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ISCE NEWS FLASH

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Welcome back!

While we know this fall semester is unlike any other, we hope the week has started off on a good note. Hopefully, this week's *ISCE News Flash* will help jump start your thinking about how your research will fit into this new and different semester.

A quick reminder: ISCE has been maintaining an online **COVID-19 Publication Repository**. If you have recently published any scholarly articles, commentaries, blogs, media mentions or other works related to the pandemic, please send them to us so we can include them. For more information, visit the [ISCE website](#).

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

Funding Opportunities



NSF Funding for Cybersecurity Education in the Age of AI

The National Science Foundation (NSF) **seeks to promote exploration of possible partnerships between artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity and education researchers to inspire novel education and outreach efforts.** Such collaborative efforts could also foster a robust workforce with integrated AI and cybersecurity competencies, and develop an informed public that understands the privacy, confidentiality, ethics, safety, and security implications of AI. **The deadline for round two concept outlines is August 31, 2020.** Teams are required to send a research concept outline, including project title, team members, institutions involved, and a summary of the project concept (up to two pages) by email to satc-edu@nsf.gov. [Click here](#) for further details in the Dear Colleague Letter.

Deadline: August 31, 2020 (Concept papers)



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- **Research to Advance Models of Care for Medicaid Population**

The Health Systems Transformation Research Coordinating Center (HSTRC), a partnership between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Avalere Health, seeks **projects that conduct original research and evaluate the extent to which health system models of care are advancing health equity for the Medicaid-eligible populations they serve.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: September 2, 2020

- **Planning Grant for Equitable Parks and Green Spaces**

RWJF seeks **proposals that create a plan for a national initiative that would increase equitable access to parks and green spaces in small and midsize cities across the country.** This is not a call for proposals for individual cities to participate in a program. Applicants should have experience, expertise, and missions related to elevating equity in decisions, plans, and programs that affect the community conditions in which low income people and people of color live. Applicants should also possess content knowledge about parks and green spaces and related topics, such as climate resilience. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: September 9, 2020

- **Healthy Eating Research**

This program, supported by RWJF, is interested in identifying policy, systems, and environmental strategies that have the strongest potential to reduce sugar-sweetened beverage consumption and increase safe drinking water access and intake among low-income and children of color ages 0-5. Eight to 10 grants of up to \$225,000 for up to 24 months will be awarded. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: September 16, 2020 (Required Concept Paper)



RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE
FOR ADVANCED STUDY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Call for 2021-2022 Radcliffe Fellowships

The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University has announced it is accepting applications for its Radcliffe Fellows. **Radcliffe Fellows are exceptional scientists, writers, scholars, public intellectuals, practitioners and artists whose work is making a difference in their fields and the larger world.** The fellowship program accepts 50 scholars each academic year. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: September 10, 2020 (Humanities/Social Sciences/Arts)



Institutional Challenge Grant to Reduce Youth Inequality

The W.T. Grant Foundation's Institutional Challenge Grant program supports university-based research institutes and other organizations to build sustained research-practice partnerships with public agencies or nonprofit organizations.

A grant of \$650,000 over three years will be awarded to research partnerships in youth-serving areas such as education, justice, child welfare, mental health, immigration, and workforce development. Funding will include up to \$50K for up to 9 months of joint planning activities, fellowship support, and up to 3 years of support for the partnership to conduct and use research to reduce inequality in youth outcomes. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: September 10, 2020

The Greenwall Foundation

Call for Letters of Intent for Bioethics Faculty Scholars

The Greenwall Foundation is accepting applications for its Faculty Scholars Program, which supports research that goes beyond current work in bioethics to address pressing ethical issues and helps create a community focused on enhancing future bioethics research by scholars and alumni/ae. Three scholars are selected to receive 50% salary support over three years and are expected to attend twice yearly meetings. **Priority is given to junior faculty and those whose research will have an impact on clinical, biomedical, and public health decision making, policy, and practice.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: September 21, 2020 (Letters of Intent)



AMERICAN
PSYCHOLOGICAL
FOUNDATION

September Deadlines for APF Grant Applications

The American Psychological Foundation has several September deadlines for small grant opportunities including the [Barlow](#) grant, [Walsh](#) grant, [Weiss Research and Program Innovation](#) grants, [APF/Division 39](#) grant and [Walfish](#) grants. All are due September 15th, except Walfish grant applications which are due September 30th. [Click here](#) for details. Additional opportunities will be due in November.

