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ISCE NEWS FLASH

October 13, 2020



**The Policy Destination Area invites applications for its
2020-2021 +Policy Research Fellows program.**

See the **Funding Opportunities** below for details.

Join us for the ISCE Grants 101 Workshop Series this fall.

Learn about the details and how to apply in the **Conferences, Seminars and
Events** section.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



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.



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)

COUNCIL *on* FOREIGN RELATIONS

Fellowships for Foreign Policy Research

The Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship aims to **bridge the gap between the study and making of U.S. foreign policy by creating the next generation of scholar-practitioners**. Twelve-month fellowships and stipends of \$105,000 will be awarded to mid-career professionals with a demonstrated commitment to a career in foreign policy in support of planned research. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 31, 2020



Wenner-Gren Foundation
supporting anthropology worldwide

Anthropological Research Grants

The Wenner-Gren Foundation welcomes applications for its Post-PhD Research Grants program. **Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded in support of research that demonstrates a clear link to anthropological theory and debate and promises to make a solid contribution to advancing these ideas**. There is no preference for any methodology, research location, or subfield. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 1, 2020



ACLS American Council of Learned Societies
ADVANCING THE HUMANITIES

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



BILL & MELINDA
GATES *foundation*

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



TEMPLETON WORLD
CHARITY FOUNDATION

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



Research to Advance Racial Equity & Justice

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will fund research that addresses systemic racism in public policy. [Policies for Action](#) is issuing a **call for proposals to build the evidence base exploring how national, state, and local policies can help advance racial equity and justice in the US**. All proposed research studies must include a plan to translate findings into actionable evidence about how, and how well, policies work to improve racial equity and racial justice. An applicant information webinar will be held on October 21, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more details and [here to register](#) for the webinar.

Deadline: November 24, 2020



Call for Letters of Inquiry for Aging Research

RRF Foundation for Aging is dedicated to improving the quality of life of older people. The foundation is accepting optional Letters of Inquiry for its next grant cycle. **Grant making priorities include caregiving, economic security in later life, housing and social and intergenerational connectedness.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: December 1, 2020 (LOI); February 1, 2021 (proposal)



Call for RAPID & EAGER Proposals: Future of International Research Collaboration Post COVID-19

The NSF Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) seeks to understand the nature and scope of COVID-19 impacts on international collaboration in research and education. This letter invites Rapid Response Research (RAPID) and EARly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) proposals for research to clarify lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic for international collaboration and research to strengthen international collaboration in the future. **Proposals must focus on research topics unique to international engagement.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 31, 2021



NIH Funding Opportunity on Social Connectedness & Isolation

This NIH opportunity, PAR-19-373, *Research on Biophysical Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well Being, Illness and Recovery*, solicits research **projects that seek to model the underlying mechanisms, processes, and trajectories of social relationships** and how these factors affect outcomes in health, illness, recovery, and overall well being. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 21, 2021

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **National Geographic Society** - [Stories of Tropical Rainforests](#)
Deadline: October 21, 2020
- **The Michael J. Fox Foundation** - [Analysis of Patient-Reported outcomes from Fox Insight Data](#)
Deadline: October 22, 2020 (Pre-proposal)
- **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
- **IAS/School of Social Science** - [Political Mobilization & Social Movements Fellowships](#)
Deadline: November 1, 2020
- **Spencer Foundation** - [Small Education Research Grants](#)
Deadline: November 5, 2020
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - [2021-2022 Health Policy Fellows](#)
Deadline: November 9, 2020

Conferences, Seminars and Events



Seminar on Structural Equation Models & Path Analysis Offered

All are invited to attend a seminar called *The Bigger Picture of Mediation and Moderation: Structural Equation Models and Path Analysis*, by Dr. Kevin McKee, a postdoc at the Center for Biostatistics and Health Data Science. The session will be **held on November 6th from 12:00-1:30 p.m. via Zoom**. [Click here](#) for the event flier.



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Apply Now for ISCE Grants 101 Workshop Series

ISCE is offering *Grants 101*, an interactive, virtual workshop series designed **for social science faculty, broadly defined, interested in seeking extramural funding to support their research, but who have little to no prior experience in preparing grant applications.** Over the course of four, 90-minute sessions during the fall 2020 semester, participants will engage in discussions, activities, and short assignments to become familiar with proposal writing strategies and expectations. [Click here](#) for details and to apply.

Deadline: 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 19, 2020



Save the Date! Fall 2020 Virtual Grants Conference

Join the National Science Foundation (NSF) for its first Virtual Grants Conference to be held during the weeks of Nov. 16 and Nov. 30, 2020. This event is designed to give new faculty, researchers and administrators key insights into a wide range of current issues at NSF. **Registration will be free of charge and opens on Thursday, October 29 at 12 p.m. EST.** Each conference session will have its own Zoom registration page. Sign up only for sessions that you are able to attend. [Click here](#) for full details.



Save the Date and Call for Abstracts

The Virginia Tech Women and Gender in Development Virtual Conference 2021, *Out of the Theory and Into the Field*, will be held **February 23-26, 2021**. The event will create an environment where students, early career faculty, practitioners, and extension professionals are able to learn from gender experts and international agriculture experts promoting inclusive agriculture and rural development. **Registration opens October 26th, 2020**. [Click here](#) for details and to submit an abstracts for a poster presentation or 4M Flashtalk.

Announcements and Faculty News



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Back to the lab
How to work smarter in the new normal

The banner features the text 'nature briefing' in white lowercase letters, 'Back to the lab' in large white bold letters with a yellow underline, and 'How to work smarter in the new normal' in smaller white lowercase letters. On the right side, there is a stylized lightbulb icon with a yellow filament and a white base, with a yellow brain-like shape inside it, all set against a dark blue background with white radiating lines.

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Mobile Autism Clinic recognized for exemplary community engagement

The Virginia Tech Autism Clinic & Center for Autism Research and their Mobile Autism Clinic will receive **national recognition as an “exemplary program” by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities**. Virginia Tech is one of four universities to receive the designation, which recognizes programs that demonstrate how colleges and universities have redesigned their learning, discovery, and engagement missions to become even more involved with their communities. [Read more...](#)

Overcoming communication challenges in a COVID-19 world

Online classes, Zoom meetings, face coverings and social distancing can create challenges as we try to communicate with others. **Patricia Raun, director of the Center for Communicating Science**, discusses non-verbal cues and other helpful hints to improve communication. [Click to view the video.](#)



Disaster resilience sociologist Liesel Ritchie joins Center for Coastal Studies

Throughout Ritchie's career, she has studied devastating events, such as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Hurricane Katrina, and earthquakes across the globe. By examining events through the lens of sociology, **she takes a close look at the societal dimensions of disasters and community resilience.** [Read more...](#)

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