

Application for NIBRS Animal Cruelty Data Research Award

In 2014, the Federal Bureau of Investigation added animal cruelty as a distinct crime category within its National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Two years later, it started accepting data on such crimes from law enforcement agencies around the country. Since then, AWI has actively encouraged the use of these data to assess animal cruelty trends and inform more effective interventions to protect both animals and people in affected communities. In furtherance of this effort, AWI's Center for the Study of NIBRS Animal Cruelty Data is pleased to offer two \$5,000 stipends for master's and doctoral students to utilize NIBRS animal cruelty data in their research. Please note, it is essential that analysis of NIBRS animal cruelty data play a central part in the proposed research project. Datasets for analysis can be downloaded from the Center's website (The raw data can also be obtained from the FBI's Crime Data Explorer or the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research's National Archive of Criminal Justice Data). If you have questions about this award program or application process, please email claire@awionline.org. For additional information about the Center, please visit our website at <https://awionline.org/content/center-study-nibrs-animal-cruelty-data>.

When submitting your application, please have the following documents ready to upload:

1. Resume/CV. We require a resume/CV for the applicant and any other student(s) involved in project.
2. Letter(s) of support from your institution (i.e., your department chair or advisor). The letter(s) should indicate institutional support for the project and attest to your ability to successfully complete it.
3. If your proposal requires institutional approval, you will need to attach the documentation that your advisor, department chair, and/or administration provided to indicate this approval.

A list of award recipients and a brief description of their projects will be published on AWI's website and in the *AWI Quarterly* magazine. Submission of this application represents consent to these terms.

Contact Information

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Study Information

1. Proposal Title *

Proposals will be evaluated based on responses to the following items. A 100-point rubric will be used, with each section weighted as indicated below.

2. Study Duration (in months) *

*Study duration should not exceed 12 months

3. Research Question(s)- 15/100 Points *

0/500

Research questions must be addressed, at least in part, via analysis of NIBRS animal cruelty data.

4. Detailed Research Proposal- 40/100 Points *

0/2000

Describe your research proposal in detail. In addition to how you plan to utilize NIBRS animal cruelty data, please make sure to include the following information in your proposal:

- The problem: Start by describing the problem or knowledge gap that your research proposal is seeking to address. If citing current literature, please attach a reference list under "Additional Documents" on page 3 of this application.
- Specific aims: Clearly describe each of your research objectives.
- Methods: Clearly and concisely state the methods you will use to address the research question(s) and include all variables. Please discuss the feasibility of your plan and challenges you may need to face.
- Analysis: Describe your outcome measures and plan for analysis.

As a reminder, it is essential that analysis of NIBRS animal cruelty must data play a central part in the proposed research project. NIBRS animal cruelty data must be accessed via one of the following sources: the Center's website, the FBI's Crime Data Explorer, or the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). Applicants must clearly state which source they will use to access the data.

5. Applicants will only be considered for funding if their proposal includes a thoughtful and feasible plan for dissemination. Please describe the proposed format for presenting your research (such as a conference presentation, manuscript for publication, or poster session) and detail your plans for dissemination of the results. (20/100 Points) *

0/500

6. How will your research project and dissemination plan increase awareness of NIBRS animal cruelty data and/or impact responses to animal cruelty crimes? (5/100 Points) *

0/500

7. If awarded, how would this funding impact the trajectory of your work and research on animal cruelty? *

0/500

8. Please provide an estimated budget for this project, including a brief justification for anticipated expenses. If other funds are being used, please indicate the source and amount.(10/100 Points) *

0/250

Salaries or stipends may be included in the budget. AWI policy does not allow funds to be used for indirect costs (e.g., no overhead costs).

You will be able to review your answers before submitting this form.

Qualifications and Attachments- 10/100 Points