Previously Posted Opportunities

- iTHRIV - [Pilot Translational and Clinical Studies Program](#)
Deadline: August 31, 2020
 - Nathan Cummings Foundation - [Social Justice Fellowships](#)
Deadline: September 1, 2020
 - Fulbright Program - [2020-2021 U.S. Scholar Program](#)
Deadline: September 15, 2020
 - Clarivate - [2020 Eugene Garfield Award](#)
Deadline: September 30, 2020
 - IAS/School of Social Science - [Political Mobilization & Social Movements Fellowships](#)
Deadline: November 1, 2020
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External Funding Success

'Future Humans, Human Futures'
to explore humanity in the age of
intelligent machines

Under the leadership of **Sylvester Johnson**, the VT Center for Humanities has been awarded a



\$500,000 grant by the Henry Luce Foundation's Theology Program for a project that combines religion, ethics and technology to tackle fundamental questions of what it means to be human in a technological age. [Read more...](#)

Conferences, Seminars and Events



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Virtual Consultations from SIRC Will Continue

As part of its outreach plan to better serve the Virginia Tech research community, **the Division of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance will continue virtual consultations for researchers on all campuses throughout the 2020-21 academic year.** Consultations are available by appointment and at scheduled times. [Click here](#) for details.



BIostatistics & Health Data Science

Drop-In Consulting Hours for Biostatistics Support

The Center for Biostatistics and Health Data Science **offers drop in consulting hours every Monday from 10:00-2:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 3:00-7:00 p.m at no charge to support research efforts.** [Click here for a video](#) about the Center's services. To learn more, [visit their website](#).



Putting science to work for the health of women

ORWH Hosted Webinar on Social Determinants of Health & Outcomes

The Office of Research on Women's Health hosted an online panel discussion, "Improving Chronic Disease Outcomes Through Approaches that Address Social Determinants of Health," on July 22nd as part of their Understudied, Underrepresented and Under-reported (U3) Women's Health Lecture series. [Click here](#) to view the video.

Announcements and Faculty News



Commentary: NIH OBSSR in Response to the SARS-CoV2 Pandemic

This *Translational Behavioral Medicine* commentary describes the various initiatives of the National Institutes of Health to address the social, behavioral, economic, and health disparities impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the findings from which can improve the response to the pandemic and better prepare the nation for future infectious disease outbreaks. [Read more...](#)



TECH Together Campaign announces winners and finalists

The [TECH Together Campaign](#), which called upon the creativity and innovation of students to implement real change to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and provide comfort to the Tech community,

announced its winners and finalists.

[Read more...](#)

**Students return to work in labs,
research spaces for fall semester**

With the start of the semester, **OVPRI is working with colleges, institutes, and Environmental Health and Safety to safely prepare for undergraduate and graduate students to return to their research projects** in laboratories and facilities. [Read more...](#)



**New VT School of Education
director to focus on innovation
and equity**

Kristin Gehsmann, a leader in the field of education, is the new director of the VT School of Education, where she plans to focus on equity along with innovation. [Read more...](#)

**William Hopkins named associate
executive director of the Fralin
Life Sciences Institute**

In his new role, **Hopkins will assist the executive director and leadership team** as they develop and implement the vision and strategic directions for the Fralin Life Sciences Institute to tackle grand life science challenges. [Read more...](#)



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