



FBI NCAVC Internship Grants



Deadline » **February 1 & June 1**

Prize » **\$7,000**

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PURPOSE

To provide funds for undergraduate or graduate Psi Chi members to conduct research at the FBI National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC)



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for this grant must:

- first apply for and receive an FBI NCAVC intern position (apply at www.fbijobs.gov/232.asp) and
- be an undergraduate or graduate Psi Chi member with a member ID number on file at the Central Office when applying to the FBI NCAVC internship.



STYLE / STANDARDS

1. Applications must be an electronic document written in English conforming strictly to the instructions in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA).
2. Text of the application should be in 12-point font (double-spaced).



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Submit grant applications online at www.psichi.org under the AWARDS/GRANTS section. The link for submissions is available at least one month prior to the submission deadlines.
2. Internship grant submissions are accepted online until midnight local time on February 1 for the fall internship grant and June 1 for the spring grant. Late submissions will not be accepted.



SUBMISSION ELEMENTS

1. **Submission Form** (next page).
2. **Letter of Acceptance.** Provide a letter from the FBI NCAVC staff indicating the applicant has been conditionally accepted for an internship position.
3. **Resume.** Describe academic history, research experience, relevant employment, and involvement in the local Psi Chi chapter.
4. **Transcript.** An official transcript from the applicant's current academic institution.
5. **Reference Letter.** Include a reference letter from the advisor describing the applicant's participation in the local Psi Chi chapter.
6. **Statement of Funding.** A statement from the applicant describing the financial support expected from parents, institutions, or other sources during the internship and the applicant's unmet financial needs during the internship.

APPLY NOW



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SUBMISSION FORM

Download and complete the submission form below, save your information to the file, and upload with your proposal.

Name	
Phone	Email
Psi Chi member ID number	
School affiliation	

Previous FBI NCAVC winner:

K. Chandler Yonge | Mississippi State University
2007-08 Psi Chi/FBI Grant Winner's Experience as a Spring Intern

The application process was a strenuous one, but I knew if I were successful, the efforts would be worthwhile. What I did not realize was how valuable the experience would prove to be. "Go to the brick building on the right; it will have no signs or indications that it is FBI. Walk to the small pathway between the two buildings and push the button on the wall. Someone will ask for your name, and you will then go through the glass door to be buzzed in." That is how I was introduced to the place where I would work hand-in-hand with FBI Supervisory Special Agents (SSAs), Crime Analysts, and Research Analysts for 14 weeks. That was just the beginning. After making it through the interview and being given a conditional offer, I underwent a 9-month background investigation. During my polygraph, not only did I have to answer questions about national security, drug usage, alcohol abuse, and application information, but my friends and family were also contacted and interviewed about my integrity. Finally the day arrived when I obtained clearance, and the FBI extended an official internship offer to me.

The first day of the internship was reserved for introductions—to fellow interns, the unit to which I would be assigned, the agents with whom I would be working, and the FBI as an organization. After a morning full of presentations explaining the history of the NCAVC and the responsibilities of each unit, my adrenaline peeked as all the interns were issued official FBI badges and access codes (but only after an extensive amount of paperwork was completed). By the end of the week, I had begun collecting tasks assigned by the agents within my unit. Additionally, I found myself knee-deep in files from a well-known child abduction case as I identified and recorded specific details pertaining to the victim and offender as part as an inner-rater reliability exercise for one particular research study.

Due to my educational background and work experience, I was assigned to Behavioral Analysis Unit 2 (Crimes Against Adults). I was ecstatic to know that I was working in the same unit of the NCAVC that assisted in the capture of such notorious murderers as Gary Ridgway and Dennis Rader and that had interviewed Angel Resendiz and Maury Travis. Because the main role of the intern is to provide research support, my primary assignment was to ascertain which, of the over 60 serial killer cases on file, were incomplete and find the missing information. Specifically, I was to locate victims' autopsy reports, which provided the opportunity for me to consult with medical examiners' offices all over the country. According to the FBI, a serial killer is an offender who takes the lives of at least two victims, and that definition translated into a lot of files and folders to sift through! This detail-oriented task allowed me to play the role of a liaison for the FBI, authorized me to look into some of history's highest profile cases, and permitted me access to case details that remain confidential today.

Read the rest of her essay at the following link:
http://www.psichi.org/pubs/articles/article_716.aspx.