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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

January 21, 2020



**We hope you are staying warm on this cold first day of classes!**

All are invited to an ISCE event on  
**Thursday, February 13th** featuring **Dr. Arthur Lupia**,  
Head of the Social, Behavioral and Economic Directorate and  
Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation. See below for details.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford  
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## Funding Opportunities



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### **Call for Proposals for 2020-21 ISCE Scholars Program**

ISCE is accepting applications for its *2020-21 Scholars Program*. **This signature program provides faculty support for developing grant proposals in the social sciences, broadly defined, and consistent with ISCE's four thematic areas and the University's Transdisciplinary Communities.** Proposed projects are expected to address critical individual and social concerns impacting the lives of people and places locally, nationally, or across the globe. The Scholars Program supports faculty to undertake work in a new or existing area, with the expectation that proposals developed through the program lead to external funding. Visit the [ISCE webpage for full details and to apply](#).

**Deadline: March 11, 2020**

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## Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood

### **Call for Letters of Intent for Early Childhood Grants**

The Caplan Foundation supports development projects and promising research with the potential to significantly enhance the physical and mental health, safety, nutrition, play, social integration, and/or quality of life of children from birth through seven years of age. **Letters of Intent are invited in the following categories:** early child welfare; early childhood education and play; and parenting education. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: January 30, 2020**

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Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute

CTRHB

### **Funding for Health Behavior Pilot/Feasibility Studies Available**

In a partnership with the Carilion Clinic's Research Acceleration Program (RAP), the VT College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the office of the VT VP of Health Sciences and Technology, and the Center for Transformative Health Behaviors, **at least 3 health behavior pilot/feasibility studies will be funded for up to \$20,000/year**. Funding is intended to support collaborative proposals from full-time VT faculty members and Carilion Clinic health practitioners. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: February 3, 2020 (Letter of Intent)**

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Improving public health by proactively investing in innovative research, education and value-driven health care

### **Funding Opportunity for Health Outcomes Research**

PhRMA Foundation welcomes applications for its Pharmacoeconomics, Real World Data and Health Outcomes Program, which supports a broad spectrum of issues related to healthcare delivery. **Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded in support of individuals beginning an independent research career in health outcomes in 3 areas:** 1) Pharmoeconomics; 2) Clinical Outcomes Assessment; and 3) Patient-Level Real-World Data and Analytic Tools. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: February 3, 2020**

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Commonwealth of Virginia

# ARDRAF

Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund

## Call for Proposals for Alzheimer's Related Research

The Commonwealth of Virginia Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund (ARDRAF) is requesting proposals for **studies from Virginia universities and research organizations related to Alzheimer's disease, policies, programs and financing or social and psychological impacts.** Projects may be awarded up to \$45,000. [Click here](#) for details and here for the [Letter of Intent form](#).

**Deadline: February 6, 2020 (Letters of Intent)**

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## Call for Disability Employment Pilot Projects

The Kessler Foundation invites applications for its **Signature Employment Grants program that offers up to \$250,000/year for up to two years in support of pilot initiatives or demonstration projects that develop models to increase employment for individuals with disabilities.** The foundation has a special interest in projects that address the intersection of race, class, gender, disability, and poverty. [Click here](#) for details.

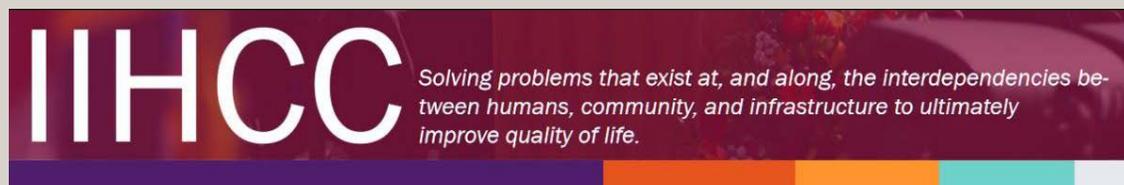
**Deadline: February 14, 2020 (Concept Papers)**

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## RWJF Leadership Programs

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced new deadlines for several of its leadership programs.

- **Culture of Health Leaders** - This program is for **people working in every field and profession who want to use their influence to advance health and equity**. Leaders represent fields as diverse as business, technology, architecture, education, urban farming, the arts and many others. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: February 19, 2020**
- **Interdisciplinary Research Leaders** - This program is for **teams of researchers and community partners and allows them to use the power of applied research** to accelerate that work and advance health and equity. [Click here](#) for details and [here to register](#) for an applicant information webinar on January 23rd. **Deadline: March 11, 2020.**



## Human Centered Communities Call for Proposals

The Intelligent Infrastructure and Human Centered Communities (IIHCC) Destination Area has issued a **call for proposals for projects that involve human-centered communities, plus one or more of their thematic areas**. Preference will be given to projects led by a IIHCC cluster hire as a PI or who has a significant role on the project, and to those projects that include PIs from two or more colleges. Three types of grants are available: Open calls for \$50,000 and \$25,000, and a call for projects in age-centered environments for up to \$25,000. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: February 20, 2020**

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### **Submit Your Idea for the NAM Healthy Longevity Catalyst Award!**

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) is accepting applications for its Healthy Longevity Catalyst Awards. Individuals and teams are invited to **submit 2-page applications detailing bold, innovative, and potentially transformative ideas** to improve the mental, physical, and social well-being of people as they age. The competition is open to innovators from all backgrounds, and ideas may focus on any stage of life, as long as they ultimately promote health as people age. [Click here](#) details.

