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ISCE NEWS FLASH

March 3, 2020



**Reminder - the deadline for the 2020-21 ISCE Scholars Program
Call for Proposals is next week!**

ISCE also will be offering a workshop on how to access federal restricted microdata on March 9th. Check out the details below.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
at yanceyc3@vt.edu by Friday each week.

Funding Opportunities



Funding Available for Health Behavior Pilot/Feasibility Studies

The Center for Transformative Research on Health Behaviors will **fund multiple health behavior-related pilot and feasibility studies up to \$20,000/year**. The funding is designed to provide initial project support for new investigators; allow for exploration of new and innovative directions for established investigators that represent a significant departure from ongoing research; and stimulate investigators from other areas to use their expertise for health behaviors research. The funding period is July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 9, 2020 (Letter of Intent)



ISCE Scholars Deadline Next Week - March 11th

ISCE is accepting applications for its *2020-21 Scholars Program*. **This signature program provides faculty support for developing grant proposals in the social sciences, broadly defined, and consistent with ISCE's four thematic areas and the University's Transdisciplinary Communities.** Proposed projects are expected to address critical individual and social concerns impacting the lives of people and places locally, nationally, or across the globe. The Scholars Program supports faculty to undertake work in a new or existing area, with the expectation that proposals developed through the program lead to external funding. Visit the [ISCE webpage for full details and to apply](#).

Deadline: March 11, 2020



SPR Announces New Competitive Early Career Training Program

The Society for Prevention Research (SPR) is launching a **new 2-year program to support early career prevention scientists with a focus on increasing underrepresented populations in prevention science research.**

Early career investigators will receive advanced training on establishing a prevention science research agenda through a summer institute, webinars, and monthly mentor meetings. Scholars should be prepared to submit an NIH or NIH equivalent prevention science focused grant within 18 months of program commencement. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 16, 2020



Now Accepting LOIs for International Research Grant Program

The Alzheimer's Association has announced it is accepting letters of intent for its June 2020 International Research Grant Program. **Multiple opportunities are available**, including those for early career researchers, those new to the field and grants to promote diversity among others. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Letters of Intent)



Research on Health Effects of Air Pollution

The Health Effects Institute (HEI) is inviting applications for the Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award. **Grants of up to \$500,000 over as many as three years will be awarded in support of research being conducted by early investigators on the health effects of air pollution.** Research projects may be interdisciplinary in nature and span a range of scientific fields, including atmospheric science, epidemiology, exposure science, statistics, and toxicology. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 24, 2020 (Preliminary applications)

The logo for Facebook Research, featuring the word "facebook" in its signature blue font and the word "research" in a plain blue font, both in lowercase.

Facebook Research Announces RFP

This 2020 Facebook Research initiative seeks to foster innovation and deepen the company's collaborations with academia. **Interested researchers are encouraged to submit proposals that address challenges in applied statistics with direct applications for producing more effective insights and decisions for data scientists and researchers.** The company is interested in a varied set of statistical topics, including experimentation, forecasting, predictive modeling, surveying, and ground truth modeling and sampling. Six research awards of up to \$50,000 will be awarded. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 25, 2020



Research to Improve Health of Older Adults in Long-Term Care Facilities

The Donaghue Foundation welcomes applications to its *Another Look 2020* grant program which **supports health-related research projects with the potential to improve the quality of care and life for adults age 65 or older**

who are long-term residents living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other congregate care facilities. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 25, 2020 (Letters of Intent)



National Endowment for the Arts Research Awards

The NEA is offering two funding opportunities through its Office of Research & Analysis:

- **Research Grants in the Arts:** Funds research that investigates the value and/or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecology or as they interact with each other and/or with other domains of American life. Matching/cost share grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 will be awarded.
- **NEA Research Labs:** Funds transdisciplinary research teams grounded in the social and behavioral sciences, yielding empirical insights about the arts for the benefit of arts and non-arts sectors alike. Matching/cost share cooperative agreements of up to \$150,000 will be awarded.

[Click here](#) for details for both opportunities.

Deadline: March 30, 2020

THE CONSERVATION, FOOD & HEALTH FOUNDATION

Conservation, Food and Health Foundation Grants

The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation (CFH) **seeks to protect natural resources, improve the production and distribution of food, and promote public health in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.** CFH helps build the capacity of organizations and coalitions with grants that support research or improve the learning and generation of local solutions to complex problems. CHF prefers to support projects that address under-funded issues and geographic areas. **This is a limited submission opportunity. If interested in applying, contact [Janet Webster](#) before preparing a letter of**

intent. [Click here](#) for more details.

