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ISCE NEWS FLASH
May 5, 2020

New Opportunities for COVID-19 Related Research

Check out several new COVID-19 related funding opportunities this week as well as information about a national COVID-19 data repository.

When you publish COVID-19 articles or are featured in news stories, send us the link so we can include them in ISCE's new COVID-19 repository, designed to highlight Virginia Tech contributions to understanding the social impact of COVID-19.

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

Funding Opportunities

COVID-19 Research Grants on Education and Inequity

The Spencer Foundation is interested in **supporting studies that aim to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of educational inequality caused by the COVID-19 crisis as well as studies that explore ways to remake and imagine anew forms of equitable education.** The program does not specify research topics, disciplines, designs, methods, or locations. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with budgets up to $50,000 for projects ranging from one to three years. Review of applications will take place on May 18th, and again on June 8th. Click here for details.

Deadlines: May 18; June 8, 2020

Funding for Using the Internet to Improve Lives

The Internet Society Foundation has an Emergency Response Grant program that supports organizations that use the Internet to improve lives during or in response to an emergency situation. **In 2020, this funding will be focused on projects that respond to the COVID-19 pandemic**. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 17, 2020

Applications for A Better Digital Future Program

Eyebeam is inviting applications for its Rapid Response For A Better Digital Future program. **In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Eyebeam seeks to help artists positioned to create new ways of interacting through the Internet.** Priority areas include new, online public spheres; ethical or values-driven technology; health and well-being; the development of public policy; efforts to create space for imagination; individual autonomy, borders, and immigration; new and necessary skills; democratic engagement and fortification; the impacts of Covid-19; the accessibility of online platforms; and artificial and natural intelligence. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 21, 2020 (Phase 1 proposals)

COVID-19 Funding Announced

PCORI is issuing a new research funding announcement with an accelerated timeline to support innovative, high-impact studies that fit clearly within their core mission of patient-engaged and patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research. **Program objectives are to (1) strengthen the understanding of different approaches to mitigate the impact of COVID-19** on individuals, communities, healthcare providers, and healthcare systems; and (2) **provide evidence to inform clinical and public health responses,** decision making, and planning. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 26, 2020

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Invites Letters of Intent

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, social integration, and/or quality of life of children, from infancy through seven years of age. **The foundation is inviting**

Letters of Intent in Early Childhood Welfare, Early Childhood Education and Play and Parenting Education. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 31, 2020

Applications for Virtual Anthropological Workshops

The Wenner-Gren Foundation is currently accepting applications for its Conference and Workshop Grants program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **the foundation is not accepting applications for grants involving face-to-face activities, but it is accepting applications for up to $5,000 to cover the costs involved in hosting virtual workshops and events**. Supported events should foster the creation of an international community of research scholars in anthropology and advance significant and innovative anthropological research. Click here for details.

Deadline: June 1, 2020

Rapid-Response Grants on Covid-19 & Social Sciences

The Social Science Research Council, as part of its COVID-19 Initiative, **seeks proposals from across the social sciences and related fields that address the social, economic, cultural, psychological, and political impact of COVID-19** in the US and globally, as well as responses to the pandemic's wide-ranging effects.The grants offer $2,000-$5,000 in research support for up to six months toward research-related expenses. Click here for details. **Deadline: June 1, 2020**

Social Data Research Fellowships

SSRC is interested in supporting research that makes creative use of available social data to investigate how social media interact with democracy and

elections. While the program's primary emphasis is related to social media and the 2020 elections, **applications that investigate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic as it intersects with these core themes are encouraged.** Awards are up to $50,000. Click here for details.
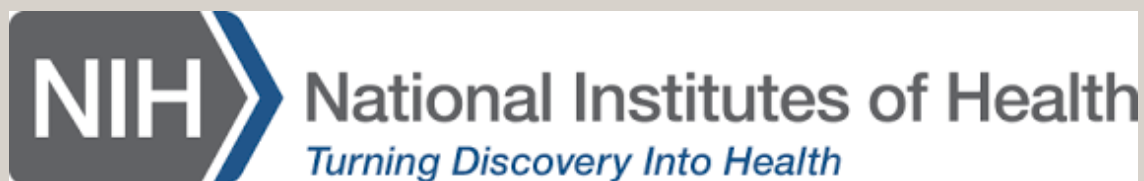**Deadline: June 16, 2020**

COVID-19 USDA AFRI Opportunity

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) is America's flagship competitive grants program that provides funding for fundamental and applied research, education, and extension projects in the food and agricultural sciences. In this RFA, NIFA seeks applications for six AFRI priority areas through the Foundational and Applied Science Program for FY 2020 with multiple due dates, some of which have already passed. However, **a rapid response to Coronavirus impacts across food and agricultural systems has been added to this opportunity**. Click here for details.

