

The University of Nebraska Omaha School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (UNO SCCJ) invites applications for the Directorship of the [Juvenile Justice Institute](#) with a desired start date of July 1, 2025. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, or a related field and have experience in applied research.

The Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI) is a public policy research center that is part of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ) in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service at the University of Nebraska Omaha. JJI was established in 2002, under LB272, to assist the Legislature with research, evaluation, and policymaking to reduce recidivism, and promote the use of evidence-based practice in juvenile justice.

The JJI Director is responsible for the leadership and management of JJI including recruitment and supervision of JJI staff. Broadly defined, the Director's role is to develop and implement a strategic vision for JJI to be a leader in juvenile justice policy, research, and practice. The Director's specific responsibilities include: 1) produce and disseminate research that supports the development of evidence-based youth justice public policy, 2) administer Evidence Based Nebraska, an assessment of the effectiveness of the Nebraska Community-based Aid fund as outlined in Nebraska Revised Statute §43-2404, 3) provide technical and research assistance to the Nebraska Legislature, and 4) serve on state, county, and local boards and committees as requested to support the mission of JJI and UNO. Further details regarding job responsibilities can be found at the posting linked below. While developing a funded research portfolio is a central part of the Directors role, the position itself is funded through state appropriation to the SCCJ and through the Evidence Based Nebraska allocation to JJI itself.

To apply, submit a cover letter, a CV that includes contact information for three professional references, and a brief outline of a plan to develop a funded research portfolio at JJI (maximum of 1 single spaced page) to the UNO Human Resources website:

(<https://unomaha.peopleadmin.com/postings/23816>). Direct inquiries about the search to **Dr. Todd Armstrong Search Committee Chair** ([toddarmstrong@unomaha.edu](mailto:toddarmstrong@unomaha.edu)). The review of applicants will begin after May 19, 2025 and continue until the position is filled.

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