ISCE NEWS FLASH
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We hope you are enjoying the nice fall weather!
Be sure to check out the funding announcements this week, including the Policy Destination Area Call for **+Policy Fellowships**, as well as the free webinars related to COVID-19 that will be offered in honor of **One-Health Day** in early November.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford at yanceyc3@vt.edu by Friday each week.

Funding Opportunities

Call for Cybersecurity Research

The Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CCI) serves as an engine for research, innovation, talent development, and commercialization of technologies at the intersection of security, autonomy, and data. CCI announces three requests for proposals for 2020-2021 research initiatives, two of which are CCI network-wide, including CCI Cybersecurity Research Collaboration Funding and Building Bridges between CCI and the Arts and Design Communities, and one of which is specific to Southwest Virginia.

Deadlines: Vary by Mechanism (October 30-November 2, 2020)

Research Fellowships for China Studies

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) is inviting applications for the Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies, which **seeks to maintain the vitality of China studies in North America through fellowships and grants primarily for scholars early in their careers**. The program awards up to $50,000 to early career scholars in the humanities and humanities-related social sciences who are preparing their PhD dissertations for publication or embarking on a new research project. Click here for details.

Deadline: November 2, 2020

Grand Challenge Focused on Education

Balance the Equation is the first-ever Grand Challenge focused on U.S. education, specifically Algebra 1. With Algebra 1 serving as a pivotal inflection point in students' overall mathematics pathway, as well as being a powerful on-track indicator of college readiness, the Foundation believes it is important to realign the social and political narrative shaping mathematical education at this critical juncture. Scholars are invited to submit proposals for **Phase 1: Planning and Prototyping grant for $100,000 to develop a pilot study plan.** Upon completion of the first Phase, awardees can then apply for a Phase 2: Pilot Study grant for up to $1 million. Click here for details.

Deadline: November 6, 2020

Grand Challenges for Human Flourishing

Templeton World Charity Foundation has launched a new strategy to support new scientific research on human flourishing and to translate related discoveries into practical tools. **The foundation invites researchers across disciplines to participate in an initial phase of idea generation and development through a Request For Ideas to gather input as broadly as possible**. Ideas selected will be used by the Foundation to shape its priorities for scientific discovery. This has the potential to lead to several new portfolios of grants. Click here for full details.
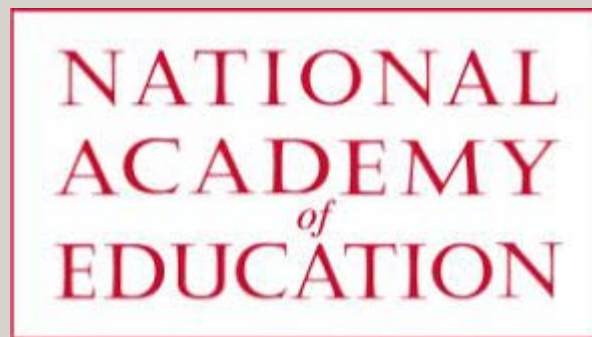
Submission Deadline: November 11, 2020

Call for Pediatric Research: Health & Nutrition

The Gerber Foundation welcomes applications for research projects aimed at identifying solutions to common everyday issues and problems in the field of children's health and nutrition. Of particular interest are **projects offering substantial promise of meaningful advances in prevention and treatment of disease and those with broad, general applicability**. Click here for details.

Deadline: November 15, 2020 (Concept Papers)

Education Fellowships Available

The National Academy of Education (NAEd) **welcomes applications for its NAEd/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program which awards $70,000 to twenty-five scholars in support of non-residential postdoctoral proposals with the potential to advance the field of education**. The fellowship is intended as salary replacement for one year and to cover other research expenses outlined in the proposal. Click here for details.

Deadline: November 18, 2020

Research for Social Transformation and Advancement in Pakistan

The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics is offering **competitive grants for policy-oriented research that will inform the federal Planning Commission of Pakistan and other policy decision makers**. Proposals are invited on themes ranging from markets and regulation to city governance and development. RASTA builds on a social science research competitive grants program during 2012-2016 in which ISCE's Global Issues Initiative played a central role. RASTA grants up to $24,000 for one-year projects will be made primarily to national and provincial universities and research institutes, but proposals are also solicited from scholars at foreign universities (including Pakistani graduate students) with interest in economic growth and governance issues of Pakistan. Click here for the Call for Research Proposals.

