

# Building the internal capacity for research across the justice community

## The 4th Annual Criminal Justice Leadership Institute

**When:** Friday, August 12th; 8:30-4:30  
**Where:** Seattle University, Student Center 210  
**Fee:** \$199/person

Large justice agencies may have the luxury of having their own full-time research/analysis unit that can be tasked with administrative analyses. But there are many more mid-sized and smaller justice agencies that still have questions about whether what they are doing works, or whether it is working as intended. How can we build the internal research capacity of these mid-sized and smaller agencies so that they can answer these important questions?

Come to this event if you are interested in learning about how to build an internal capacity for basic research in your agency. The focus will be on realistic research designs to answer basic questions aimed at analyzing administrative data and improving internal processes. This is not about conducting randomized controlled trials and publishing peer-reviewed journal articles, although both of those are great things. This is about taking a realistic approach to internal research.

During the first half of the day, our criminal justice faculty will present topics related to the development of a research question, basic research methodology, and how to identify and support internal talent in your agency. In the second half, there will be breakout sessions led by faculty where we engage in deeper group discussions on particular research topics, including specific research questions, methodological design, and resourcing issues.

### AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration, coffee and pastries
- 8:50 Introduction and overview of the day
- 9:00 – 9:50 Developing a research question
- 10:00 – 10:50 The basics of research methodology
- 11:00 – 11:50 Identifying, maintaining, and feeding internal talent
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 – 1:50 Breakout session I – Question formulation: focusing on things that can be measured
- 2:00 – 2:50 Breakout session II – Designing an overall approach to answering the question
- 3:00 – 3:50 Breakout Session III – Resourcing: time, money, and collaborations
- 4:00 – 4:30 Closing comments and wrap-up
- 4:30 – 5:30 Relax at the faculty lounge (6th floor of Lemieux Library)

**For More Information & To Reserve Your Place**

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