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ISCE NEWS FLASH

September 22, 2020



This week's News Flash is full of new funding announcements, training opportunities and online events.

Be sure you are up-to-date on human subjects training and the latest NSF biosketch and current and pending requirements.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



Call for Statements of Interest for Internet Research

The Internet Society Foundation has announced a new grants program in support of researchers worldwide who are studying the future and sustainability of the Internet. **Through the program, grants of up to \$200,000 over two years are available for research focused on *Greening the Internet* and the *Internet Economy*.** Statements of interest are being accepted beginning September 1st. Full proposals will be accepted by invitation on a rolling basis thereafter. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: Open as of September 1, 2020 (Statements of Interest)



2021 Call for Research Impact Fellows

The ARIS fellowship program is for professionals, researchers, faculty, educators and others working to advance research impact practice. **The goal of the program is to increase the quality and availability of scholarship and resources about research impacts** through projects that: 1) synthesize existing scholarly work into easily applied and digestible tools for the research community to improve research-impacts design and practice; and 2) small-scale innovative scholarship that explores new horizons and advances knowledge about research impact practices. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: September 30, 2020



Notre Dame Institute *for*
ADVANCED STUDY

2021-22 Faculty Fellowships Focus on Resilience

The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study welcomes applications for its 2021-2022 Faculty Fellowships program, which convenes a diverse group of faculty fellows to participate in a residential research community with topics organized around an annual theme. **This year's theme is focused on deepening the understanding of resilience, with the aim of bringing together humanists, scientists, social scientists, legal scholars, and artists to consider how organisms, people, species, and social structures adapt or fail to adapt to novel challenges and the ethical implications of such adaptation.** [Click here](#) for details and specific topical areas of interest.

Deadline: October 5, 2020

THE HERB BLOCK FOUNDATION

Defending Basic Freedoms

The Herb Block Foundation welcomes applications for its Defending Basic Freedoms program. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to **projects aimed at safeguarding basic freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, eliminating any form of prejudice or discrimination, and assisting government agencies in being more accountable to the public.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 6, 2020 (Letter of Intent)

Sociological Initiatives Foundation

Linking research to action

Sociological Policy Research

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation supports social change by linking research to social action and funds research that investigates laws, policies, institutions, regulations, and normative practices that limit equality in the U.S. Researchers are invited to submit proposals with the potential to improve services and systems and increase positive social and physical conditions through policy-oriented projects. **Priority will be given to projects that explicitly promote racial justice and fairer and more equitable laws, policies and practices.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 15, 2020 (Concept Proposals)



Nominations Open for 2021 Moynihan Prize

The American Academy of Political and Social Science is now accepting nominations for the annual Daniel Patrick Moynihan Prize in Social Science and Public Policy. **The Moynihan Prize was created to recognize social scientists, public officials, and civic leaders who champion the use of informed judgment to advance the public good.** The winner is recognized at a formal event to be (tentatively) held in 2021 and receives a \$20,000 prize. [Click here](#) for more details and the nomination form.

Deadline: October 16, 2020



ACLS American Council of Learned Societies
ADVANCING THE HUMANITIES

Fellowships for Religion, Journalism and International Affairs

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) invites applications for fellowships offered by the Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs. Designed for scholars in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences, Luce/ACLS **fellowships support research on any aspect of religion in an international context and encourage scholars to connect their specialist knowledge with journalists and media practitioners.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 28, 2020



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

2020-2021 Healthy Policy Fellows

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Health Policy Fellows program **seeks the best and brightest mid-career health professionals, behavioral and social scientists, and others interested in health and policy to join its 2021-2022 class.** This fellowship offers exclusive, hands-on experience with congressional and executive branch offices in the nation's capital. Fellows will use their expertise and front line knowledge to engage directly with members of Congress and the executive branch, and help inform the future of health care in this country. [Informational webinars](#) will be offered on Sept 23rd at 11:00 a.m. and October 27th at 2:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 9, 2020

NIH

National Institutes of Health
Turning Discovery Into Health

New RFA Addresses Cancer Risk in Rural Populations

NIH has announced a new request for applications, *Social and Behavioral Intervention Research to Address Modifiable Risk Factors for Cancer in Rural Populations* (R01 Clinical Trial Required). Selected projects will develop, adapt, and test interventions to address risk factors for cancer in rural populations.