Deadline: June 4, 2020

Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research

Research encouraged by this NIH funding opportunity is consistent with a broad public health approach to firearm injury and mortality prevention including **identifying those at risk for firearm injury and mortality (both victims and perpetrators), development and evaluation of theoretically-grounded programs to prevent firearm injury and mortality, and implementation research** to explore the barriers and facilitators to support broader adoption of effective programs. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 15, 2020

Funding for Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Healthcare Systems

This new funding announcement invites robust **investigative and collaborative research focused on understanding the long-term effects of disasters on health disparity populations and the health care systems that serve them**, including the influence of risk factors or vulnerabilities of both the systems and the communities preceding the event(s). Click here for details.

First Standard Deadline: October 5, 2020

ISCE Bridge Support for NSF RAPID and other External Proposals
ISCE is making available **limited bridge funding of up to $5,000 if there is a need to start data collection prior to receiving notification of the award for a COVID-19 related project**. To apply, use the ISCE Unsolicited Request Form and include a copy of the email from NSF, or other organization from which you are seeking funds, indicating forthcoming interest/support. In addition, all ISCE staff is available remotely to assist you with proposal reviews and submissions. Contact Yancey Crawford with questions.

Deadline: Ongoing as funds are available

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Facebook Research** - Two Opportunities:
    - Research on Misinformation and Polarization
    Deadline: May 6, 2020 (Extended)
    - Research on Economic Impact of Digital Technologies
    Deadline: May 20, 2020

- **William T. Grant Foundation** - Reducing Inequality Grants
Deadline: May 6, 2020 (Letters of Inquiry)

- **National Science Foundation** - Two Opportunities:

- Research on Cybersecurity Education in Age of AI
  Deadline: May 15, 2020; August 31, 2020
- CIVIC Innovation Challenge
  Deadline: July 1, 2020 (Stage 1)

- **Russell Sage Foundation** - COVID-19 Timely Social Science Research
  May 21, 2020

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - Global Solutions to Address Issues of Health, Equity & Climate Change
  May 28, 2020 (Extended)

- **MIT Solve** - Health and Security Pandemics Challenge
  Deadline: June 18, 2020

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Virtual "Science on Tap" - May 7th
Science on Tap is live online this Thursday! Learn about the wild world of food science with guest experts Erin McKenney and Lester Schonberger at the next event, **"Bread Science & Food Pantries," on Thursday, May 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m**. Register for the Zoom event here. Click here for more details.

Policing the Dark Web: A Futile Undertaking?

Eric Jardine, assistant professor of Political Science and Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, will present *Policing the Dark Web: A Futile Undertaking* on Thursday, May 7th from 11:00-12:00 p.m. **This talk unpacks how law enforcement engages with crime on the Dark Web, assesses how effective these efforts are, and points to the factors inhibiting the effective policing of the Dark Web**. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 958 1367 3582/Password: 586867. Click here for the event flier.

Announcements and Faculty News

Responses to Questions on Harm to Gun Users RFP

The National Collaborative on Gun Violence has posted responses to questions related to its request for proposals on *Harm to Gun Users* on their website. **Prospective applicants should review these responses for additional guidance on applying for funding**. Click here for details. Deadline is May 8, 2020.

ICPSR COVID-19 Data Repository Available

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) has created a new archive for data examining the social, behavioral, public health, and economic impact of the novel coronavirus global pandemic. **The COVID-19 Data Repository is a free, self-publishing option for any researcher or journalist who wants to share data related to COVID-19**. The data will be available to any interested user for secondary analysis. Click here for details.
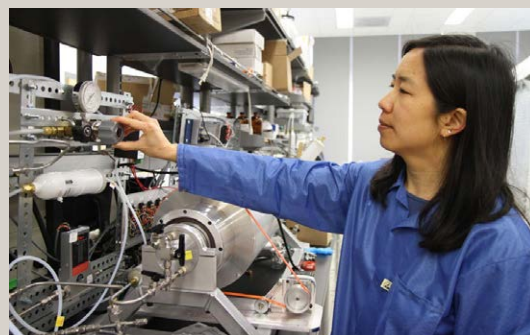

New Network to Connect Decision-Makers with Social Scientists

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and the National Science Foundation have announced the **formation of a Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN) to connect social and behavioral science researchers with decision-makers who are leading the response to COVID-19**. SEAN will respond to the most pressing social, behavioral, and economic questions that are being asked by federal, state, and local officials by working with appropriate experts to quickly provide actionable answers. Read more...

Science on Tap NRV moves online during the coronavirus pandemic

Science on Tap-New River Valley, which receives support from Tech's Center for Communicating Science, refuses to let the current situation stop them from celebrating scientific thought in the Blacksburg community. Read more...

Data Collection During Social Distancing

In an *American Scientist* article, **Ashley Dayer**, assistant professor in Fish and Wildlife Conservation, offers solutions for students whose summer field research has been halted due to the coronavirus pandemic. Read more...

Mullen receives national award for dedication to educational leadership

Carol Mullen, a professor of educational leadership, is the recipient of the 2020 Theodore "Ted" Creighton Publication Innovation Award, a prestigious honor from the International Council of Professors of Educational Leadership. Read more...