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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

February 22, 2022





### Tomorrow is Giving Day at Virginia Tech!

To celebrate 150 years of Virginia Tech and 15 years of ISCE, we hope you will consider supporting ISCE on Giving Day!

ISCE supports faculty from across the university whose research enhances the lives of people and places. Since its inception, ISCE has supported more than 375 faculty members and their students who have come together to tackle issues that demand inter/transdisciplinary approaches and global perspectives, challenges like rural health, aging, obesity, autism, school climate, energy policy, inequality, and the social impacts of emerging technologies to name just a few.

We are proud of your successes and the important, impactful work you do!

Please consider a [donation to ISCE](#). Any amount, large or small, makes a difference and enables us to do more to support faculty like you. THANK YOU!

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## Funding Opportunities

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**Letters of Intent for Research on Older Adults in Long-Term Care**

The Donaghue Foundation welcomes applications to its *Another Look 2022* grant program, which will support health-related research projects to improve health, well-being, and the quality and equity of care for older adults who are long-term residents in nursing homes, assisted living, or other congregate-care facilities. **The foundation expects to make 4-5 awards for up to two years.** [Click here](#) for details on priority topics and the complete RFP.

**Deadline: March 1, 2022**

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### **Call for Proposals for the Center for Coastal Studies**

The Virginia Tech Center for Coastal Studies invites seed grant proposals from members of the Virginia Tech community to increase the university's capacity in coastal-zone research, extension and engagement, and education. The goal of the grants is to form and foster interdisciplinary groups to address research, extension and engagement, and educational needs to better understand and find innovative solutions for complex contemporary and emerging environmental, societal, security, political, and economic issues in the coastal zone. **Five to seven grants up to \$15,000 each will be funded.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 15, 2022**

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### **Call for Research on American Federalism**

The Center for the Study of Federalism invites applications for **original research and/or writing that advance thinking about federalism as a principle of American government, law, or politics.** Areas of focus may

include political philosophy and theory, political history and development, public policy, law, political institutions, political behavior, and political culture. Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded and for may be used for project/data collection activities. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 15, 2022**



### **Research Lab Grants**

Through NEA Research Labs, **NEA cultivates a series of transdisciplinary research partnerships, grounded in the social and behavioral sciences, to produce and report empirical insights about the arts** for the benefit of arts practitioners, but also for non-arts sectors such as healthcare, education, and business or management. Institutions of higher education and/or nonprofit research and policy organizations may submit applications to be NEA Research Labs. NEA Research Labs serve as “hubs” or centers of excellence in the domain of interest. Each NEA Research Lab will develop a pipeline of projects or products, including a website, while conducting at least one major study. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 28, 2022**

### **Research Grants in the Arts**

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is accepting applications for its Research Grants in the Arts program that supports studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts. In addition to past topics of interest, the **NEA also welcomes proposals in three new areas, featured in [NEA's new five-year research agenda to be implemented in 2024](#)**: 1) the arts' role in the healing and revitalization of communities; 2) diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the arts; and 3) the evolving arts ecology. Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. All grants require a non-federal cost share/match of at least 1 to 1. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 28, 2022**



## Health Resources in Action

*Advancing Public Health and Medical Research*

### Research to Advance Health Equity in Virginia

The Jeffress Memorial Trust has recently completed a landscape assessment of health needs and funding initiatives within Virginia. **Based upon those findings, the 2022 grant cycle will support research that addresses the root causes of health inequities within Virginia**, including:

1. Partnership/Collaborative Establishment Awards to support the development and establishment of collaborative efforts upon which to carry out future research activities to advance health equity
2. Research Awards to support collaborative research partnerships to conduct research to advance health equity in one of the following areas:
  1. Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Strategies Analysis
  2. Program/Practice Analysis
  3. General Research

Community partners must be involved in these proposals. Interested researchers may want to reach out to [VT Foundation Relations](#) for assistance. [Click here](#) for more details.



