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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

August 24, 2021



### Welcome Back!

We are excited to see so many students, faculty and staff back on campus this week! As you begin the semester, check out the many new funding opportunities and webinars being offered to support your research efforts.

For those of you whose research was interrupted by the coronavirus, be sure to see the RFP for ISCE's new [COVID-19 Reset Program](#); proposals are due September 10th. See below for details.

We hope everyone has a productive and safe fall semester.

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

## Funding Opportunities



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### ISCE COVID-19 Reset Program: Connect, Contribute, Complete

ISCE is now offering a novel opportunity for social science faculty whose research and subsequent plans for preparing an external grant proposal were hindered due to competing personal and professional demands associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. **Faculty selected for the program will receive mentoring and funding to support their research activities** and gather regularly with ISCE staff to CONNECT with peers, CONTRIBUTE expertise, and COMPLETE an external grant proposal for submission in 2022. Priority will be given to women in tenure/tenure-track positions at the assistant or associate level and to women research faculty (research scientist and assistant/associate level) embedded within departments/centers seeking significant external funding. [Click here](#) for details and the application guidelines.

**Deadline: September 10, 2021**



Commonwealth  
Cyber Initiative

### Call for Cybersecurity Research Collaboration

The Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CCI) Cybersecurity Research Collaboration aims to create cross-pollination opportunities for cybersecurity

researchers to collaborate across the commonwealth and to develop an ecosystem of innovation excellence in cybersecurity. **Researchers at public institutions of higher education in the Central Virginia, Southwest Virginia, or Northern Virginia Nodes of CCI who are deemed eligible by their home institution to serve as a principal investigator (PI) may apply.** Projects may be awarded up to \$125,000 in funding. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: August 31, 2021**

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### **Research to Improve Academic Outcomes for Black/Latinx Learners**

Assessment for Good (AFG), a program of the Advanced Education Research and Development Fund, has issued a request for proposals for the Leveraging Education Advanced Research Now (LEARN) program, which helps identify **innovative, rapid response research proposals that will improve conditions for the social and emotional well-being and academic outcomes of Black and Latinx learners.** AFG will provide up to \$300,000 in funding for 12 months. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 1, 2021 (Letters of Intent)**

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### **Racial Justice and Equity Funding**

The Lumina Foundation has issued an RFP for its Racial Justice and Equity (RJE) Fund that will support 7-10 organizations with grants of up to \$400,000 for up to two years. **The fund is designed to directly support organizations' efforts to eradicate systemic racism and advance equity and justice** for those who have experienced racial oppression. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 2, 2021 (initial applications)**



### Call for Proposals to Combat Disinformation

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has issued a Request for Proposals for efforts to combat disinformation in communities of color. Grants of up to \$175,000 will be awarded in support of a wide range of proposals including publication development, such as special journal issues or volumes; course relief to enable research; research assistance; targeted investigative reporting projects; symposia, workshops, or other convenings that advance practical, actionable insights; and data or technology acquisition. **The Knight Foundation will host a second of two informational webinars on September 1 at 3:00 p.m. ET** ([register here](#)). [Click here](#) for details. *Virginia Tech Foundation Relations* requests that interested faculty contact them for assistance with this foundation.

**Deadline: September 15, 2021**



### Faculty Scholars Program

The Greenwall Foundation is inviting applications for its Faculty Scholars Program, which supports research that goes beyond current work in bioethics to address pressing ethical issues in clinical, biomedical, and public health decision-making, policy, and practice that helps create a community focused on enhancing future bioethics research by scholars. **Three scholars will be chosen to receive 50% salary support over three years and \$5,000 a year for limited project support and travel.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline September 20, 2021** (Letters of Intent)



### RFP for Evidence-Based Projects to Prevent Opioid Use

The Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) has issued a call for applications for projects which can **develop, adapt, explore, and/or evaluate promising evidence-based models of family- and community-based prevention for opioid use disorder and overdose**. Applicants may apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 a year for up to three years. [Click here](#) for details and [here for the RFP](#).

