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ISCE NEWS FLASH

October 19, 2021



Multiple new funding opportunities have been added this week including opportunities for the Russell Sage Foundation, Charles Koch Foundation, Brady Foundation as well as a **reminder of ISCE's support for investigator-initiated research.**

Also, check out the workshops offered for QuestionPro, which will replace Qualtrics as a preferred platform at Virginia Tech in Spring 2022.

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

Funding Opportunities



Reminder of ISCE Support for Investigator-initiated Research

ISCE accepts unsolicited proposals from full-time T&R and Research faculty anytime during the fiscal year. Typically such requests range from \$3,500 to \$7,500 and are for **projects that require a rapid response to an event, small feasibility studies, and interdisciplinary team building that will lead to the submission of proposals for external grant awards.** Faculty are encouraged to discuss their ideas with ISCE Executive Director, [Karen A Roberto](#) prior to submission. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: Rolling



Call for Demonstration Projects related to Alzheimer's Disease

The National Institute on Aging IMPACT Collaboratory was established to build the nation's capacity to conduct pragmatic clinical trials (ePCTs) of non-pharmacological interventions embedded within health care systems to improve the care of people living with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias and their care partners. **The IMPACT Collaboratory will fund up to two demonstration projects designed as full-scale, Stage IV effectiveness ePCTs that test, measure, and evaluate the effect of a care delivery**

intervention program in a health care system for people living with AD/ADRD and their care partners. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 29, 2021 (Required letter of intent)

Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention

Call for Proposals Announced

The Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention is currently accepting proposals for the *Peace Building and Violence Prevention Program*. **The program is designed to provide funding for faculty-led projects that advance all three areas of the center's mission**, which is to promote research, education, and outreach dedicated to the study and prevention of violence in global and local contexts. Two to three single-year projects will be funded up to \$15,000. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 5, 2021



Apply for a CASBS Fellowship

The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) **offers a residential fellowship program for scholars working in a diverse range of disciplines that contribute to advancing research and thinking in social science**. Fellows represent the core social and behavioral sciences but also the humanities, education, linguistics, communications, and the biological, natural, health, and computer sciences. For 2022-23, Chinese University of Hong Kong, National University of Singapore, and Stanford-Taiwan Social Science fellowships will be offered through CASBS. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 5, 2021



Call for Behavioral Science/Decision Making Proposals

Russell Sage Foundation invites applications for its *Behavioral Science and Decision Making in Context* program, which **encourages perspectives from multiple social science disciplines to advance understanding of economic, social, political, and psychological decision-making processes, attitudes, behaviors, and institutional practices in public and private contexts** such as policing/criminal legal systems, employment, housing, politics, racial/ethnic relations, and immigration. Budget requests are limited to a maximum of \$175,000 per project for up to two years. [Click here](#) for specific topics of interest and additional details. It is recommended that interested researchers contact [VT Foundation Relations](#) regarding this opportunity.

Deadline: November 10, 2021 (letters of inquiry)



Call for Applications to Advance Suicide Prevention Research

The American Foundation of Suicide Prevention is inviting applications for its *Pilot Innovation Grants* program, which will provide grants of up to \$30,000 per year over two years to investigators at any level for projects that show promise in opening new areas of suicide research. **Pilot Innovation grants will provide seed funding for new projects that have the potential to lead to larger investigations and should typically entail feasibility studies rather than hypothesis-driven research.** There are several priority areas. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 15, 2021



Pakistan RASTA Third Call for Applications

Pakistan Research for Social Transformation and Advancement (RASTA) is **accepting applications for its third round of social science research grants in the areas of Foreign Aid Effectiveness and Trade, Domestic Commerce and Markets**. The call is open to domestic and international applicants interested in economic development and policy in Pakistan, including Pakistani graduate students studying abroad. From 10-20 one-year grants of up to \$24,000 will be awarded (thirty in first two rounds). [Click here](#) for details. Questions can be addressed to [Dr. David Orden](#), a member of the RASTA Research Advisory Committee.