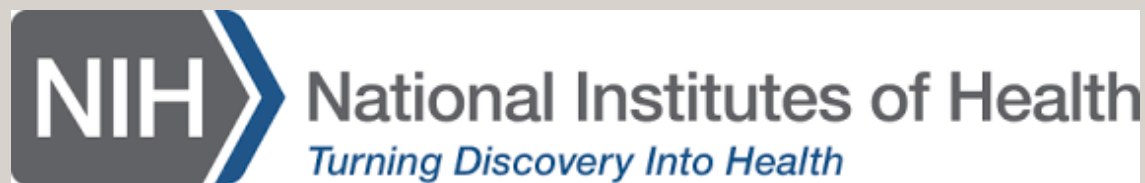
### Call for Bi-national Research to Address Climate Change

The US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) aims to make a positive contribution to the development of climate solutions through cross-disciplinary, collaborative research projects between the two countries. **BSF invites 5-page pre-proposals that address the impacts of climate change on the natural environment as well as on human populations, their distributions and economic activities.** Pre-proposals that do not describe a collaboration across at least two major disciplines will be returned without review. Applications must be submitted jointly by at least one Israeli and one American scientist and

together the PIs will represent different major disciplines. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: April 1, 2022**

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### **Community Level Interventions to Improve Minority Health**

NIH has released a new funding opportunity, *Community Level Interventions to Improve Minority Health and Reduce Health Disparities*, that represents the next iteration of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Community-Based Participatory Research program that was established in 2005. This revised initiative will emphasize research priorities that can be addressed through community-engaged research approaches and that utilize the NIMHD Research Framework to assess and intervene on health determinants at the interpersonal, family, organizational, neighborhood, community, and societal levels. **NIMHD will hold a pre-application webinar on March 2, 2022, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** [Click here](#) for webinar details and [here for the RFA](#).

**Deadline: March 28, 2022**

### **Emergency Awards: RADx®-UP - Social, Ethical, and Behavioral Implications Research on Disparities in COVID-19 Testing**

This funding opportunity provides an expedited funding mechanism to **support two-year, community-engaged research projects that focus on** (1) the **urgent need for social, ethical, and behavioral implications research** to understand and reduce barriers to COVID-19 testing and address COVID-19 disparities among underserved and vulnerable populations, and (2) **psychological and communication science interventions** to improve uptake of testing and vaccination. Investigators planning to submit an application in response are strongly encouraged to contact and discuss their proposed research/aims with Program staff to better determine appropriateness and interest. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: May 2, 2022**

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### Strengthening American Infrastructure

NSF's Strengthening American Infrastructure (SAI) solicitation focuses on how fundamental knowledge about human reasoning and decision-making, governance, and social and cultural processes enables the building and maintenance of effective infrastructure that improves lives and society and builds on advances in technology and engineering. **Successful projects will represent a convergence of expertise in one or more social, behavioral, economic sciences deeply integrated with other disciplines** to support substantial and potentially pathbreaking, fundamental research applied to strengthening a specific and focal infrastructure. [Click here](#) for details.

**ISCE is offering to help researchers in social sciences and humanities interested in this call find collaborators** in other relevant fields (computer science, engineering, chemistry, etc) and help facilitate the development competitive proposals. If interested in assistance, contact [Isabel Bradburn](#) at ISCE and explain your interest/need for help.

**Deadline: May 5, 2022**

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **The National Academy of Medicine** - [2022 National Academy of Medicine Catalyst Award](#)  
Deadline: February 28, 2022
- **Retirement Research Foundation** - [Research Grants](#)  
Deadline: March 1, (Letters of inquiry)
- **The Society for Research in Child Development** - [Towards 2044: Horowitz Early Career Scholar Program](#)  
Deadline: March 1, 2022

- **Virginia Catalyst** - [Development/Commercialization of Life Science Projects to Improve Human Health/Advance VA Economy](#)  
Deadline: March 1, 2022
- **National Institutes of Health** - Multiple opportunities:
  - [Social Disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life](#); deadline: March 15, 2022
  - [Advancing Integrated Models \(AIM\) of Care to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes among Women Who Experience Persistent Disparities](#); deadline: April 7, 2022 (only deadline)
  - [Evaluating the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic-related Food and Housing Policies and Programs on Health Outcomes in Health Disparity Populations](#); deadline: April 7, 2022 (only deadline)
  - [Urgent Award: COVID-19 Mental Health Research](#); deadline: April 25, 2022
  - [Research to Improve Native American Health](#); deadline: May 17, 2022
  - [Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health](#); deadline: May 17, 2022
  - [Innovative Pilot Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials](#); deadline: June 16, 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
- **National Science Foundation** - [Civic Innovation Challenge](#)  
May 5, 2022 (Stage 1)

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### Insight and Strategies for Obtaining National Institutes of Health R01 Funding

The Office for Research and Innovation is hosting a seminar designed to



educate Virginia Tech researchers about strategies for obtaining NIH R01 funding on **February 23rd from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in person at 310 Kelly Hall and via Zoom**. Experienced Virginia Tech faculty who have previously obtained this type of funding will provide critical insight and guidance about acquiring this type of funding. The presentations will be followed by Q&A. [Click here](#) for details and to register.



