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ISCE NEWS FLASH

November 10, 2020



**This week's ISCE News Flash is full of Virginia Tech events
and new funding opportunities,**

including several new NSF solicitations, fellowships to increase faculty diversity and
a World Justice Challenge! Read on to learn more.

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Funding Opportunities



Community-Campus Partnerships for Health

Promoting Health Equity and Social Justice

RWJF Award for Health Equity

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health has partnered with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to award the *RWJF Award for Health Equity*. **This award highlights the power and potential of community-campus partnerships** successfully using systems and policy change needed to overcome the root causes of health, social, environmental and economic inequalities by recognizing two key leaders (community member & academic partner). [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 16, 2020



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



Funding Available for Virtual Anthropology Conferences

The Wenner Gren Foundation welcomes applications for its Conference and Workshop Grants program, **which seeks to foster the creation of an international community of research scholars in anthropology and advance significant and innovative anthropological research.** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation is offering support for virtual workshops (maximum award of \$5,000) and virtual conferences (maximum award of \$20,000). "In-person" workshops and conferences have a maximum award of \$20,000 and must be scheduled after September 1, 2021, to be eligible for consideration. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: December 1, 2020



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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Academies of*

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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)



**World Justice
Project**

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



Call for Policy Fellowships in Child Development

The Society for Research in Child Development 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



Call for Retirement or Disability Research & Policy

The Center for Retirement Research sponsors the annual Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for scholars in the field of retirement or disability research and policy. The program is funded by the U.S. Social Security Administration to **provide opportunities for junior or non-tenured scholars from all academic disciplines to pursue cutting-edge projects on retirement or disability issues.** Three grants of up to \$45,000 will be awarded. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 31, 2021



National Science Foundation
WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

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**

Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **National Academy of Education** - [NAEd/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#)
Deadline: November 18, 2020
 - **Pakistan Institute of Development Economics** - [Research for Social Transformation/Advancement](#)
Deadline: November 20, 2020
 - **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - [Policies for Action: Research to Advance Racial Equity & Justice](#)
Deadline: November 24, 2020
 - **VT Policy Destination Area** - [+Policy Research Fellowships](#)
Deadline: November 30, 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)
 - **Office of Evaluation Services** - [2021 Fellowships](#)
Deadline: December 13, 2020

External Grant Success



Researcher expands caregiving study during the COVID-19 pandemic

Toni Calasanti, department of Sociology, has received a National Institute on Aging grant supplement to expand her study on the differences of same-sex and heterosexual older adults who care for their spouses or partners with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. [Read more...](#)

Conferences, Seminars and Events



Choices & Challenges Forum: Counternarratives in Technology & Disability

The 2020 Choices and Challenges Forum, a Virginia Tech public engagement series, **will explore ethical and social issues around advances in science and technology.** [Click here](#) for details and Zoom information. Sessions will be held on Nov 9th, 11th and 13th.



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Shane Ortega to provide keynote address for Veterans Day 2020

Shane Ortega, the first openly serving transgender military service member, will provide a **virtual Veterans Day 2020 Keynote Address on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at noon**. Ortega was featured in the HBO documentary "The Trans List" and on the History Channel's "History NOW." [Click here](#) for details and [to register](#).



LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES
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Forum: The Pandemic & Intersections with Gerontology & Public Health

The **Center for Gerontology** is hosting the **second of its fall forum series on Friday, November 13th at 12:00 p.m.** Laura Hungerford and Cornelia Deagle, both from the department of population health sciences, will be discussing the public health response to older adults during the pandemic. [Click here](#) to register and for the Zoom information.



Science on Tap Features Science Comedian

The Center for Communicating Science invites you to the next Science on Tap, which will feature Kasha Patel, a NASA science writer by day and stand-up comedian by night. Patel brings a fresh take to science communication by getting crowds to laugh while “sneaking in some science.” **Patel will do a special Science on Tap performance at 5:30 p.m. November 19 and follow it with a conversation about the role of comedy in communicating**

science. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

Women & Gender in International Development Discussion Series

Event: Mobility and Women's Empowerment

The **Women and Gender in International Development Discussion series** will host its **second virtual event**, featuring **Dr. Carly Nichols**, who will be presenting "*Towards a politics of mobility and women's empowerment: The case of self-help groups in India.*" The discussion will be held on Thursday, November 19th from 12:30-1:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for the event flier and [to register](#).



Webinar on Becoming an Ally in Developmental Science

The Society for Research in Child Development is offering a webinar in their continued efforts to address structural and systemic racism, discrimination and oppression. The webinar explores allyship and becoming a co-conspirator within the context of developmental science. **The event will be held on November 18th at 1:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) for details and to register.

Event to Decolonizing/Re-Indigenizing Media

This community-building **event will occur as succinct virtual sessions on November 13-14, and November 20-21, 2020.** Both the Art Award screenings and conference will be free and open to the public. [Click here](#) for details.



Announcements and Faculty News



OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Office of Sponsored Programs launches new award management system

In effort to better serve its university stakeholders, the Office of Sponsored Programs has launched an electronic, web-based award management system that improves internal processes and overall quality control. **The system was developed to create a more consistent and efficient post-award function** so that the office can more efficiently meet the growing demands of research administration and increasing regulatory requirements. [Read more...](#)



NIH resources to help with grant writing

NIH has announced the availability of the following resources to aid researchers as they develop grant proposals:

- **New RePORT and RePORTER Tools**

Ten years ago, NIH launched the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools) website to serve as a one-stop shop for reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities. This system has been recently revamped to be easier to use and continue to provide access to a wealth of information. [Click here](#) for details.

- **"All About Grants" Podcast - Human Subjects' Protection and Monitoring Plans**

Dawn Corbett, NIH's Inclusion Policy Officer, shares why human subjects' protection and monitoring plans are important in this next NIH's All About Grants podcast. She discusses what should be included in these plans as part of a grant application, what should be left out, what are risks and what are benefits to study participants, how reviewers assess it all, and so much more. [Read more...](#)

- **Access NIH's 2020 Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration**

The entire, recently held NIH conference is available to the research community on the event platform until Nov 19! Recordings of the presentations and related materials, as well as a plethora of resources from the Institute and Center Exhibit Hall booths are available. [Click here](#) to explore.

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