



[The Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Program on Substance Use and HIV](#)

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Involvement with the justice system, substance use, and infection with HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV) are syndemic in the United States. Justice-involved persons are more likely to be infected with HIV and HCV, have underlying mental health disorders, be impacted by substance use, and be marginalized from community health resources. Despite these realities, there is a relative dearth of clinical research aimed at improving treatment outcomes among justice-involved populations. **To increase the number and capacity of clinical scientists working with justice-involved populations, we established *The Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Program on Substance Use and HIV.***

The two-year supplemental training program is led by an [experienced team of clinical investigators](#) from Lifespan/Brown University and Boston University/Boston Medical Center who collectively have decades of experience conducting research related to substance use, HIV, and associated co-morbidities among justice-involved populations both locally and across the nation. This program is designed to prepare participants for NIH-funded research careers in the field and aims to provide participants with the following:

- A solid educational foundation for clinical research including research methodology and scientific writing skills.
- Supplemental education on issues unique to justice-involved populations including: the ethics and practice of conducting research in justice settings; the epidemiology and treatment of HIV, substance use disorders, and associated comorbidities including HCV in justice-involved populations; barriers to optimal treatment outcomes in this population; innovative research strategies to control the HIV and HCV epidemics and opioid crisis among justice-involved populations; and relevant community engagement and implementation science research methods and strategies.
- A mentored research experience including funds for pilot projects (up to \$15,000) that will offer participants the opportunity to develop interventions and preliminary datasets appropriate for future NIH grants and/or conduct secondary analyses of existing datasets, as well as to disseminate their findings at national meetings and through peer-reviewed literature.
- Ongoing mentored research support and collaborative learning experiences by convening research-in-progress and expert seminars to review data collection, analyses, dissemination efforts, to provide technical grant writing assistance that integrates the research experience, and to deliver effective professional development.

This training program does not provide direct stipends nor salary support for participants. Resources are available to support: participation in educational opportunities including registration fees and associated travel, room, and board expenses; pilot research projects; and dissemination activities including attendance at relevant conferences and scientific meetings.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY: Early career research scientists (including junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and exceptional predoctoral candidates) from the United States and Puerto Rico are welcome to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS: All applicants must provide: a current CV; personal statement detailing experience, career goals, and research interests specific to this training program; and letters of recommendation. Application materials are available at: www.LifespanBrownCJRT.org. **The application deadline for the next cohort is June 1, 2021.**

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