The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida is searching for a one-year renewal post-doctoral scholar (up to three years).

The post-doctoral scholar will encourage original and significant research. The post-doctoral scholar will be in a diverse, intellectual community and gain access to a professional network of innovative scholars. The department’s focus areas include corrections, juvenile justice, policing, media and crime, and violence and victimization. This is primarily a research position, however a minimal teaching load will be part of the assignment to provide the scholar experience in other areas of activity appropriate to a career as a university faculty member.

In addition to working on their own research, the post-doctoral scholar will receive mentoring from a community of leading criminal justice scholars throughout the length of the appointment. This postdoctoral scholar position is especially targeted at researchers interested in pursuing a tenured-track faculty position. The faculty in Criminal Justice is dedicated to working with the post-doctoral scholar in establishing themselves as an independent researcher. This includes writing proposals as a PI and/or co-PI, leading a small research team, mentoring graduate students, collecting data, building collaborations with community collaborators, and exploring other research projects. The selected candidate will be encouraged (and supported) to network with other faculty at UCF.

The post-doctoral scholar will work on the main campus of the University of Central Florida starting August 2021. The post-doctoral scholar will work with a mentorship team from a group of tenured faculty in the department. The scholar will also work with a set of secondary mentors, identified prior to the start date that includes faculty from, but not limited to, public administration, legal studies, education, the natural sciences, and data analytics.

Preferred applicants will have a doctorate in a relevant area of study (i.e., Criminal Justice, Criminology, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Public Administration, or related disciplines), excellent oral and written communication skills, and experience in conducting research and data analysis in broad areas of criminal justice and criminology, with emphasis in the intersection of race and ethnicity, gender, sexuality, social class, disability, and/or citizenship.

Applicants should submit their CV, two writing samples, and list of three references to Dr. Catherine (Katie) Kaukinen, Professor and Chair of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida (catherine.kaukinen@ucf.edu).