

ACJS Minority Mentorship Grant Award

The ACJS Minorities Mentorship Grant Award was created to provide opportunities for mentorship of minority doctoral students or junior faculty by senior criminal justice professors at the same or another institution within the ACJS organization. The goal is to facilitate a mentoring relationship between new or junior faculty and senior faculty to facilitate the former's professional development for a productive criminal justice academic career. The Awardee will receive an award check and a certificate. The Mentee will receive a certificate.

The ACJS Minorities Mentorship Grant Award of \$1,000 can be used for expenses of the mentor involved in working with the mentee, such as telephone, postage, travel, honorarium, or other training expenses needed to develop a focused program of mentorship. Applications should be submitted by the mentor with the agreement of a designated mentee who has agreed in writing to be mentored for one year.

To be eligible for an award, the mentor applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. A member of ACJS at the time of application.
2. A senior faculty member (full professor).
3. Demonstrated excellence in teaching.
4. Established record of scholarship productivity in criminal justice.
5. Currently teaching in a CRJ/CRIM department at a regionally accredited institution of higher education [may be at the same or different institution than the mentee].
6. Commitment to provide a one-year program of active mentorship to the mentee.
7. Submitted a complete electronic application by the due date.

To be eligible for an award, the mentee must meet the following criteria:

1. A member of ACJS at the time of application.
2. A member of an under-represented racial/ethnic minority group in the criminal justice/criminology discipline.
3. Doctoral student or junior faculty member.
4. Written commitment to a one-year program of active mentorship.

Applications must be provided electronically to the sub-committee chair by the established due date. To be eligible for the award, an applicant (potential mentor) must submit:

1. Coversheet with the following information for both the applicant and the proposed mentee:
 - a. Name
 - b. Statement regarding ACJS membership
 - c. Current academic rank/position
 - d. Race/ethnicity
 - e. Institution
 - f. Street and e-mail address
 - g. Telephone and fax numbers
2. 3-5 page, single-spaced narrative addressing:
 - a. Applicant's background and academic experience
 - b. Description of work and research experience
 - c. Short-term objectives with measurable outcomes (for example abstract or manuscript submissions, proposal development) for the period of mentorship award

(one-year)

d. Description of how the mentorship award will meet short-term and long-term objectives

e. Compatibility of the applicant's previous work with the mentee's interests and professional goals

3. Mentoring work plan which should include:
 - a. Description of the activities to be undertaken with the mentee
 - b. Timeline
 - c. Brief (1-page) budget and justification for the mentoring experience
4. Letter of support from mentee stating commitment to the mentorship
5. Letter of support from mentee's doctoral advisor (if relevant)