

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is hiring **3** Wayne State social science graduate students (either Masters or PhD-level) as Peer Mentors for the summer 2021 NSF REU Grant: Communities, Crime, and Criminal Justice in Detroit.

The Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in the study of Communities, Crime, & Criminal Justice in Detroit (C3JD hereafter) is an intensive 8-week online (via Zoom) summer research program (June 7, 2021 to August 2, 2021) that will connect 9 undergraduate students with faculty and graduate student peer mentors from the Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Wayne State University in research examining crime and justice in Detroit, Michigan.

Benefits to Peer Mentors:

- The pay rate is **\$1000** per Peer Mentor for the 8 weeks.
- Peer Mentors will get the opportunity to work with faculty to implement a research project.
- Peer Mentors will gain experience as a leader and liaison between students and faculty in the research process. This will be especially beneficial to students who wish to continue a career in academia.
- Peer mentors will be able to attend methodological and academic career development workshops hosted as part of the REU.

Peer Mentors will be expected to:

- Attend a training session.
- Meet and guide their respective research group for up to **10 hours/week** as a liaison between the faculty mentor and the undergraduate students.
- Assist undergraduate students in their research project including, but not limited to: finding and analyzing literature, explaining the study's methodology, using SPSS to input/clean data and perform analyses
- Report to and meet with the program director weekly to provide updates on the research group's progress
- Assisting the faculty mentor in communicating with undergraduate students and implementing their weekly plans in the research process.

If interested in applying, please submit the following in **one document** by **May 3rd** to C3JDREU@wayne.edu:

1. A resume or CV that includes overall graduate and undergraduate GPA.
2. 2 names of references and their contact information. They may be asked to provide a letter of recommendation at a later date.
3. A personal statement that includes:
 - a. Statement as to how your demographics and past experiences would make you a good peer mentor in guiding 3 undergraduate students in the research process.
 - b. Future educational and career plans/goals (be as specific as possible).
4. A ranking of preferred research teams (see <https://s.wayne.edu/c3jdreu/research-teams/> for the project descriptions and more information on the REU site).

Any further questions can be directed to C3JDREU@wayne.edu

The selection committee will begin review of applications immediately after the deadline and contact finalists by April 30th to schedule Zoom interviews.