Deadline: November 15, 2021



Call for Research to Close Achievement Gaps

The Brady Foundation invites proposals focused on **evaluating programs with the potential to help close the opportunity and resulting achievement gaps associated with race and family income**. The primary aims of submitted proposals must concern the evaluation of programs designed to promote positive cognitive and/or achievement outcomes for children from underserved groups and/or low-resourced communities. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: December 1, 2021 (Stage 1 proposals)



iTHRIV Scholars Program

iTHRIV is a transformational collaboration across colleges at Virginia Tech in partnership with Carilion Clinic, the University of Virginia, and Inova Health System. iTHRIV leverages the latest advances in data science to accelerate innovation in health-related research and facilitate team science. iTHRIV has announced a call for its Scholars program, which facilitates the development of a successful translational and/or clinical biomedical/health science academic research career for highly qualified early career faculty. **Information sessions will take place via Zoom on October 19th at 12:30 pm** (as part of the iTHRIV Scholars Symposium), **November 10th at 12:00 pm**, and **November 18th at 4:00pm**. [Click here](#) for details. Contact [Leanna Blevins](#) with questions or to receive the Zoom links.

Deadline: December 1, 2021 (letter of intent)



Social Awareness Art Projects

The Puffin Foundation West, Ltd invites applications in support of efforts to utilize the fine arts, dance, music, theater, creative writing, poetry, and photography to reach across biases and create dialogues that are peaceably transforming, educational, and move society in a forward-looking and -thinking direction. Grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded, with Encouragement Grants of up to \$600 to be awarded in support of projects that are compatible with the Puffin Foundation mission but not yet fully developed. **Geographic funding area includes Virginia**. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: December 4, 2021



Critical Aspects of Sustainability

This NSF Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) is a call to action that encourages the submission of certain types of proposals to appropriate existing NSF core programs to lay the foundation for disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and to answer fundamental questions related to novel approaches and solutions to climate change. One area of interest under this DCL is *Research Addressing Synergistic Topics*. **Proposals addressing cross-cutting topics could focus on technology and workforce development with an emphasis on behavioral and social aspects related to climate mitigation and adaptation.** Prospective PIs must send an email inquiry to cas@nsf.gov prior to submission to ascertain whether the proposal is suitable. [Click here](#) for details

Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems

The Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems (DISES) Program supports research projects that advance basic scientific understanding of integrated socio-environmental systems and the complex interactions within and among the environmental and human components of such a system. **The program seeks proposals that emphasize the truly integrated nature of a socio-environmental system versus two discrete systems** (a natural one and a human one) that are coupled. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 15, 2021

Human Networks and Data Science

The Human Networks and Data Science program (HNDS) supports research that enhances understanding of human behavior by leveraging data and network science research across a broad range of topics. HNDS research will identify ways in which dynamic, distributed, and heterogeneous data can provide novel answers to fundamental questions about individual and group behavior. **HNDS is especially interested in proposals that provide data-rich insights about human networks to support improved health, prosperity,**

and security. There are two tracks. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 13, 2022



Call for Research on Trade-Policy Issues

The Charles Koch Foundation invites proposals for research and related projects aimed at **bridging the gap between theory and practice and contributing to contemporary debates around important trade-policy issues.** The foundation is especially interested in research related to the following topics: 1) Getting Our Approach to China Right; 2) National Industrial Policy; and 3) Free Trade and Flourishing. [Click here](#) for details. **Interested researchers should contact [Foundation Relations](#) before pursuing this opportunity.**

Deadline: Rolling

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS** - [Fellowships in China Studies](#)
Deadline: November 1, 2021
- **Wenner Gren Foundation** - [Anthropological Research Grants](#)
Deadline: November 1, 2021
- **Fahs-Beck Fund** - [Fahs Beck Fellows](#)
Deadline: November 1, 2021
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - 2 Opportunities:
 - [Health Policy Fellows](#)
Deadline: November 12, 2021
 - [Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity](#)
Deadline: Rolling

- **Healthy Eating Research** - [COVID-19 and Socioeconomic Recovery Efforts](#)
Deadline: November 17, 2021
- **FBRI/Center for Health Behaviors Research** - [Pilot/Feasibility Studies](#)
Deadline: December 1, 2021
- **National Science Foundation** - [CISE/SBE EAGER: Enabling Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace](#)
Deadline: December 10, 2021 (invited full proposals)
- **Center for European Union, Transatlantic, and Trans-European Space Studies (CEUTTSS)** - [Interdisciplinary Grants Program](#)
Deadline: December 18, 2021

