



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

College of Social Work
and Criminal Justice

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Postdoctoral Research Fellow In Criminology and Criminal Justice School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Florida Atlantic University | Boca Raton Campus

The Florida Atlantic University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ) invites applications for a postdoctoral research fellow position starting Fall 2025 on the Boca Raton campus. The successful candidate will work on multiple funded projects focused on evaluating community-based, behavioral health related programs, including a co-responder crisis response team and a behavioral health-focused jail reentry program. Prior experience in working alongside law enforcement/clinicians or studying best practices in the provision of behavioral health services, working with administrative sources of data, and communicating with community partners is strongly desired. In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to collaborate with other project team members to produce peer-reviewed publications alongside the creation of internal and external reports for funding agencies. The position may also provide for opportunities to teach. The appointment is for two calendar years, beginning August 9, 2025.

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND SCHOOL

Florida Atlantic is a Carnegie doctorate-granting university (RU/high research activity) with over 30,000 students and is a designated Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. Florida Atlantic's strategic plan prioritizes healthy aging, neuroscience, environmental science, and sensing and smart systems. These priorities are supported by faculty research in areas that also address leadership, global perspectives and participation, community engagement, undergraduate research, big data analytics, healthy and sustainable campus environments, and peace, justice, and human rights. Within each of the priorities, Florida Atlantic is committed to the principles of engaged research, teaching, and service. Florida Atlantic is positioned to achieve the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education's highest and most coveted Very High Research Activity status (R1) in 2025.

The College of Social Work and Criminal Justice is a partnership between the SCCJ and the Sandler School of Social Work. Our intention is to reimagine our professions, promote multidisciplinary education and research, address a wider spectrum of societal needs, and champion systemic change through scholarship, teaching, and service. We strongly encourage applications from diverse candidates whose innovative work strives to serve the public good, inside and outside of the University.

Our School offers a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree, a Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice degree, and a 5-year combined BA/MS degree program in Criminology and Criminal Justice. The SCCJ is also home to the paralegal and legal nurse consulting certificate programs. The undergraduate degree program is the third largest by enrollment at Florida Atlantic and offers a culturally rich educational environment through diverse delivery methods, including face-to-face, online, and hybrid/blended formats. School initiatives include a decision-making simulation lab, a forthcoming forensics investigations minor, community engaged research, study abroad, high school summer camps, a

fully online undergraduate degree program, research colloquia, and research partnerships with the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. Our School is committed to creating an accessible, supportive working environment and welcomes colleagues who recognize inclusivity and collegiality as integral components of academic excellence.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will hold a Ph.D. in criminal justice, criminology, or related field obtained within the past five years. ABDs will be considered but requirements for the Ph.D. must be completed by the position start date. A Juris Doctorate alone is not sufficient. The successful candidate will demonstrate a commitment to conducting independent research, publishing in peer reviewed journals, and working with a team of scholars to conduct community-based research. The position is an on-campus appointment.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must apply electronically to the posted position on the Office of Human Resources' job website (<https://fau.edu/jobs>) by completing the required employment application for this recruitment (**REQ18957**) and submitting the related documents. When completing the online application, please upload all required documentation noted here: a curriculum vita, names and contact info for three professional references, and a cover letter that describes: specific interest in the position; research agenda; how their scholarly activities align with the position description. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The annual salary for this position is \$60,000.

Transcripts will be requested from applicants selected for interviews. Degrees from outside the United States must be validated by an organization belonging to the National Association of Credential Evaluation Service (NACES), with an indication of the documents the evaluation was prepared from (i.e., official transcripts, diplomas, dissertation abstracts). The evaluation should be scanned and electronically attached to the application. An unofficial transcript may be used during the hiring process to assure that the prospective faculty member is properly credentialed for university level teaching in area(s) of expertise and other relevant courses. An official transcript sent directly from the institution is required for the Provost's credential file prior to the first day of employment. Similarly, for degrees from outside the United States, the evaluation by an organization belonging to the National Association of Credential Evaluation (NACES), with an indication of the documents the evaluation was prepared from (i.e., official transcripts, diplomas, dissertation abstracts) is required for the Provost's credential file prior to the first day of class. A background check will be required for the candidate selected for this position.

Florida Atlantic is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veterans' status or any other characteristic protected by law. Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodation, please call 561-297-6057, TTY/TDD 1-800-955-8771.

For additional information on our School and/or faculty, please visit our web page (<http://sw-cj.fau.edu/sccj/>). Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. Cassandra Atkin-Plunk (catkinplunk@fau.edu).