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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

November 17, 2020



**ISCE and IHCC are co-hosting an information & networking session**

for the National Science Foundation SBE solicitation, *Strengthening American Infrastructure*. See the box below in the **Conferences** section for details.

We hope you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving! The *ISCE News Flash* will resume on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford at [yanceyc3@vt.edu](mailto:yanceyc3@vt.edu) by Friday each week.

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## Funding Opportunities

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### Limited Submission: Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards

Oak Ridge Associated Universities has issued a call for proposals for the Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award to provide seed money for junior faculty with the aim to prepare them to seek future external funding. These one year awards of \$5,000 must be matched by the investigator's home institution. Eligibility is open to full-time assistant professors within two years of their tenure track appointment at the time of application. **Only two nominations are allowed per institution.** Research projects must fall within one of five disciplines: Engineering and Applied Science, Life Sciences, Mathematics/Computer Sciences, Physical Sciences, or Policy/Management/Education. [Click here](#) for details. Due to the limited submission, contact [Janet Webster](#) if interested in applying.

**Deadline: November 20, 2020**

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### Call for +Policy Fellow Research Applications

The Policy Destination Area (DA) is soliciting applications for its 2020-2021 +Policy Research Fellows. **The funding is designed to help researchers add a policy dimension to their work or expand a policy expert's content knowledge to a new area for future collaborations.** The +Policy Fellow award will support either collaboration between a policy scholar (the Fellow)

and members of a research project, or an individual policy researcher seeking to expand their expertise in a new area. Priority will be given to applications from interdisciplinary fellow/teams or, if an individual researcher, interdisciplinary research and clear plans for future directions. Maximum awards are \$12,000. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: November 30, 2020**

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### **Public Policy Research Award**

The American Lung Association is inviting applications for its Public Policy Research Award, which was created to help stimulate and inform important public policy debates around health air and lung disease. **Grants of up to \$50,000 per year for up to two years will be awarded in support of research on and the evaluation of existing public policy and programs, as well as projects that inject innovative ideas into public policies impacting lung health.** Areas of interest include (but are not limited to) tobacco control, air quality, health policy, disparities, modeling, and informatics. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: December 10, 2020**

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FORD FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS  
FELLOWSHIPS OFFICE  
Policy and Global Affairs

### **Call for Ford Foundation Fellowships to Increase Faculty Diversity**

Through the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, the Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, maximizing the educational benefits of diversity, and increasing the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. **Three types of fellowships will be awarded: pre-doctoral awards, dissertation awards and postdoctoral awards.** [Click here](#) for details. Please

share with graduate students who may be interested.

**Deadlines: December 10, 2020 (Pre-doctoral/dissertation); December 17, 2020 (Postdoc)**

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### **World Justice Challenge: Advancing the Rule of Law**

The World Justice Project welcomes proposals for the World Justice Challenge 2021: Advancing the Rule of Law in a Time of Crisis, a global competition aimed at identifying, recognizing, and promoting good practices and high-impact projects and policies designed to protect and advance the rule of law in this time of unprecedented crisis. **Cash awards of \$20,000 will be awarded to six projects that address a rule-of-law deficit and show demonstrable results and promising prospects for future progress, replication, and scaling.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: December 11, 2020**

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### **Racial Equality Special Research Grants Now Open**

The Spencer Foundation has launched a *Racial Equity Special Research Grants* program to **support education research projects that can contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education.** The foundation is interested in studies aimed at understanding and disrupting the reproduction and deepening of educational inequality in education, and that seek to remake and imagine anew forms of equitable education. It is also interested in research projects that aim to reimagine educational opportunities in a multiplicity of education systems, levels, settings, and developmental ranges and that reach beyond documenting conditions and paradigms that contribute to persistent racial inequalities. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: December 15, 2020 (Letter of Intent); January 12, 2021 (Proposal)**

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### **Digital Extension Grants for the Humanities**

The American Council of Learned Societies welcomes applications for its Digital Extension Grants. Grants will be awarded to advance humanistic scholarship by enhancing established digital projects, extending their reach to new communities of users, and supporting teams of scholars at all stages of their careers as they participate in such projects. **Six grants of up to \$150,000 over 12-18 months will be awarded in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: December 15, 2020**

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### **Health Data for Action**

RWJF's Health Data for Action (HD4A) program, managed by AcademyHealth, aims to reduce the barriers often faced in accessing rich data by serving as a conduit between data owners and interested researchers. **RWJF will make data from unique 8 data owners available to researchers at no cost.** Most selected projects will not receive a financial award for personnel or other project-related costs; limited funding up to \$100,000 per project, however, is available for a small number of projects from principal investigators who have not previously received external research funding. [Click here](#) for details and to view the sources of available data.