**Deadline: February 24, 2020**

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### **NIA Request for Proposals for Stress-Related Projects**

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) Stress Measurement Network at UCSF, in collaboration with Gateway to Global Aging Data, has completed the harmonization of psychosocial stress variables across nine longitudinal studies on aging from around the world. With this completion, **there is an opportunity for early stage investigators to develop projects with these datasets and receive mentorship from senior faculty and a \$2,500 honorarium.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: February 28, 2020**

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## Transdisciplinary Faculty Fellows Program

### Faculty Fellows Program to Support Transdisciplinary Courses

The Virginia Tech Transdisciplinary Faculty Fellows Program **is designed to help facilitate the creation and teaching of transdisciplinary courses, many of which are connected to the Destination Area (DA) initiative.** The program is intended to provide support to faculty who want to teach outside of their home department and/or faculty who want to engage in design and implementation of transdisciplinary courses that require innovative models of faculty collaboration. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 1, 2020**

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### Call for Proposals for Gifted Children and Youth Research

The American Psychological Foundation welcomes applications for its Esther Katz Rosen Fund Grants, which range from \$1,000 and \$50,000, and **will be awarded in support of research, pilot projects, and research-based programs related to the psychological understanding of gifted children and youth.** Graduate students and early-career psychologists are encouraged to apply. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 1, 2020**

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### Applications Invited for Scholarly European Art Projects

The Samuel H. Kress Foundation is accepting proposals for scholarly projects that will enhance the appreciation and understanding of **European art and architecture.** Grants will be awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, the development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation

projects, museum exhibitions and publications, photographic campaigns, scholarly catalogs and publications, and technical and scientific studies. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 1, 2020 (Letters of Inquiry)**

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**Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success Grants**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is accepting applications for 2020 Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success grants. **The purpose of this program is to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse and its related problems** while strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the community and state level. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 6, 2020**

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**Call for Proposals for Biodiversity Data, Information Services in Africa**

The JRS Biodiversity Foundation has issued a RFP for multiyear projects of up to \$250,000 **focused on biodiversity data, knowledge, and information services related to freshwater biodiversity, pollinator biodiversity, and biodiversity informatics capacity development.** Priority countries include Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: March 10, 2020**

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **National Fish & Wildlife Foundation** - [2020 Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Grants](#)  
Deadline: January 30, 2020
- **Center for Retirement Research at Boston College** - [Steven H. Sandell Grant Program](#)  
Deadline: January 31, 2020
- **Human Animal Bond Research Institute** - [Human-Animal Interaction Research](#)  
Deadline: February 13, 2020
- **National Institutes of Health** - Opportunities in Alzheimer's Disease  
Deadline: February 16, 2020
  - [PAS-19-391: Archiving and Leveraging Existing Data Sets for Analyses](#)
  - [PAS-19-392: Basic Science](#)
  - [PAS-19-393: Systems Biology](#)
- **National Endowment for the Humanities** - [Tuition-Free Summer Programs](#)  
Deadline: March 1, 2020

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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**NSF Head of SBE Directorate to Present on February 13th**  
**Dr. Arthur Lupia**, Head of the **Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate**, and Assistant Director at the National Science Foundation, will present *The Value of Science in a Polarized Age*, on



**Thursday, February 13th at 1:00 p.m.**, in person in Arlington in the East/West Falls Church Room on 900 N. Glebe Rd., and via a simultaneous broadcast to Blacksburg, location TBA. Remote access through Zoom will also be available.

Visit the [ISCE website](#) for more information or click to view the [event flier](#). ISCE staff also will be available at each location to share information about the upcoming [call for proposals](#) for the ISCE Scholars Program and other ISCE grant support.

[Registration requested](#), regardless of location, by **Friday, February 7th**.

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### **Apply for OBSSR Summer Opportunities Now!**

- **2020 Institute for Implementation Science Scholars (IS-2)**  
The Institute for Implementation Science Scholars (IS-2) at Washington University in St. Louis, June 21-26, 2020, is a mentored training program for faculty interested in applying dissemination and implementation methods to proven behavioral and social science research to eliminate chronic disease disparities. [Click here](#) for details.  
**Deadline: January 29, 2020 by 10:00 a.m. ET**
- **Call for Applications: FIC 2020 Stigma Research Training Institute**

The Fogarty's Center for Global Health Studies is hosting a short-term training, June 8-11, 2020, in Bethesda, MD, to promote transdisciplinary and novel health-related stigma research methods to a cohort of researchers from diverse fields to strengthen research capacity in this area. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: February 10, 2020**

- **2020 Annual Summer Institute on Randomized Behavioral Clinical Trials**

The 20th Annual Summer Institute on Randomized Behavioral Clinical Trials will be held on July 19-27, 2020 at the Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland. The institute provides an intermediate/advanced course in planning, designing, and conducting high-impact randomized controlled trials of health-related behavioral interventions. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: February 15, 2020**

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## Announcements and Faculty News

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### Upcoming NSF New Biosketch Requirement

**The National Science Foundation (NSF) has designated the National Institutes of Health's SciENCv as an NSF-approved format for its biosketches.** Beginning with the revised version of the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), anticipated to be released in January 2020, NSF will only accept biosketches generated through an NSF-approved format. [Click here to access SciENCv](#) and training on the VT Office of Sponsored Programs website.

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### **COSSA Brief on Foreign Interference in US Research**

The Consortium of Social Science Associations has released a brief entitled, *Foreign Interference in the U.S. Research Enterprise & Policy Responses*, which **addresses the recent hot topic of foreign influence on U.S. research with considerations for those in the social and behavioral science community.** [Read more...](#)

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