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**In these unprecedented times,
we at ISCE hope that you and your families are safe and well.**

As noted last week: The Office of Research and Innovation has developed a website related to the impacts of COVID-19 on research. See below for more details.

If there are ways ISCE can assist you with your research during these challenging times, please contact us.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



Healthcare for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

The WITH Foundation is inviting letters of intent from organizations for efforts to promote comprehensive health care for adults with developmental disabilities.

Grants, ranging from \$30,000-50,000 for 1 to 3 years, will be awarded. A broad range of topics are of interest, including improving health practitioner competency through education and/or training programs; care coordination; social policy research; and identifying and overcoming barriers to high-quality healthcare access, among others. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 1, 2020 (letters of intent)

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MITRE

RFP for Cybersecurity Research

As part of its National Cybersecurity Federally Funded Research and Development Center, MITRE Corporation has issued a request for proposals for projects led by academic researchers **that describe groundbreaking ideas or highly innovative approaches which have the potential to produce novel contributions to the state of cybersecurity in the United States.**

Typical awards are for \$100,000-200,000. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: May 1, 2020



HEALTH SECURITY & PANDEMICS

MIT Solve Invites Proposals for Health Security & Pandemics Challenge

MIT Solve, through its Health Security & Pandemics Challenge, is **seeking tech innovations that can: 1) slow and track the spread of an emerging outbreak, such as COVID-19; or 2) develop preventive and mitigation measures** that strengthen access to affordable primary healthcare systems, enhance disease surveillance systems, and improve healthcare supply chains in the event of pandemics. Solutions selected for this challenge will receive a \$10,000 grant from Solve. Solver teams will be selected by a panel of cross-sector judges at the Solve Challenge Finals during the meeting of UN General Assembly in New York City on September 20, 2020. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: June 18, 2020



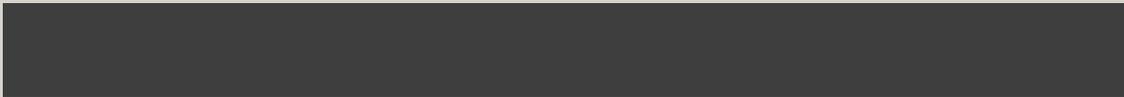
National Institute on Aging

RFA on AI & Technology Collaboratories for Aging Research

The National Institute on Aging invites applications for the Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratories (AITC) for Aging Research program. The AITC program will serve as a national resource to **promote the development and implementation of artificial intelligence approaches and technology through demonstration projects to improve care and health outcomes for older Americans**, including persons with dementia (PWD) and their caregivers. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: September 1, 2020 (Letters of Intent)

Previously Posted Opportunities



National Endowment for the Arts - [Research Grants in the Arts and NEA Research Labs](#)

Deadline: March 30, 2020

- American Cancer Society - [Role of Health Policy and Insurance in Cancer Services](#)

Deadline: April 1, 2020

- American Psychological Foundation - [Visionary Grants Program](#)

Deadline: April 1, 2020

- Fahs-Beck Fund - [Faculty/Post-Doctoral Research Grant Program](#)

Deadline: April 1, 2020

- ICAT - [2021 Accelerate Festival](#)

Deadline: April 17, 2020

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Due to the need for social distancing, all in-person events at VT have been cancelled. Check back for announcements of any virtual events in our next issue.

Announcements and Faculty News



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Guidance for VT Research Continuity Due to COVID-19 Impact

Just a reminder that the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, in partnership with university leadership, has **developed a webpage to keep you informed of the impact of COVID-19 on research.** [Click here](#) to access this guidance or any late breaking changes or updates.

Of note: To address research continuity in the face of reduced in-person campus operations and to ensure safety of researchers, staff, and research participants, **the Virginia Tech IRB/HRPP has paused all research involving person-to-person contact or gatherings of human research participants as of March 14, 2020.**



Tips for interacting with older family and friends during COVID-19 spread

Karen Roberto, director of the Institute for Society, Culture and Environment, and an expert in aging, encourages families to stay connected with their older loved ones while practicing social distancing, even as new challenges increase the complexity of staying in touch. [Read more...](#)



Technology Tips for Managing with Lower-Speed Connections

Although this article was originally developed for VT students, **we thought some of you working from home** may find these [technology tips for lower-speed internet connections](#) useful as you connect from home for your classes, Zoom meetings or other needs involving the internet.

THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

'Nobody Signed Up for This': One Professor's Guidelines for an Interrupted Semester

Brandon L. Bayne, associate professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, **developed five guiding principles for his own use and for his students** as he began navigating the COVID-19 impact on his courses. [Read more...](#)

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