**Deadline: December 17, 2020**

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### Switzer Research Fellowship Program

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research at the Administration for Community Living has announced its Switzer Research Fellowship program. **The purpose of the program is to build research capacity by providing support to highly-qualified individuals, including those who have disabilities, to conduct research on the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.** Projects should develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: December 21, 2020**

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### Opportunities for Research in Child Development

The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) has two open opportunities with early 2021 deadlines:

- **Policy Fellowships in Child Development**

SRCD is seeking applicants for its U.S. Policy Fellowship Programs for the 2021-2022 academic year. There are two fellowship programs: federal and state. The purpose of the fellowships is to provide researchers with immersive opportunities to **(1) learn firsthand about policy development, implementation, and evaluation, and (2) use their expertise to inform child and family public policies and programs that support diverse populations.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: January 4, 2021**

- **2021 Small Grants Program for Early Career Scholars**

SRCD is accepting submissions for its fourth annual Small Grants Program for Early Career Scholars. Grants of up to \$7,500 are available for research projects conducted by SRCD early career members who completed their doctoral degrees in the past five years, regardless of their appointment, institution, or country of residence. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: February 10, 2021**

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**Call for Proposals: Mental Health Access for Youth**

The Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation has issued a call for proposals to **fund academic research in the development of innovative models of mental health service delivery** such as those that leverage technology, non-traditional treatment settings, and professional and paraprofessional treatment providers or others (e.g. teachers, parents, primary care physicians). The goal to improve access to mental health care for children and adolescents.

Proposals that focus on youth with limited supports and resources and those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic are of particular interest. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: January 10, 2021**

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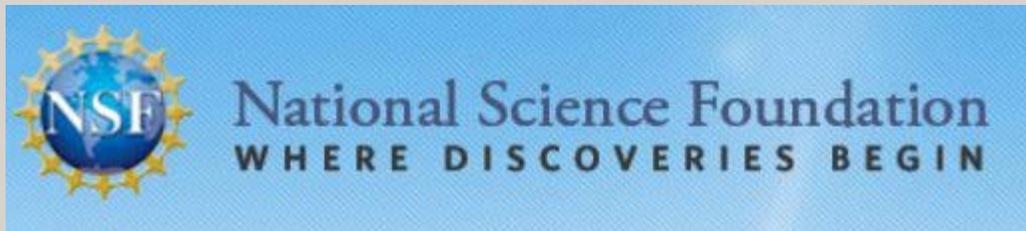
**New NIH Early Stage Investigator Funding Opportunity**

NIH has posted a new funding opportunity, the *Stephen I. Katz Early Stage Investigator Research Project* grant, which will **support innovative projects that represent a change in research direction for an early stage investigator and for which no preliminary data exist**. Applications including preliminary data will be considered non-compliant with the instructions and will be withdrawn. There are two options, PAR-21-038, [without a clinical trial](#) and

PAR-21-039, [a basic experimental study with human subjects](#). Many of the NIH institutes and centers are participating in this funding opportunity.

**Deadline: January 26, 2021 (first deadline)**

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### Multiple Upcoming Opportunities

- **Dear Colleague Letter: Strengthening American Infrastructure (SAI)**  
This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) invites workshop and Early Concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) proposals that incorporate scientific insights about human behavior and social dynamics to better develop, design, build, rehabilitate, and maintain strong and effective American infrastructure. NSF anticipates nurturing and growing a research community in SAI over the longer term. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadlines: November 30, 2020 (Conference); December 11, 2020 (EAGER Concept papers)**
- **Mid-Career Advancement (MCA)**  
The MCA offers an opportunity for scientists and engineers at the Associate Professor rank (or equivalent) to substantively enhance and advance their research program through synergistic and mutually beneficial partnerships, typically at an institution other than their home institution. Projects that envision new insights on existing problems or identify new but related problems previously inaccessible without new methodology or expertise from other fields are encouraged. This opportunity is available through several NSF directorate including the SBE directorate. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: February 1, 2021**
- **New SBE Solicitation for Human Networks and Data Science**  
The Social, Behavioral & Economic (SBE) Directorate of the National Science Foundation has **issued a new solicitation for its Human Networks and Data Science program**. This program supports research that enhances understanding of human behavior and how humans interact with and are influenced by their environments by leveraging data

science and network science research across a broad range of topics.

