelines, intermediate sanctions, and consequences of sentencing policy
- Adjudication
- Corrections
- Violence against women
- Drugs and the Criminal Justice System (including analyses of the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring [ADAM] program data)
- Violence, including examination of the correlates of violent criminal behavior

- Policing, including community-oriented policing, problem-oriented policing, and other issues related to policing practices

## Of particular interest are:

- Studies that test original hypotheses by replicating and verifying original findings and comparing results with those obtained by applying new statistical methods
- Studies that test new hypotheses using existing NACJD data sets by applying new statistical methods.
- Studies using (combining) archived data sets containing similar information collected at different times or from different sites.
- Applications of alternative or emerging statistical techniques and methodologies to archived data sets that extend the understanding of criminal justice processes and criminal behavior.
- Research on archived data sets that explores the development of applications of direct benefit to practitioners.

## To Obtain Data

More than 200 NIJ-sponsored data sets, covering a wide range of criminal justice issues, are currently available at NACJD. Data collections (and abstracts and codebooks) are now available for downloading via the World Wide Web pages of the NACJD at ICPSR. Connect to the NACJD home page using the following URL:

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/nacjd>

For information about obtaining data sets other than through the NACJD Web site, call 800-999-0960. Questions or comments can also be sent to [nacjd@icpsr.umich.edu](mailto:nacjd@icpsr.umich.edu).

Copies of user guides and codebooks are available at no charge from NACJD, ICPSR, Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, 800-999-0960, or 734-998-9825

## Award Information

Researchers from all disciplines who are interested in addressing topical criminal justice policy concerns through the exploration and analysis of archived data are encouraged to apply. Awards will not be made to individuals to conduct additional analyses on data they collected under a previous NIJ grant or contract.

Particular consideration will be given to proposals that provide direct applications to criminal justice policy or practice or that suggest innovative applications of emerging statistical techniques and analytic methodologies.

Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with the data that they propose to analyze and with literature related to the data. Of particular importance is demonstrating that the data are appropriate for proposed analyses, that measures necessary to conduct proposed analyses are available.

With complex datasets it may be appropriate to reproduce the major analyses of the original study to ensure comparability, before embarking on new analyses. A proposal review criterion will be whether applicants have addressed the need for reproducing original analyses and, if it is germane, have planned for such analyses.

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For more information, contact Dr. Jordan Leiter, Data Resources Program, National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531. (202-616-9487, or [leiterj@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:leiterj@ojp.usdoj.gov))

## Awards Made During the 1998 Fiscal Year:

Effects of Changes Over Time in the Numbers and Composition of State Prison Populations on the Level of Crime  
8-7408-NM-IJ  
Bert Useem  
University of New Mexico  
\$21,551

Curbing Police Brutality: A Re-analysis of Citizen Complaints at the Organizational Level  
Liquan Cao  
Eastern Michigan University  
\$25,000

The Phoenix Project: Predictors of Suspect Use of Force  
Russell Johnson  
Charlotte Research Center  
\$24,991

The Impact of Community & Legal Context on the Adjudication & Sentencing Process  
Christopher Maxwell, Ph.D., Sheila Royo-Maxwell, Ph.D.  
Joint Centers for Justice Studies, Inc.,  
\$24,987

Differences in Validity of Self-Reported Drug Use Across Five Factors: Gender, Ethnicity, Age, Type of Drug and Offense Category.  
Andree Rosay  
University of Maryland  
\$12,068

Repeat & Multiple Victimization: The Role of Individual & Contextual Factors  
Barry Ruback  
The Pennsylvania State University  
\$24,997

Victimization Outcomes: What Influences Victim Compliance, Injury & Crime Completion?  
Catherine Gallagher, Brian Wiersema  
University of Maryland  
\$24,987

## How to Apply

- Those interested in submitting proposals in response to this solicitation must complete the required application forms and submit related required documents. (See below for how to obtain application forms and guides for completing proposals.) Applicants must include the following information/forms to qualify for funding:

- Standard Form (SF) 424—application for Federal assistance
- Assurances

- Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (one form)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Budget Detail Worksheet
- Negotiated indirect rate agreement (if appropriate)
- Names and affiliations of all key persons from applicant and subcontractor(s), advisors, consultants, and advisory board members. Include name of principal investigator, title, organizational affiliation (if any), department (if institution of higher education), address, phone, and fax.
- Proposal abstract
- Table of contents
- Program narrative or technical proposal (not to exceed 15 pages in length, double spaced)
- Privacy certificate
- References
- Letters of cooperation from organizations collaborating in the research project.
- Résumés
- Appendixes, if any (e.g., list of previous NIJ awards, their status, and products [in NIJ or other publications]).

**Obtaining application forms.** To obtain application forms (including a sample budget worksheet) and guidelines for submitting proposals (including requirements for proposal writers and requirements for grant recipients), applicants can:

- Access the funding opportunities page of the NIJ web-site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>. At this site, the NIJ application forms and guidelines are available as electronic files that may be downloaded to a personal computer.
- Request hard copies of the forms and guidelines by mail from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service at 800–851–3420 or from the Department of Justice Response Center at 800–421–6770 (in the Washington, D.C., area, at 202–307–1480).

Request copies by fax. Call 800–851–3420 and select option 1, then option 1 again for NIJ. Code is 1023.

**Send completed forms to:**

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