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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

June 30, 2020



**Kudos to three teams of social science faculty who have been awarded  
NSF RAPID grants related to COVID-19!**

Check out who's received funding and what they are studying  
in the new "External Funding Success" section below.

Also, be sure to send in any COVID-19 related publications you have, so we can  
highlight them in the [ISCE COVID-19 Publication Repository](#).

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford  
at [yanceyc3@vt.edu](mailto:yanceyc3@vt.edu) by Friday each week.

# Funding Opportunities

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## COVID-19 Solutions Fund

Mozilla Open Source Support (MOSS) program has created a COVID-19 Solutions Fund and is **accepting applications on an ongoing basis for projects up to \$50,000 that respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in some way**. MOSS is accepting applications for hardware and software projects including software that solves secondary effects of COVID-19 (e.g. a browser plug in that combats COVID-19 misinformation). [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: Ongoing**

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## Collaborative Research with Israel

The U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) **promotes scientific relations between the U.S. and Israel by supporting collaborative research projects in a wide range of basic and applied scientific fields**, for peaceful and non-profit purposes. This program partners with the National Science Foundation. There are several rapidly approaching deadlines for collaborative research programs including ones in the [Behavioral/Cognitive Sciences](#) and the [Economic and Decision Sciences](#). Applications must be submitted through both the U.S. and Israeli platforms. Deadlines for each program are separate but close in time. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadlines: July/August 2020**

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### **Inclusive Growth and Discovery Challenge**

As part of a commitment to build the field of data science for social impact, Data.org has launched a \$10 million *Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge*, **an open call for breakthrough ideas that harness the power of data science to help people and communities thrive, especially in the wake of COVID-19**. Data.org seeks proposals aimed at using data science to advance shared prosperity and help ensure an inclusive recovery, with a particular focus on the following areas: jobs of tomorrow, access to capital and cities & towns. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: July 17, 2020**

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- **Leadership & Management of the Culture of Health Prize:** This request **seeks an entity to re-imagine, lead, and manage the next two-year phase of the leadership and management of the national RWJF Culture of Health Prize**. The call for proposals provides background on the RWJF Culture of Health Prize and outlines responsibilities for an organization selected to take on the next phase of leadership and management. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: July 31, 2020**
- **Approaches to Advance Gender Equity:** Through this special call for proposals (CFP), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation **seeks to translate and adapt knowledge from around the world to the United States on approaches that can improve health or the determinants of health by improving gender equity**. Research projects should reflect collaborations between U.S- and non-U.S.-based organizations, based on pre-existing relationships that demonstrate a durable and productive partnership. Projects that do not reflect a collaboration between U.S. and non-U.S.-based organizations will not be considered. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: August 26, 2020**



### Updates to Civic Innovation Challenge

The NSF [Civic Innovation Challenge](#) has several important updates for potential applicants:

1. The deadline to submit proposals has been extended to **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**.
2. NSF has issued a new Dear Colleague Letter, Supporting Research on Pandemics within the Civic Innovation Challenge and Broadened NSF Support for the Challenge ([NSF 20-100](#)), clarifying the additional support and focus areas of the program.
3. The Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation in the Directorate for Engineering has joined the program.
4. The Anticipated Funding Amount has been increased to \$11 million.

[Click here](#) for more details.

**Deadline: August 3, 2020**

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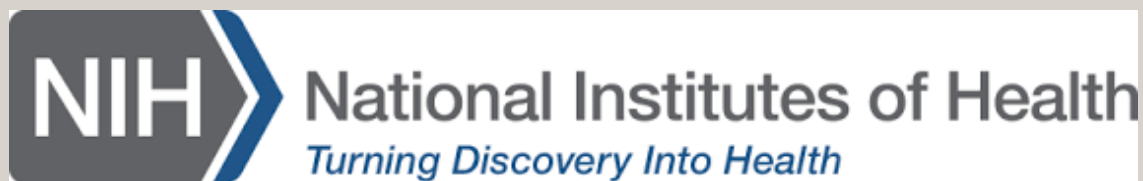


### Interdisciplinary Seed Funding RFP

The Global Change Center, with funding from the Fralin Life Sciences Institute and the Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment, is accepting proposals to support interdisciplinary research that will lead to collaborative proposals submitted to extramural funding sources. **There are two funding opportunities described in the RFP, including one that focuses on emerging social aspects of global change.** Interested researchers should submit a notification of intent by August 25th to [Jessica Coker](#). [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: August 25, 2020 (Notice of Intent); September 15, 2020 (Proposal)**

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### **New Funding Opportunities related to COVID-19**

NIH has issued two new funding opportunities with a focus on COVID-19:

- Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadlines: August 20, 2020; December 2, 2020; March 2, 2021**
  - Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of COVID-19 among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: August 28, 2020; December 1, 2020**
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### **New Round of Funding for Pilot Translational and Clinical Studies**

The iTHRIV Pilot Translational and Clinical Studies Program is a core component of the NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Sciences Award, “The integrated Translational Health Research Institute of Virginia (iTHRIV): Using Data to Improve Health.” **The goal of the pilot program is to help teams transition from early-stage seed grants and proof-of-concept studies to externally-funded translational research and clinical application.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: August 31, 2020**

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### Requests for Applications Announced

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) within the Department of Education, has issued an announcement of **new Requests for Applications for several of the Institute's largest grant programs for fiscal year (FY) 2021** as well as updates to some of the Institute's programs. The Requests for Applications are mainly in the Education Research and Training Grant Programs and in Special Education Research and Training Grant Programs. Most deadlines are mid-to-late July or August 2020. A full list of the RFAs are available on the [IES website](#).