[Click here](#) for the solicitation. **Deadline: February 4, 2021**

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

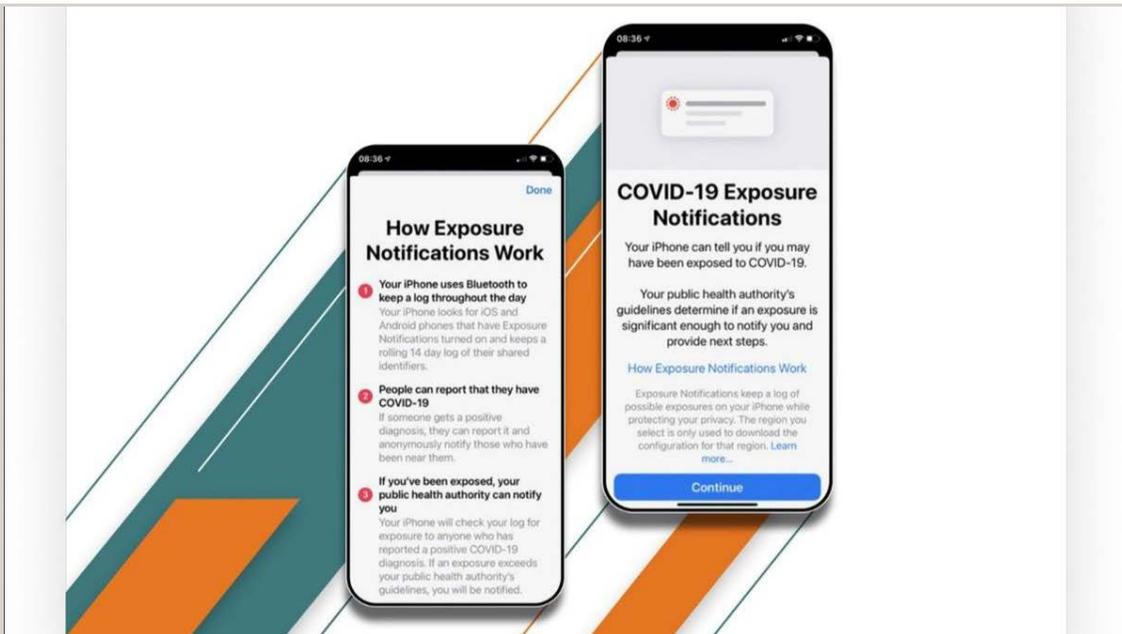
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- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - [Policies for Action: Research to Advance Racial Equity & Justice](#)  
Deadline: November 24, 2020
- **Brady Education Foundation** - [Program Evaluation on Closing the Achievement Gap](#)  
Deadline: December 1, 2020
- **iTHRIV** - [CTSA Scholar Career Development Program](#)  
Deadline: December 1, 2020 (Required Letter of Intent); February 2, 2021 (Selected Proposals)
- **RRF Foundation for Aging** - [Research Grants](#)  
Deadline: December 1, 2020 (Letter of Inquiry)
- **Wenner Gren Foundation** - [Virtual Anthropology Conference Funding](#)  
Deadline: December 1, 2020
- **Office of Evaluation Services** - [2021 Fellowships](#)  
Deadline: December 13, 2020
- **Center for Retirement Research at Boston College** - [Steven H. Sandell Grant Program](#)  
Deadline: January 31, 2021

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## External Grant Success

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## Researchers study how privacy preferences, family tensions can deter use of contact tracing apps

Building on their experience studying smart speakers and privacy concerns, **France Belanger**, professor of accounting and information systems, and **Katherine Allen**, professor of human development and family sciences, have received RAPID funding from the National Science Foundation to launch a new investigation. Their new study seeks to understand how individual and family privacy preferences can lead to household tensions and how they can affect adoption of contact tracing apps for COVID-19. [Read more...](#)

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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### **ISCE-IIHCC Information & Networking Session: NSF SBE Strengthening American Infrastructure**

ISCE and the Intelligent Infrastructure for Human-Centered Communities Destination Area are co-hosting an information and networking session this **Friday, November 20th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** to discuss the National Science Foundation Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences solicitation, [Strengthening American Infrastructure](#) which will support conferences and EAGER proposals. The session will review the solicitation and facilitate forming teams.

To register and receive the Zoom link (or be placed on a listserv if you cannot attend), [click here](#).

### OSP Offering Training for New Awards System

The VT Office of Sponsored Programs has launched a new awards system for externally funded grants. **They are offering training to researchers on the new system on Tuesday, December 1st from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** [Click here](#) to register.



