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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

January 25, 2022



### Multiple Hands-On Workshops Offered to Improve Research Success

There are multiple workshops being offered in the next few weeks to help improve your chances for success in securing external funding.

- ISCE/Computer Science Research Collaboration Mixer: Jan. 27th
- Workshop on Funding Institutional: Feb. 1st & 2nd
- NSF CAREER Award Workshop Series for Social Scientists: Feb. 2nd & 3rd
- Introduction to the Virginia Tech Proposal Submission Process: March 8th

See the **Conferences** section below for details and to register.

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

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## Funding Opportunities

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### Deadline for ISCE Scholars Program Fast Approaching!

The **ISCE Scholars Program** provides faculty support for developing grant proposals in the social sciences, broadly defined, and consistent with [ISCE's four thematic areas](#). Team proposals aligned with one of Virginia Tech's [Research Frontier](#) areas of Artificial Intelligence, Health, Quantum, and Security are encouraged as are proposals that address disparities and inequalities, societal issues related to climate change, and misinformation and disinformation. Funding up to \$30,000 available. [Click here](#) to apply.

**Deadline: February 7, 2022**

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### Alzheimer's Association Accepting LOI for Research

The Alzheimer's Association has **multiple research funding opportunities that are now accepting letters of intent**, including research grants, fellowships and programs focused on increasing diversity and inclusion. [Click here](#) for details and specific opportunities.

**Deadline: February 21, 2022**

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### Research to Improve Native American Health

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support developmental/exploratory studies in preparation for health promotion, disease prevention, treatment, or treatment services research to improve health in Native American (NA) populations. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: May 17, 2022**

### NIMH - COVID-19 and Mental Health Research Announcements

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has issued a notice to provide potential applicants time to develop responsive applications to upcoming initiatives that encourage research addressing the quickly evolving data related to mental health in the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding Opportunity Announcements are expected to be published in early March and will be accepted for FY22 funding. A Notice of Special Interest is also expected to be published in January 2022, with applications being accepted through 2024. [Click here](#) for details.

### Additional Notices of Intent to Publish Funding Opportunities

[Research on Community Level Interventions to Prevent Firearm and Related Violence, Injury and Mortality](#). NIH intends to publish Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) for community and community organizational level interventions to prevent firearm and related violence, injury and mortality. Applications will be encouraged to include multiple levels of intervention and/or multiple sectors, when appropriate, and to be developed in partnership with communities and/or community organizations. [Click here](#) for details.

### [Evaluating the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic-related Food and Housing Policies and Programs on Health Outcomes in Health Disparity Populations](#).

NIH intends to issue an FOA seeking applications that will identify and evaluate the ongoing and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing specifically on governmental policy and programmatic actions that address two specific social determinants of health: food/nutrition security and housing security. [Click here](#) for details.

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### Autism Research Program - FY22 Pre-Announcement

The Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs has announced anticipated funding opportunities for fiscal Year 2022 in autism research. Since the FY22 Defense Appropriations Bill has not been signed into law, FY22 funds have not been appropriated. However, **the Autism Research Program is providing information about anticipated opportunities to allow investigators time to plan and develop ideas for potential submissions.** [Click here](#) for details.

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood** - [Early Childhood Research](#)  
Deadline: January 31, 2022 (Letters of Inquiry)
- **Center for Retirement Research at Boston College** - [Steven H. Sandell Grant Program](#)  
Deadline: January 31, 2022
- **Alzheimer's & Related Diseases Research Award Fund (ARDRAF)** - [Alzheimer's Research](#)  
Deadline: February 3, 2022
- **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention** - [Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries](#)  
Deadline: February 4, 2022
- **Society for Research in Child Development** - [Small Grants Program for Early Scholars](#)  
Deadline: February 4, 2022
- **National Institutes of Health** - Multiple opportunities:
  - [Notice of Special Interest: Research to Address Vaccine Hesitancy, Uptake, and Implementation among Populations that Experience Health Disparities](#); deadline: February 5, 2022

