

Solicitation – fully funded PhD in Nursing - Correctional Health

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Persons involved with the criminal justice (CJ) system are disproportionately substance users and more likely to have complex health and mental health disorders, and be marginalized from community health resources. Despite these realities, there is a dearth of clinical research aimed at improving treatment outcomes among CJ populations.

The aim of this three-year training program is to increase the number and capacity of clinical scientists working with CJ populations.

The PhD program focusing in Correctional Health will be led by an experienced team of clinical investigators in the Center for Correctional Health Networks at the University of Connecticut, School of Nursing who collectively have decades of experience conducting research related to translation of evidence-based practices to CJ populations.

The program aims to provide full-time students with the following:

1. A solid educational foundation for clinical research including research methods and scientific writing; including a paid RWJ Scholars Boot Camp in Princeton, N.J.
2. Supplemental education opportunities on issues unique to CJ populations;
3. A mentored research experience including funds for a monthly stipend (\$26,020.19 [across 2 semesters] and tuition support approximately \$15,000 [academic year]). Awardees will also receive additional funding of \$25,000 which will cover summer stipends, fees, books, and other expenses (so a total of more than \$65,000 in scholarship funding for each of the 3 years of study);
4. Access to and expansion of career building networks.

Program Eligibility: US Citizenship; application and acceptance to PhD program; two scholars enrolled annually

Application Process: submission by email of a one page essay (single-spaced) about how you would use this award to complete your doctoral studies and begin your research trajectory in 3 years. Please outline both personal and professional commitments you will make to the process. Essays are due by email on April 1st to Dr. Jaqueline McGrath (Jacqueline.mcgrath@uconn.edu). Interviews with our research mentors and final decisions are made in April.