Deadline: March 30, 2020 (LOI)

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation

A Fund Established with The New York Community Trust
for Dissertation and Faculty Research in the Human Services

Call for Mental Health Research

The Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation is **inviting applications for projects up to \$20,000 for its Faculty/Post-Doctoral Research Grant Program**. Areas of interest include studies to develop, refine, evaluate, or disseminate innovative interventions designed to prevent or ameliorate major social, psychological, behavioral, or public health problems affecting children, adults, couples, families, or communities, or studies that have the potential for adding significantly to knowledge about such problems. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 1, 2020



Call for Cancer-related Health Policy Proposals

The American Cancer Society has issued a request for **research on the role of health policy and health insurance in improving access to and the performance of cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment services**. Proposals will be accepted for research projects focused on changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to those changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients. Awards will be made for up to \$200,000 per year for up to five years. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 1, 2020



Call for Projects for the 2021 ACCelerate Festival

The Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT) in partnership with the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation is **seeking exemplary transdisciplinary projects to represent Virginia Tech at the next ACCelerate Festival on April 9-11, 2021, at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History**. Top Virginia Tech projects will be selected for ACC and Smithsonian review and evaluation in May 2020. Notifications of final acceptance for the festival will be in July 2020. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 17, 2020

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **JRS Biodiversity Foundation** - [Biodiversity Data/Information Services in Africa](#)
Deadline: March 10, 2020
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - [Interdisciplinary Research Leaders](#);
deadline: March 11, 2020
- **Braitmayer Foundation** - [K-12 Education Practices](#)
Deadline: March 15, 2020 (Letters of Intent)
- **American Psychological Foundation** - Two Opportunities
 - [Early Career Grants to Investigate Serious Emotional Disturbance](#)
Deadline: March 15, 2020
 - [Visionary Grants Program](#)
Deadline: April 1, 2020

Conferences, Seminars and Events



Restricted Microdata Workshop - March 9th

ISCE will be hosting a workshop on **Monday, March 9th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the ISCE Conference Room** for faculty interested in gaining access to restricted federal microdata through an agreement between Virginia Tech and the Georgetown Federal Statistical Research Data Center (FSRDC). The workshop will review the process to apply for and be approved to access the restricted data. Faculty members whose projects are approved will also have the opportunity to apply for funds up to \$5,000 from ISCE to help defray costs associated with conducting research through a FSRDC. Visit the [ISCE webpage](#) for more details.

SAVE THE DATE! Race and Justice Lecture - April 8th

Dr. April Fernandes, from NC State University, will present "*Watched, Stopped & Handcuffed: The Effect of Direct & Indirect Police Contact on the Health of Black Women*," on **Wednesday, April 8th at 2:30 p.m. in McBryde Room 655**.



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Call for Poster Abstracts on Child Maltreatment Research

The Penn State University Child Maltreatment Solutions Network is holding its annual conference on October 19-20, 2020 in State College, PA. **The deadline**

to submit abstracts for poster presentations is Wednesday, April 15th.

The conference, *Innovative Methods in Child Maltreatment Research*, will present the latest science that is addressing critical gaps in the understanding of child maltreatment and advancing the study of child maltreatment into the 21st century. [Click here](#) for details. Contact [Chad Shenk](#) with questions or to submit an abstract.

Announcements and Faculty News



RRF Changes Name, Identifies New Priority Areas

The Retirement Research Foundation, one of only six foundations in the U.S. devoted solely to aging, is now RRF Foundation for Aging. **In addition to its new name, the foundation has a new logo, new website, and a new focus on four priority areas:** caregiving, economic security in later life, housing, and social and intergenerational connectedness. Learn more at www.rrf.org.



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Free Lists of of Grants & Fellowships Available

Johns Hopkins University has made **three lists that provide information on grants and fellowships available for early career researchers**, including graduate students, postdocs and junior faculty members. The lists are updated monthly. [Click here](#) for more details and to access the lists.

Artificial Intelligence Report Now Available

The White House Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP) has released the **2019 annual report for**

the American AI Initiative. The report marks critical milestones made since February 2019. [Click here](#) to view the report.



Virginia Tech recognized for excellence in European studies

Virginia Tech associate professor of political science, **Yannis Stivachtis**, has been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair, a prestigious university-wide post, by the European Commission.

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