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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

September 8, 2020



### **We hope you had a nice Labor Day weekend!**

This week's *ISCE News Flash* includes several new funding opportunities, webinars on responsible research conduct and a list of social science-oriented calls for publications related to COVID-19, as well as other news items.

Need an outdoor space to meet with just a few colleagues or students? Feel free to use ISCE's recently upgraded front porch!

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford

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## Funding Opportunities

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### Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood

#### Invitation for Letters of Intent for Early Childhood Research

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood **supports development projects and promising research with potential to significantly enhance the physical and mental health, safety, nutrition, play, familial support, acculturation, social integration, and/or childcare of children**, from infancy through seven years of age. The foundation is seeking letters of intent in two areas: Early Childhood Education & Play and Parenting Education. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 30, 2020 (Letters of Intent)**

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### E2 Energy to Educate

#### Call for E2 Energy to Educate Grants Program

**Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded in support of projects aligned with Constellation Energy to Educate Innovation Themes that reach at least a hundred students.** Themes identified by Constellation include: smart home, electrification and clean energy & zero waste. Sample topics include smart home energy tech, voice and gesture interfaces, home energy data, electric vehicles, electric charging infrastructure, and fuel conversions, low carbon energy, clean energy sources and waste to energy. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: October 1, 2020**



**Society for  
the Humanities**

### **Fellowships Focused on "Afterlives"**

The Society for the Humanities at Cornell University is **inviting applications for its 2021-22 fellowship program, which will provide six fellowship grants of \$55,000 to scholars for research projects focused on any aspect of the theme "afterlives."** Afterlives can be utopian projects as well as strangely mundane worlds in which the flip side of catastrophe is often the daily and ordinary task of living on and with its aftermath. The Society is interested in not only what lives on, but how such "living on occurs – its modalities, mechanisms, processes, and translations – in which something both recognizable and new, ongoing and eventful, persistent and epochal is at work." [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: October 1, 2020**

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### **Call for Applications - Peacebuilding & Violence Prevention Program**

The VT Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention is seeking proposals for the *Peacebuilding and Violence Prevention Program*, which will make 2-3 awards in the amount of \$20,000. **Projects must advance the program's three-part mission to promote research, education and outreach dedicated to the study and prevention of violence** in global and local contexts. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: October 15, 2020**

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# JEFFERSON SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

FELLOWSHIPS OFFICE  
Policy and Global Affairs

## Jefferson Science Fellows (JSF) Program

The JSF program is open to tenured, or similarly ranked, faculty who are U.S. citizens. After obtaining security clearance, **fellows spend one year on assignment at the U.S. Department of State or USAID serving as advisers on issues of foreign policy or international development.** Assignments are tailored to the needs of the hosting office, taking into account the Fellows' interests and areas of expertise. Following the fellowship, Fellows return to their academic career but remain available to the U.S. government as experienced consultants for short-term projects. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: October 16, 2020**

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## NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

**Share with potential student applicants!** The NSF GRFP recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported STEM disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions. **The five-year fellowship includes three years of financial support including an annual stipend of \$34,000 and a cost of education allowance of \$12,000 to the institution.** GRFP welcomes applications from individuals who are pursuing full-time research-based master's and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) or in STEM Education and who meet the eligibility requirements. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadlines: Range from October 19-22, 2020 (depending on disciplinary area)**

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THE MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION  
FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH

### Call for Applications for Secondary Data Parkinson's Research

The Michael J. Fox Foundation welcomes applications for analyses of patient-reported outcomes collected through their *Fox Insight* study. Data from study participants, with and without Parkinson's, capture information on the lived experience of people with Parkinson's that can transform therapeutic development, clinical care, and public policy for others with the disease. **One-year grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded in specific areas as well as researcher submitted topics. Investigators unfamiliar with Parkinson's who present compelling proposals for methods may be paired with a Parkinson's expert** for contextualizing analysis to clinical practice. [Click here](#) for details.

