

PRESLEY CENTER FOR CRIME AND JUSTICE STUDIES

Fellowship Announcement

The Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for graduate student research fellowships. The Presley Center was established at the University of California, Riverside by an act of the legislature to conduct research on crime and violence, including: the causes and prevention of crime and violence; best practices for law enforcement and for youth and adult corrections; and the reduction of violence and recidivism in California's prisons, jails, and youth correctional facilities.

Proposals should advance empirical or theoretical research and must fit within the mission of the Presley Center and be directly relevant and informative to criminal justice policy and practice in the State of California. Proposals that focus on interventions, community services, or community activism – without a research component – will not be considered.

Fellowship awards are for one quarter and include a stipend of \$6,885 and cover resident fees and tuition. (This award does not cover the non-resident supplemental tuition).

This call for proposals is for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. Fellowship recipients may choose which quarter (Fall 2018, Winter 2019, or Spring 2019) to receive funding.

Eligibility and requirements. Fellowships are open to UCR PhD students in any discipline, who are in good standing in their program, and who will be in their fourth year or beyond in the 2018-2019 academic year. The Presley Center seeks to support graduate students who have not previously received Presley Center Fellowship support.

Fellows are required to provide a written report of their research by the end of the academic year in which they are funded and may be asked to give a public presentation at UCR about their research that was supported by the Presley Center. Public presentations can include informal departmental or area brown bag meetings; they may be arranged through the student's academic department and should be announced broadly and in a timely manner so that faculty and graduate students in other departments may attend. Written reports should include a description of the research activities and findings and should be written for a lay audience. Note that written reports are public documents and should be no longer than 3 single-spaced pages.

Application process. Proposals should include the following:

1. A narrative description of the research that is no more than two pages with no more than one additional page of references, *and is clearly understandable to a broad group of scholars outside of the specific area of the proposed research*. The proposal should succinctly and clearly describe the general methodology of the research and its importance to criminal justice policy in California. (The narrative should be written in 11-point type or larger with 1-inch margins.)
2. A short two-page CV. (CV should include relevant publications and presentations)
3. One letter of recommendation, preferably from the student's primary faculty mentor.
4. For proposals that involve human participants, an application for human subjects research must be submitted to the UCR Institutional Review Board prior to submission of the proposal to the Presley Center. It is not necessary for the application to be approved before submitting the research proposal to the Presley Center. However, proposals that are selected for funding must have IRB approval before fellowships can be awarded.

5. For proposals that involve the participation of other organizations, for example schools, law enforcement, legal offices, etc., a written statement of agreement from all participating agencies is required before fellowships can be awarded.

Applicants should send their applications via email to Donita McCants-Carter (donita.mccants@ucr.edu).
Recommenders should send their letters of recommendations separately to Donita, with the student's name in the subject line.

Questions regarding the Fellowship or the application process should be directed to Professor Sharon Oselin (sharon.oselin@ucr.edu).

The deadline to submit proposals is March 30, 2018.