

NIJ recently released a new FY2021 solicitation on “Research and Evaluation on Crime Laboratory Systems and Processes”. With this solicitation NIJ seeks proposals for research and evaluation projects aimed at understanding and strengthening the accuracy and reliability of a crime laboratory’s systems and processes.

Closing date is March 22, 2021

<https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2021-45003>

Please note:

In FY 2021, applications will be submitted in a new two-step process, each with its own deadline:

1. Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Step 1, Grants.gov, Deadline: March 8, 2021, by 11:59 PM ET

2. Submit the full application including attachments in JustGrants.

Step 2, Application JustGrants, Deadline: March 22, 2021, by 11:59 PM ET

Applicants must register with Grants.gov and register with JustGrants prior to submitting an application.

This solicitation is competitive; therefore, NIJ staff cannot have individual conversations with prospective applicants. Any questions concerning the solicitation should be submitted to the National Criminal Justice Reference Service: 1-800-851-3420; TTY at 301-240-6310 (for hearing impaired only); email; fax 301-240-5830; or web chat. See also NIJ.gov’s solicitation FAQ page.

The following application elements MUST be included in the application submission for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding: Program Narrative, Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative, and resumes/curriculum vitae of key personnel. Make sure to also go over the application checklist provided in the solicitation before submitting.

The NIJ Forthcoming Funding Opportunities webpage includes information on 3 upcoming forensic science-related opportunities.

- Forensic Technology Center of Excellence, Fiscal Year 2021

- Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes, Fiscal Year 2021

- Research and Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories, Fiscal Year 2021

<https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/forthcoming>

All open funding opportunities will be posted to the NIJ Current Funding Opportunities page.

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