### Webinar on 2020 Census County Assessment Tool

To help state and local decision makers and data users explore the 2020 Census data, the Massive Data Institute at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy in collaboration with the Urban Institute developed the 2020 Census County Assessment Tool (CCAT). This tool measures whether census data diverges from expectations, using data from public and administrative sources to provide context for population counts at the county level. A webinar demonstrating the tool's functions and addressing issues will be held on **March 1, 2022 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) for details and to register.



### Virtual Town Hall: Using the Rules of Life to Address Societal Challenges

The research community is invited to participate in a **Virtual Town Hall on March 15, 2022 from 11:00-3:00** centered on NSF's [Using the Rules of Life to Address Societal Challenges](#). The goal is for NSF to get community feedback on which grand challenges are best-suited to being solved by this convergent approach, as well as innovative ideas on how and what kinds of multidisciplinary teams can solve them. A subsequent series of four Virtual Workshops will be held on four separate days (April 14, 19, 21, and 26, 2022), each focused on a specific challenge defined by the Town Hall discussions.

[Click here](#) for details and to register.

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## Announcements & Faculty News

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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### Office Hours with Research & Innovation Leadership Team

OVPRI leadership including **Dan Sui, Randy Heflin, Laurel Miner** will be **hosting in-person office hours bi-weekly on Fridays** of each month starting in March through May to provide opportunities for greater connection with Virginia Tech researchers. Upcoming dates include:

- Mar. 11, 25 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- April 8, 22 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- May 6, 20 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Office hours will take place at the Research and Innovation Office, Suite 340 Burruss Hall.



OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

### New Undergraduate Research Opportunity, Co-Sponsored by ISCE, Available for Underrepresented Minority Students

**F.I.R.E. (Forging Interest in Research and Engagement) Starters** is a new undergraduate research program that aims to increase access to and training for research opportunities for underrepresented minority students. Students will participate in cohort learning that introduces them to transdisciplinary research and prepares them to pursue future research opportunities. Each student may receive up to \$4,000 in funding. **Students in all disciplines – especially in the humanities and social sciences** – are encouraged to think broadly about how their interests intersect with the theme of Environment and Society and how they could advance a research project that builds on their interests. Please encourage interested students to apply. Details are available [here](#).

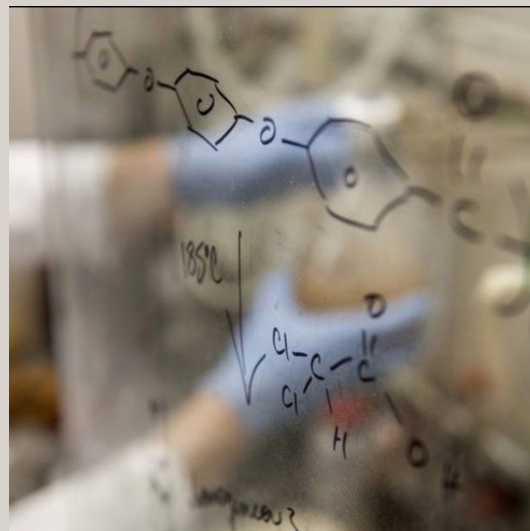


**'Vibrant Virginia' book explores urgent topics affecting communities across Virginia's urban-rural continuum**

**Sarah Lyon-Hill**, associate director for research development at the Center for Economic and Community Engagement, and **Margaret Cowell**, associate professor of urban affairs and planning, are the co-editors of "Vibrant Virginia," a new book that highlights the work communities are doing across the commonwealth's urban-rural continuum. [Read more...](#)

**Research and Innovation undergoes transformation, enhances enterprise growth**

To better support the research mission and presidential goal of being a top 100-global university, the research enterprise, led by Virginia Tech's Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer **Dan Sui**, is undergoing a transformation. [Read more...](#)



**U.S. Temporarily Bans Avocados From Mexico, Citing Threat**

**David Orden**, professor of agricultural and applied economics,



was quoted in a New York Times article discussing recent threats to U.S. safety inspectors and the U.S. actions to temporarily block all imports of avocados from Mexico.

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