Deadline: November 20, 2020

Call for Applications for 2020-2021 +Policy Research Fellows

The Policy Destination Area (PDA) solicits applications from VT faculty who wish to pursue research projects with policy relevance. The overarching goal of the PDA is to integrate, connect, and expand policy knowledge - broadly defined - across disciplines. **The 2020-2021 +Policy Fellow support is designed to help researchers add a policy dimension to their work or expand a policy expert's content knowledge into a new area for future collaborations**. Maximum awards are $12,000 for up to 3 research proposals. Click here for RFA and to apply.

Deadline: November 30, 2020

Call for 2021 Fellowships

The Office of Evaluation Sciences (OES) at the General Services Administration is currently accepting applications for a yearlong fellowship beginning in fall 2021 (based in Washington, DC with some flexibility based on the COVID-19 pandemic). **OES is a team of applied researchers that works to build insights from the social and behavioral sciences into federal programs**. OES designs, implements, and analyzes evidence-based interventions and randomized evaluations. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: December 13, 2020

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **American Council of Learned Societies** - [Religion, Journalism and International Affairs Fellowships](#)
  Deadline: October 28, 2020

- **iTHRIV** - [Community Organization & Research Institute Partnership Grants](#)
  Deadline: October 30, 2020

- **The Council on Foreign Relations** - [International Affairs Fellowship](#)
  Deadline: October 31, 2020

- **IAS/School of Social Science** - [Political Mobilization & Social Movements Fellowships](#)
  Deadline: November 1, 2020

- **The Wenner-Gren Foundation** - [Anthropological Post-PhD Research Grants](#)
  Deadline: November 1, 2020

- **Spencer Foundation** - [Small Education Research Grants](#)
  Deadline: November 5, 2020

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - Two Opportunities
  - [2021-2022 Health Policy Fellows](#)
    Deadline: November 9, 2020
  - [Policies for Action: Research to Advance Racial Equity & Justice](#)
    Deadline: November 24, 2020

- **RRF Foundation for Aging** - [Research Grants](#)

External Funding Success

European Commission awards VT a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence
Virginia Tech has been approved to establish a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, the 11th currently active in the U.S. and the first in Virginia. Last spring, the European Commission provided Virginia Tech with a Jean Monnet Chair — a crucial step in the process of earning a Jean Monnet Center. **Yannis Stivachtis, professor of political science, serves as the Jean Monnet Chair** for the new center. [Read more...](#)

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Webinar on *Open Education: Student Success and Faculty Autonomy*

SCHEV's Open Virginia Advisory Committee presents *Webinar II: Open Education: Student Success and Faculty Autonomy*, which will be held on **Friday, October 23 11:00-12:00 p.m**. Anne M. Brown from University Libraries will be presenting "Using Open Science Framework and GitHub to Promote Student Training and Research Transparency." Click here for details and to register.

Engaging Communities & Higher Ed for Shared Recovery and Prosperity

Vibrant Virginia will host a virtual forum series focused on gaining a deeper understanding of the economic challenges and opportunities in Virginia and the partnership role of higher education in urban and rural Virginia. **The event will take place on Friday, October 30th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and will feature a panel and will conclude with an Q&A session**. Click here for details.

COVID-19 Related Webinars to Celebrate One Health Day

To commemorate international One Health Day, VA-MD Vet Med's One Health Working Group is hosting a **series of virtual discussion panel during the first week of November.** The webinars will cover various aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the ongoing research at the veterinary college, the pandemic's impact on community organizations working with vulnerable populations, and the pandemic's effect on those working in the medical, veterinary, and public health professions. Click here for specific dates and

details.

Save the Date! **VT Advancing Diversity Gathering**

The VT Advancing Diversity Gathering will be held on **Tuesday, January 12, 2021**. Registration is now open. Frank Shushok, Vice President for Student Affairs and Cyril Clarke, Provost, will provide a high-level overview of Tech's community well-being. The event's planners are interested in best practices in your area; contact Alicia Cohen for more information on preparing a -pre-recorded session for the Gathering.

Announcements and Faculty News

Updated RePORTER Tool & Website

NIH has launched a new and modernized RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools) website and simplified RePORTER search tool. The RePORT website was originally launched 10 years ago to **search for and analyze data about NIH research activities and included tools such as RePORTER to quickly find relevant information about specific projects.** Both the RePORT website and the RePORTER tool have been updated to be more user-friendly and better meet needs based on user feedback. Click here to read the blog post and here to visit the website.

VT political scientist highlights key issues ahead of the presidential election

Chad Hankinson, from the Department of Political Science, spoke with WFXR News about some key issues being focused on in the last three weeks before the election, including the coronavirus and states to look out for on election night. [View the video here.](#)