**Pre-Proposal Deadline: October 22, 2020**

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### RFP: Community Organization & Research Institute Partnership

iTHRIV, is seeking applications for community-engaged research projects that address a wide range of health-related topics that target health outcomes or social determinants of health. Projects should address needs that are identified through a community health prioritization process or needs assessment. Community-Research Institute Partnerships (defined as a community-based organization working with a researcher employed by an iTHRIV institute including UVA, Virginia Tech, Carilion Clinic and Inova Health System) are eligible to apply. Funds up to \$40,000 will be awarded. **There are two required pre-proposal informational Zoom sessions, one on September 21st at 4:00 p.m. and the other on October 2nd at 1:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 30, 2020

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - [Healthy Eating Research](#)  
Deadline: September 16, 2020 (Required Concept Paper)
- **Greenwall Foundation** - [Bioethics Faculty Scholars](#)  
Deadline: September 21, 2020 (Letters of Intent)
- **American Psychological Foundation** - [Walfish Grants](#)  
Deadline: September 30, 2020
- **Clarivate** - [2020 Eugene Garfield Award](#)  
Deadline: September 30, 2020
- **IAS/School of Social Science** - [Political Mobilization & Social Movements Fellowships](#)  
Deadline: November 1, 2020

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## External Funding Success

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### VT Researcher Receives COVID-19 Funding to Extend Aging Research

**Toni Calasanti**, professor of sociology, has received an administrative supplement from the National Institute on Aging to study *COVID-19, Social Distancing and Spouse/Partner Caregiving for those with Alzheimer's Disease*. This supplement extends her qualitative

study of same-sex and heterosexual older adults who care for spouses/partners with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and seeks to explore the impact of COVID-19 and social distancing across time and care groups.

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### Responsible Conduct Webinar Series Offered this Fall

The Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance Office is offering a **series of webinars this fall related to responsible research conduct.**

- **Sept 22nd**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Research Ethics & Compliance for VT Researchers. Focus is on regulatory requirements for conducting human subject research and conflict of interest. Register [here](#).
- **Oct 9th**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Research Ethics & Compliance for VT Researchers (Webinar #2). Focus is on animal research and health and safety for biohazardous agents. Register [here](#).
- **Oct 22nd**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Research Ethics & Compliance for VT Researchers (Webinar #3). Focus is on bullying, harassment and discrimination as well as statistical ethics and research misconduct. Register [here](#).
- **Nov 17th**, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Research Ethics & Compliance for VT Researchers (Webinar #4). Focus is on engaging in and managing conflict including citation and authorship ethics. Register [here](#).

Participants can use the same Zoom link to join all 4 sessions:

<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/2667681466>

For more information, contact [Kory Trott](#).

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National Heart, Lung,  
and Blood Institute

### Data and Technology Event to Study Social Determinants of Health

NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute is **hosting a virtual workshop, "Harnessing Novel Data Sources and Technologies for the Study of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) in Heart, Lung, Blood, and Sleep Disorders," September 29-30, 2020.** During this free event, participants will explore digital technology to create novel data sources, leverage that technology for SDOH research, examine unintended consequences from technology use, and discuss implementation strategies to put the new technologies into action. [Click here](#) to register or for more information.

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edgeforscholars.org

### Knock Your Next Grant Out of the Park

Join the [Edge for Scholars](#) Online Grant Writing Workshop, a 12-week **guided training starting October 19 that will give researchers the skills, structure, and accountability to write an outstanding grant proposal.** The workshop is hosted by Sarah Dobson, a grant consultant and academic editor with more than 15 years of experience working with clinical and translational scientists on grants and academic publications. [Click here](#) for details on this free training.

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## Announcements and Faculty News

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### COVID-19 related calls for publications in social science journals

Many academic journals in the social sciences and humanities have **issued special calls for papers related to COVID-19.** Check out a [listing of some](#)



[upcoming calls](#) as of September 4, 2020 compiled by ISCE that may be of interest to social science faculty.

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### Virginia Tech research sees continued growth

Virginia Tech's research expenditures are up, in addition to an increase in sponsored awards by 15 percent, building upon the last fiscal year's expenditure total of \$542 million, despite the impact of COVID-19 felt nationally by higher education institutes, according to preliminary fiscal year end reports.

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### Virginia Tech team building infectious disease models, research to help guide decisions

A multidisciplinary team of Virginia Tech faculty, led by **Laura Hungerford** in Population Health Sciences, and **Ron Fricker** from Statistics, students, and analysts has spent the summer building models to help the university understand how COVID-19 could impact the campus.

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