Proposals should focus on primary prevention and assess and address one or more of the social and behavioral risk factors that contribute to cancer disparities in rural populations: tobacco use; diet, physical activity and weight; alcohol use; UV exposure; and HPV vaccination. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: February 15, 2021 (Optional Letter of Intent); March 15, 2021 (Proposal)

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Caplan Foundation for Early Education** - [Early Childhood Research](#)
Deadline: September 30, 2020 (Letters of Intent)
- **American Psychological Foundation** - [Walfish Grants](#)
Deadline: September 30, 2020
- **Clarivate** - [2020 Eugene Garfield Award](#)
Deadline: September 30, 2020
- **Constellation** - [E2 Energy to Educate Grants Program](#)
Deadline: October 1, 2020
- **Society for the Humanities/Cornell** - [2021-2022 Fellowship Program](#)
Deadline: October 1, 2020
- **VT Center for Peace Studies & Violence Prevention** - [Peacebuilding & Violence Prevention Program](#)
Deadline: October 15, 2020
- **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine** - [Jefferson Science Fellowships](#)
Deadline: October 16, 2020

- **The Michael J. Fox Foundation** - [Analysis of Patient-Reported outcomes from Fox Insight Data](#)
Deadline: October 22, 2020 (Pre-proposal)
- **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

External Funding Success



The pandemic and that Hokie spirit

A National Science Foundation grant allows researchers, **James Hawdon and Ashley Reichelmann**, as well as doctoral student Whitney Hayes, all from the department of sociology, to study the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on university solidarity. [Read more...](#)

Conferences, Seminars and Events



ICPSR Data Fair This Week!

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research's (ICPSR) **free virtual data fair has sessions all week**, including sessions on data and COVID-19, data and race, Census 2020, the upcoming elections and more. Interested in participating? [Register here](#).



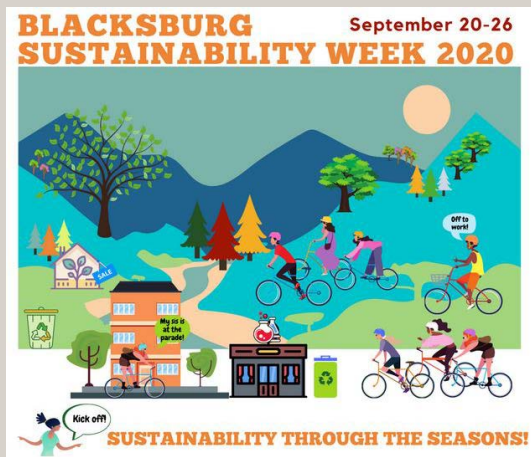
Webinar on Education Research in a COVID and Post-COVID World

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) are co-hosting a webinar on education research in a COVID and post-COVID world on **September 23rd from 9:30-11:00 a.m. eastern time**. [Click here](#) to register and [here for more information](#).



Online Forum - Representative Payees: Opportunities to Improve Service Delivery

You are invited to join the Social Security Advisory Board on **Thursday, September 24, from 10:00-4:30 p.m. for a virtual policy forum on *Representative Payees: Opportunities to Improve Service Delivery***. The forum will showcase an independent, Board-commissioned study by researchers from the **Virginia Tech Center on Gerontology, Pamela Teaster and Laura Sands**, and the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging. [Click here](#) for details.



Sept Science on Tap Is Part of Sustainability Week 2020

The Center for Communicating Science is pleased to partner with other supporters of Sustainability Week through the **Sept. 24th Science on Tap event, “Cycling Toward Healthier Communities.”** Science on Tap will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Participants should [register in advance](#).



Responding to COVID-19: Emerging Insights from SBE Sciences

COSSA is co-sponsoring a seminar on **Friday October 9, 12:45-5:00 pm ET, bringing together policymakers and social science researchers working on pressing COVID-19 issues.** Sessions will focus on Education and Health and the Economy and Workforce and will be followed by a closing plenary session. [Click here](#) to register.

VT Science Festival Needs You!

The VT Science Festival is looking for scientists/researchers **from all disciplines, including the social sciences**, to participate in safe, two-way conversations between scientists and learners by hosting teleconferenced Meetups before the official festival date. [Click here](#) for details.



Announcements and Faculty News



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Researchers with Human Subjects Training Prior to Jan 2019 Need Refresher

Any researcher who completed the old Virginia Tech IRB training requirement prior to the January 21, 2019 date **will have until January 2021 to complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Human Subjects Research basic course.** Read the [VT Daily News article](#) for more details or visit the Human Research Protection Program training [website](#).



New NSF Requirements Effective October 5, 2020

The National Science Foundation requirement to use an NSF-approved format for preparation of the biographical sketch and Current and Pending document will go into effect for new proposals submitted or due on or after October 5, 2020. **Approved formats include the NCBI SciENcv platform.** Click for more details about [biosketches](#) and here for [Current and Pending documents](#).

Podcasts by MPH students highlight local efforts to combat COVID-19

Listen to podcasts by two MPH students at Virginia Tech, Fernanda Gutierrez and Laura Lang, that **highlight efforts in the New River Valley to combat COVID-19.** These short stories cover a variety of relevant and interesting topics and



feature VT faculty. Click to listen
Your Health Hotline via [Spotify](#) or
[Facebook](#).

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