Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC)

Graduate Student Research Awards

**Request For Proposals (RFP) Due Date: February 28, 2021**

**Award Announcements: April 2, 2021**

CJRC Graduate Proposal Submission Form (doc)

Financial support: $2000 summer funding

The CJRC Graduate Student Research Awards are designed to assist up to two graduate students to pursue independent research on a project related to criminal justice, criminology, law, or a related field. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS) supports up to one award for a graduate student conducting research relevant to their mission.

* The CJRC Director, Managing Director, Associate Director, and PCS Research Director (for Courts and Sentencing proposals) will review Research Award proposals and determine awardees.
* Funds are allocated as supplements for summer funding.
* Faculty mentors are required to invest in the proposed project and advise student progress.

**Criteria for Review**

* Priority is placed on innovative and novel ideas that are directly relevant to **CJRC themes (Courts and Sentencing, Corrections and Re-Entry, Treatment and Rehabilitation, and Public Safety and Crime Prevention)** or relevant for agency partnerships. Proposals in the area of courts and sentencing may also be eligible for support from the PA Commission on Sentencing.
* A well-articulated plan of activities that promises progress toward the student’s graduate education and eventual research publication.
* Proposals must provide evidence for access to the population of interest and/or criminal justice agency monitoring that population.
* Proposals should demonstrate independent research where the student is the clear principal investigator. Collaborations are permitted, but the student submitting the proposal should clearly lead the research.

**Structure and Submission of Proposals**

Proposals must be submitted as one document via email to justicecenter@psu.edu. To complete your proposal submission, you must download, complete, and email the forms below:

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**Post Award Presentation**

Awardees are expected to present progress toward their research during a Departmental Criminology Forum in the year following their award.