9th Annual  
**Faculty Women of Color in the  
Academy National Conference**  
April 10, 2021 • VIRTUAL Conference  
Academic Writing Retreat • April 9, 2021

### Early Bird Registration & Call for Proposals

The **Virtual 9th Annual Faculty Women of Color in the National Academy is scheduled from April 9-10, 2021.** The conference is a unique educational and professional development conference that provides women of color faculty, university administrators, post-doctoral and graduate students, and undergraduates with a forum to network, engage and learn with peers from around the country. **The deadline to submit a proposal for the conference is December 1, 2020.** [Click here](#) for details, to register or to submit a proposal.



### NEH Summer Institute: Seeking Participants

The NEH Summer Institute: *Building Capable Communities for Crowdsourced Transcription* is **seeking participants for the primarily virtual institute consisting of 8 sessions, held every 2-months from spring 2021 to fall 2022.** The institute aims to assist researchers who wish to use crowdsourcing for text transcription and will enable them to create and run a crowdsourced transcription project over the 18-month period. Successful applicants will have:

1) A large digitized collection that needs transcribing (not under copyright); and  
2) A vision for the research, pedagogical or public presentation they will make with the transcriptions. To learn more and apply, visit the [project website](#).

**Deadline: December 9, 2020**

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### **Mixed Methods Training & Webinar on COVID-19 Data**

Check out the NIH training and webinar below:

- **Applications for Mixed Methods Research Training Program Now Open**

The *Mixed Methods Research Training Program for the Health Sciences* is now accepting applications for summer 2021. Selected scholars will have access to webinars, resources, come to an in-person retreat to discuss their research project, and are matched with mixed methods expert consultants. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline to Apply: January 19, 2021**

- **Webinar Recording: Analyzing Complex Behavioral, Social and Population Health Data for COVID-19**

The "Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (TADA-BSSR)" webinar is virtual lecture series that covers advanced data analytics and data science underlying modern behavioral and social sciences research. [This video](#) is a recording of the inaugural edition of the TADA-BSSR Webinar Series which features a brief introduction of the new NIH/OBBSR sponsored training program and highlights some of the exciting ongoing work at five of the training sites involving complex data related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# Working Parents in COVID-19

THE IMPACT AND THE POLICY RESPONSE

### AAPSS Webinar on the Pandemic's Impact on Working Families

The American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPSS), a COSSA member, held a virtual seminar on October 29 convening a panel of experts to discuss “Working Parents in COVID-19: The Impact and the Policy Response.” Panelists discussed the unique impacts of the pandemic on economically vulnerable working families and potential policy solutions that could assist these families’ recovery. A [recording of the webcast is available here](#) and more information is available on the [AAPSS website](#).

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## Announcements and Faculty News

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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### New Human Subject Training Required as of January 2021

On January 21, 2109, the Human Research Protection Program transitioned from the old Virginia Tech IRB training requirement to CITI. **Any non-CITI training that was completed prior to January 21, 2019 will expire on January 21, 2021.** This includes VT IRB Online, Blackboard, Classroom, Good Clinical Practice (GCP), and other non-CITI human subjects trainings. If your training expires, you will not be able to submit a request for HRPP or IRB review until the new training requirement has been completed. Please make sure you have completed the new training requirement to avoid delays in submissions. Click here to [check your training status](#) and [here to complete the new training](#).

## The Humanities in American Life At a Glance

The banner features a teal and white color scheme with a decorative teal shape at the top. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

Insights from a Survey of the Public's Attitudes & Engagement

### The Humanities in American Life

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences recently released a **report from the first broad national survey on the humanities, which asked Americans**

about their engagement in a variety of humanistic activities, as well as their beliefs about the personal, societal, and economic benefits of the humanities. With funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the survey was administered in fall 2019 to a nationally representative sample of 5,015 American adults. Findings include that 85% of Americans respond favorably to the term “humanities” after it has been defined for them, and 86% of Americans agree that the humanities strengthen American democracy. [Click here](#) to read the press release and [here to access the full report](#).

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### **New NIH Policy for Data Management**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has **issued a notice regarding its final Policy for Data Management and Sharing to promote the management and sharing of scientific data generated from NIH-funded or conducted research**. The policy establishes the requirements of submission of Data Management and Sharing Plans and compliance with NIH Institute, Center, or Office-approved plans. [Click here](#) to read the notice and access the full policy. The new policy will not be effective until **January 25, 2023**.

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**'A real contrast': How Joe Biden won Democrats and the White House with a message of healing**  
**Caitlin Jewitt**, assistant professor of political science, is quoted in a *USA Today* article about the recent election and how Joe Biden won. [Read more...](#)

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