**Deadlines: July/August 2020**

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### Considering a Fulbright?

The 2021-2022 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition is open. **There are over 450 unique award opportunities available for scholars, artists, and professionals in over 135 countries.** A complete list of opportunities can be found in the [Catalog of Awards](#).

**Deadline: September 15, 2020**

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### Residencies Focused on Political Mobilizations & Social Movements

Each year, the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ, invites 25 scholars to be in residence for the academic year and



pursue their own research. The 2021-22 theme is “Political Mobilizations and Social Movements.” **Applications are strongly encouraged from scholars across the social sciences, whether or not their research corresponds to the theme.** Funding for member stipends is individually negotiated. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: November 1, 2020**

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **National Science Foundation** - [Coastlines and People](#)  
Deadline: August 10, 2020 (Required LOI)

## External Funding Success

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**Congratulations to the following VT faculty on their recent NSF RAPID awards related to COVID-19:**

- **France Belanger (BIT) & Katherine Allen (HDFS):** Information Privacy Tensions and Decisions in Families during COVID-19
- **James Hawdon & Ashley Reichelmann (Sociology):** Effects of COVID-19 on Community Solidarity
- **Shalini Misra & Kris Wernstadt (SPIA/UAP):** Distancing & Digital Information in the Face of COVID-19

If you recently received external funding for a COVID-19 project or any other research, please let us know!

## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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### July 1st Event Celebrating Creativity in the Time of COVID-19

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine present "*This Too Shall Pass: Creativity in the Time of COVID-19*" on Wednesday, July 1st at 4:00 p.m. **Join this online event to learn more about how music has been deployed in hospitals to improve both physical and mental health.** [Click here](#) to register and find out more.

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### The Remote Research Enterprise - Virtual Forum

The Chronicle of Higher Education is offering a two-part virtual forum on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on research. Colleges and universities have quickly shifted their classes online, but opening up research, labs, and ongoing scientific experiments to remote possibilities is a much harder task. [Click here to learn more and register](#) for the event to be held on **Tuesday, July 7th at 2:00 p.m.**, to learn how institutions are helping research fields make the transition.

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### Promoting Objectivity in Research - July 14th

The Office of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance is offering the next



webinar in their regular series. This training, which will provide information about the ethical issues concerning unidentified conflicts of interest and the federal, state, and local requirements for reporting interests, will be **held on Tuesday, July 14th from 12:00-1:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to register. Join by Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/2667681466>.

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### Virtual Summit - August 13th

The VT Office for Inclusion & Diversity's **Annual Diversity Summit will be held on August 13th from 9:00-3:00 p.m.** This year's meeting will be **virtual**, blending live webinars with pre-recorded presentations and online modules. The program will open with a welcome and introduction by President Tim Sands and with a special live 'Making the Chair Fit' segment: A Keynote Conversation with Deans Laura Belmonte and Sally Morton. Register for the summit by clicking [here](#). To learn more about the Diversity Summit, click [here](#).

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## Announcements and Faculty News

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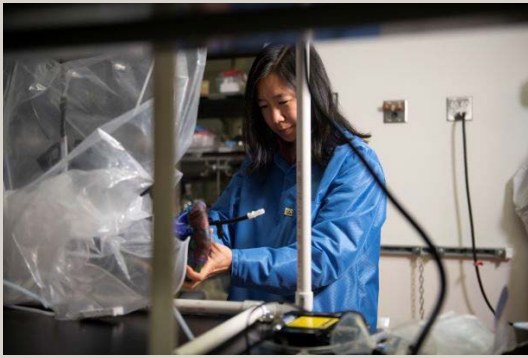
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### In-Person Research Template Now Available through Online System

The Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) has updated the Protocol Management System (IRB submission software) to **incorporate the submission of the COVID-19 Resumption of In-person Research Requirements Template**. Researchers should no longer e-mail their resumption plans and should follow the instructions to submit their plans via the online Protocol Management System. [Click here](#) for more details.

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**COVID-19 research projects  
propelled by Rapid Response**



### Seed Fund

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation established a **COVID-19 Rapid Response Seed Fund**. [Read more](#) to learn more about the nine VT projects awarded funding.

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### 'Am I racist?' You may not like the answer

**Wornie Reed**, a veteran civil rights activist and the director of the Race and Social Policy Center at Virginia Tech, contributes to a CNN article that defines racism. [Read more...](#)



### Virginia Tech researcher working to provide clean water to Appalachia

**Leigh-Anne Krometis**, associate professor of biological sciences engineering, is one of the foremost experts on water quality and availability in Appalachia. [Read more...](#)

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