External Grant Success



Biomedical engineering researchers to study knee re-injury risk using wearable sensors

The team's interdisciplinary effort, led by **Robin Queen**, the Kevin P. Granata Faculty Fellow and professor of biomedical engineering and mechanics, will combine physical and psychological risk factors for re-injury in a prognostic model for use in clinical settings. [Read more...](#)

Conferences, Seminars and Events



Online Workshops Offered on QuestionPro

Virginia Tech recently acquired campus-wide access to QuestionPro, a new tool for collecting and analyzing online surveys. After this coming May, Qualtrics (the previous tool) will be available for purchase by individuals or departments, rather than through a campus-wide license. To help with this transition, QuestionPro is offering a series of online workshops over the next few months for interested VT faculty and students. **The first will be this Wednesday, October 20, at 3:00pm.** [Click here](#) to view dates and to register.

Individual consultations are also available on Qualtrics, QuestionPro, and transitioning your work through the University Libraries by emailing dataservices@vt.edu.



Inclusive Data Workshops - This week!

Please join the University Libraries for a new series of events focused on inclusive data and the 2020 Census. **The event topics include** *Census 2020 Data in a Changing America*, *Finding and Using US Census Bureau Data* and *Diversity and Inclusion Challenges in the US Census*. [Click here](#) for an event flier and locations/Zoom information.



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

SIRC Fall 2021 Investigator Series

The Division of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance is hosting events as part of its Investigator Series. In addition to providing enrichment opportunities for researchers, **all Investigator Series events provide Responsible Conduct of Research training credit hours toward the National Institute of Health's 8-hour in-person training requirement.** Investigator Series webinar and in-person events are free and open to all Virginia Tech students, faculty, and staff. [Click here](#) for a list of the session topics, dates and registration information.



**VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE,
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Virtual Summit: Building Public Trust in Science

The Virginia Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine virtual summit, "*Building Public Trust in Science*," will be held on **Monday, October 25th from 9:00-4:00**. The event will focus on how to rebuild trust in science, establish confidence in the scientific processes that inform issues, such as vaccines, climate change and energy policy, and create a capacity for critical thinking. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Harris Public Policy

Conference to Highlight Social Science Partnerships for Policymaking

The University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy will be hosting a hybrid virtual/in-person conference, "*Creating Social Change Through Public-Private Partnerships*." The agenda will feature expert practitioners from Los Angeles, Baltimore, Washington DC, and Chicago who will speak to the ways they engaged research insights to advance policy changes related to housing,

education, health care, criminal justice, and the environment. **The event is open to the public, but participants must register by October 20.** [Click here](#) for details.



2022 Biomedical Data Science Innovation Lab

Ethical Challenges of AI in Biomedicine

The University of Virginia Biomedical Data Science Innovation Lab is offering **four micro lab sessions focused on Ethical Challenges of Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine and which will culminate in a five-day Innovation Lab in June 2022.** This series of events will promote collaboration between early career quantitative and biomedical researchers towards the development of novel or significantly adapted models, methods, and approaches for overcoming difficult ethical challenges of applying AI technologies in biomedicine. [Click here](#) for details and to apply (rolling basis) by January 31, 2022.

Announcements & Faculty News



LINK+LICENSE+LAUNCH

Virginia Tech Foundation Relations Office Hours

Foundation Relations will be **hosting office hours once a month, beginning on Tuesday, November 9th at 3:00 pm in the LINK+LICENSE+LAUNCH offices of the Holtzman Alumni Center.** Faculty interested in pursuing external philanthropic funding or learning how Foundation Relations can support their efforts are invited to attend. Foundation Relations staff will share current trends in foundation funding and resources for identifying funding opportunities, as well as tips on developing a compelling proposal. Additional

office hours include December 7th and January 11th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Questions? Contact [Foundation Relations](#).



Johnson: Our biggest technological challenges require humanists to find the answers

Sylvester Johnson, Director of the Virginia Tech Center for Humanities, reflects on the role of the humanities in our society, especially with the rise of technology and the success of STEM education creating a steep demand for humanist leaders in every sector. [Read more....](#)



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