- [Technology Development to Reduce Health Disparities](#); deadline: February 11, 2022 (first of three)
- [NIH HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants](#); deadline: March 2, 2022
- [HEAL Initiative: Data and Methods to Address Urgent Needs to Stem the Opioid Epidemic](#); deadline: March 10, 2022
- [Understanding Place-Based Health Inequalities in Mid-Life](#); deadline: March 3, 2022
- [Social Disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life](#); deadline: March 15, 2022
- **National Science Foundation** - Two opportunities:
  - [Partnerships for International Research and Education \(PIRE\): Use-Inspired Research Challenges on Climate Change and Clean Energy](#)  
Deadline: February 8, 2022 (required letter of intent)
  - [Future of Work at the Human Technology Frontier: Core Research](#)  
Deadline: March 2, 2022
- **Global Warming Mitigation Project** - [2022 Keeling Curve Prize - Climate Solutions](#)  
Deadline: February 10, 2022
- **The PhRMA Foundation** - [PhRMA Foundation Research Starter Grant in Health Outcomes Research](#)  
Deadline: February 10, 2022
- **Open Society Foundations** - [Soros Equality Fellowship Program](#)  
Deadline: February 14, 2022
- **a2 Collective/NIA Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratories for Aging Research** - [a2 Pilot Awards](#)  
Deadline: February 18, 2022
- **Human Animal Bond Research Institute** - [Addressing Evidence-Based Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction Research](#)  
Deadline: February 24, 2022
- **Virginia Catalyst** - [Development/Commercialization of Life Science Projects to Improve Human Health/Advance VA Economy](#)  
Deadline: March 1, 2022
- **Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)** - [Special Competition Using Targeted Samples](#)  
Deadline: March 15, 2022
- **Health and Aging Policy Fellowship National Program Office** - [2022-2023](#)



[Fellowships](#)

Deadline: April 15, 2022

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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### **Social and Computer Scientist Mixer Still Accepting Registrations!**

As artificial intelligence, computers and computer-assisted technologies are becoming more and more integral to most aspects of society, interdisciplinary research across computer, information and social science disciplines is needed to address the transformative reach of these technologies and their implications for economic systems and civil society. Funding agencies likewise recognize this need and are instigating new or more calls for this kind of inter- and transdisciplinary work, as exemplified by the recent NSF “Dear Colleague Letter” for Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace.

**To help faculty in computer and social science disciplines become better acquainted for possible research team-building, ISCE and the Department of Computer Science are planning a “meet and greet” event January 27th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Interested faculty in the social sciences and humanities, please [complete this short survey](#) to gauge possible participation and/or to register.

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### **NSF CAREER Workshop for Tenure-Track Faculty in Social Sciences**

National Science Foundation CAREER awards provide funding to support projects integrating research, teaching, and outreach. **Eligibility is limited to assistant professors in tenure track position with scholarly activities in the sciences** (including education and social and behavioral sciences).

**Eligible faculty are invited to attend an information session which will introduce CAREER awards, review guidelines, and begin a workshop that**

**will continue through spring 2022 for faculty planning to apply for the July 2022 deadline or in future years.** The workshop is sponsored by ISCE and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Please register to attend either of two workshops (same content will be repeated).

- Wednesday, February 2, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. [Click here](#) to register.
- Thursday, February 3, 9:00 - 10:00 am. [Click here](#) to register.

If you are unable to attend either workshop or have questions, please contact [Yancey Crawford](#).



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### Workshop Offered on Platform to Search for Grant Funding

The Office of Research and Innovation in partnership with Elsevier, will offer a virtual training workshop on the Funding Institutional tool. The Virginia Tech tool helps researchers to identify active, accurate funding opportunities in a timely manner and provide insight into research that has already been funded in a specific area of interest. **Workshops will be held on Feb. 1, 2022 from 10-11 AM and 2-3 PM and Feb. 2, 2022 from 12-1 PM.** [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.



OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

### Introduction to Virginia Tech's Proposal Submission Process

Start the new year off right by joining OSP Pre-Award Associates for a look at the Proposal Submission Process at Virginia Tech. Whether you are an experienced researcher new to VT, a new faculty member, or a staff member who assists with proposals, **this two-hour review will help answer your questions about the details of submitting a proposal through Virginia Tech's Office of Sponsored Programs.** The session will be held on Tuesday, March 8th from 10:00-12:00 via Zoom and in-person (up to 25 people). [Click here](#) to register by March 4th.

## Announcements & Faculty News



OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

### NIH Updates from the Office of Sponsored Programs

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is now using new forms for proposal submissions as of today, January 25, 2022. **This version of the forms includes significant changes to the Biosketch and Other Support documents which will be required moving forward.** For additional information about new NIH requirements, visit the [Office of Sponsored Programs website](#).

In addition, soon the federal government will stop using the DUNS number to uniquely identify entities. Entities doing business with the federal government will instead use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) created in System for Award Management (SAM.gov). Virginia Tech has already obtained its new UEI which will be used for all federal grant submissions. It is QDE5UHE5XD16 and should be used in proposal documents when requested.



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