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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

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### **Virginia Tech Moves to Modified Research Operations**

Read up on the latest guidance from the Office of Research and Innovation about Phase 3 for research. See the **Announcements** section for details.

The Global Change Center and ISCE are accepting applications for projects focused on Social Aspects of Global Change. See the **Funding** section for details.

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# Funding Opportunities

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## **Call for Proposals for Interdisciplinary Faculty Seed Grant Program**

The Global Change Center (GCC), in collaboration with ISCE, is **accepting notifications of intent from GCC faculty to support interdisciplinary research on Emerging Social Aspects of Global Change that will lead to collaborative proposals submitted to extramural funding sources.** A single award will be made for approximately \$20-25K. At least two PIs must be members of GCC, and at least one social scientist on the project must be from Virginia Tech; additional faculty from Virginia Tech or outside entities can also be part of the collaborative team. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: August 25, 2020 (Notification of Intent); September 15, 2020 (Proposals)**

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- **Research to Advance Models of Care for Medicaid Population**

The Health Systems Transformation Research Coordinating Center (HSTRC), a partnership between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Avalere Health, seeks **projects that conduct original research and evaluate the extent to which health system models of care are advancing health equity for the Medicaid-eligible populations they serve.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 2, 2020**

- **Planning Grant for Equitable Parks and Green Spaces**

RWJF seeks **proposals that create a plan for a national initiative that would increase equitable access to parks and green spaces in small**

**and midsize cities across the country.** This is not a call for proposals for individual cities to participate in a program. Applicants should have experience, expertise, and missions related to elevating equity in decisions, plans, and programs that affect the community conditions in which low income people and people of color live. Applicants should also possess content knowledge about parks and green spaces and related topics, such as climate resilience. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 9, 2020**

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### September Deadlines for APF Grant Applications

The American Psychological Foundation has several September deadlines for small grant opportunities including the [Barlow](#) grant, [Walsh](#) grant, [Weiss Research and Program Innovation](#) grants, [APF/Division 39](#) grant and [Walfish](#) grants. **All are due September 15th, except Walfish grant applications** which are due September 30th. [Click here](#) for details. Additional opportunities will be due in November.

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### Call for Researchers of Citation Data

Are you an early-career researcher exploring how to use citation data in new and interesting ways? **Clarivate is now accepting applications for the 2020 Eugene Garfield Award™ for Innovation in Citation Analysis.** The purpose of the award is to help nurture the careers of outstanding investigators in the field of scientometrics who will improve ways to measure the impact of scientific research. The winner will receive \$25,000 towards their research. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 30, 2020**

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - [Approaches to Advance Gender Equity](#)  
Deadline: August 26, 2020
- **National Institutes of Health** - [PAR-20-237](#): Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of COVID-19 among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations.  
Deadline: August 28, 2020
- **iTHRIV** - [Pilot Translational and Clinical Studies Program](#)  
Deadline: August 31, 2020
- **Nathan Cummings Foundation** - [Social Justice Fellowships](#)  
Deadline: September 1, 2020
- **Fulbright Program** - [2020-2021 U.S. Scholar Program](#)  
Deadline: September 15, 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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### **Mellon Foundation grant supports development of a plan to use AI to search digital records**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has **awarded Virginia Tech a planning grant to work with the National Archives and a number of universities nationwide** to understand the opportunity for using artificial intelligence to search digital

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### Webinars on Conducting Ethical and Compliant Research in a Digital World

The Office of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance (SIRC) is hosting two webinars in August:

- *Sharing Research Data – Yours, Mine and Ours* will be held on August 18, 2020 from 10:00am - 11:00am. [Click here](#) to register. Description: SIRC and OSP have collaborated to define a process for transferring data from one institution to another. Join via Zoom: <https://viriniatech.zoom.us/j/2667681466>
- *Telework: Managing Research Data in a Connected World* will be held on August 20, 2020 from 10:00am - 11:00am. [Click here](#) to register. Description: This training will present the tools and technologies that are available to researchers to help with the challenges of adjusting to research at a distance. Join via Zoom: <https://viriniatech.zoom.us/j/2667681466>

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## Announcements and Faculty News

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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### Research moves to modified operations in Phase 3

As of August 3rd, **research at Virginia Tech has moved from essential operation to a modified operations mode**, while continuing to recognize the importance of safety in further ramping up research programs. [Click here](#) for

the full story and specific guidance.

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**Michael Hughes recognized for discoveries in the sociology field**

Hughes' recent appointment to the Roll of Honor is the Southern Sociological Society's highest distinction, recognizing members' intellectual contributions throughout their careers. Only 23 sociologists have been so honored since the award was instituted in 1977. [Read more...](#)

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**TikTok's sale to US-based company may alleviate security concerns**

**Mike Horning**, an associate professor of multimedia journalism in the Virginia Tech School of Communication, said the growth of TikTok has raised concerns among security experts because it uses a powerful algorithm that customises content to users based on a number of user characteristics. [Read more...](#)

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