

Yan Shan Yu is a recent graduate with a BA in forensic psychology and a minor in criminology. She will continue her education in the Forensic Psychology MA program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (JJC, City University of New York). As an undergraduate, she was accepted into Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology, the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and was an APA ambassador. Yan currently works at the Office for Student Research and Creativity (OSRC) at JJC as a Research and Administrative Assistant.

Aside from the honor societies, Yan has been part of the Dean's list every semester and graduated as a McNair and Honors scholar. Within the McNair Program, she was provided an opportunity to conduct her own research. Specifically, her project focused on the crime of sexual grooming and how it impacts victims of different ages. Her interest in this particular topic stems from her realization that this area continues to be a taboo topic in many ways and, therefore, remains underreported. With the completion of her project, Yan is currently working on publishing her research.

As a Research and Administrative Assistant, Yan recently co-planned the EXPO, which is a two-week long event that focused mainly on the accomplishments of students across various disciplines and programs. In addition to the EXPO, Yan's role includes supervising and guiding the research scholarship cohort, creating and analyzing comprehensive metrics data sets for the OSRC community, managing two OSRC websites, and coordinating workshops and events. She strives to provide guidance and help for anyone who is interested in the research process.

After obtaining her Master's degree, Yan plans to pursue her PhD in clinical psychology and practice as a licensed psychologist, providing services to assist those with serious mental illnesses. She also plans to advocate for better treatment regarding the mentally ill.