**Deadline: September 20, 2021** (Concept note)

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## Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood

### Call for Letters of Intent

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood 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. **The foundation is inviting Letters of Intent in the following categories:** 1) Early Childhood Welfare; 2) Early Childhood Education & Play; and 3) Parenting Education. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 30, 2021**

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### AERA-NSF Grants Program

The AERA-NSF Grants Program is currently accepting proposals for its Research Grants. AERA provides **small grants for faculty members, postdoctoral researchers, and other doctoral-level scholars to undertake**

**quantitative research using data from large-scale data sets.** Grants are awarded for 1-2 years for up to \$35,000. Proposals are encouraged from a variety of disciplines, including education, sociology, economics, psychology, demography, statistics, and psychometrics. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: October 5, 2021**



**Funding Focus on Social, Behavioral & Economic Impact of COVID-19**

NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices participating in the [Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impacts of COVID-19 in Vulnerable and Health Disparity Populations initiative](#) are issuing a Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) to highlight interest in research to strengthen the understanding and response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and help NIH prepare more effectively for future public health emergencies. While research related to the direct clinical effects of COVID-19 are supported by other funding opportunities, there are additional urgent public health needs, particularly in populations who experience health disparities and in vulnerable populations. **Focus areas and specific funding opportunities vary by NIH institutes.** [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: October 5, 2021** (first of multiple dates)



**Using Open Data to Solve Real-World Problems**

The Opportunity Project (TOP) **helps companies, non-profits, and universities turn federal open data into new technologies that solve real-world problems for people across the country.** TOP facilitates 12-week product development cycles (called “sprints”) that pull together innovators from every sector. Tech teams join a sprint to build data-powered solutions to critical problems facing the public. Then, TOP matches them with subject-matter experts, who offer valuable information and feedback. Currently there are

sprints focused on climate change, equity and federal COVID-19 spending, housing and migration trends, and [other topics](#). TOP is also sponsoring an [Open Data For Good Grand Challenge](#) that will award up to \$100,000 to teams focused on either 1) Climate, resilience and the natural environment; 2) Society, economy and the built environment; or 3) Health and COVID-19. Click on the links above for details.

**Deadlines: Variable**

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **iTHRIV - [Pilot Grant Program and Community Seed Grants](#)**  
August 30, 2021
- **National Science Foundation - [Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace Frontiers](#)**  
Deadline: September 7, 2021
- **National Center for Special Education Research/Institute of Education Sciences - [FY22 Opportunities](#)**  
Deadline: September 9, 2021
- **Advancing Research Impact in Society (ARIS) - [2022 Fellows Program](#)**  
Deadline: September 30, 2021

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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**Webinar to Build Community Resilience: Aug. 26th**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine is offering a **webinar on "Cultural Responsive Practices for Building Community Resilience," on Thursday, August 26th from 1:00-2:00 p.m.**, which will feature Dr. Denise Lewis and Dr. Desiree Seponski from the University of Georgia. Participants will learn about barriers to improving resilience among immigrant communities and best practices for culturally responsive interventions. [Click here](#) to register.

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### **Seminar for JMP Statistical Software Offered**

A 2-day seminar with Kevin Potcner, an Academic Ambassador for JMP Statistical Discovery Software from SAS, will be **delivered via Zoom on Friday, August 27th & September 17, 2021 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.** The seminar, "Using JMP Statistical Software for dynamic exploration of data," is free for student and faculty researchers at Virginia Tech. [Click here](#) to register.



### **Workshop: Critical, Feminist & Collaborative Methods**

A methodology **workshop featuring Professor Richa Nagar from the University of Minnesota will be offered on September 14, 2021 from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Room 111 in Arch Annex.** Dr. Nagar's multi-lingual and multi-genre work blends scholarship, creative writing, theatre, and activism to build alliances with people's struggles and to engage questions of ethics, responsibility, and justice. The workshop will focus on a reading assignment that must be completed ahead of the workshop and may involve writing a collaborative scholarly work to be submitted for publication. [Click here](#) for details and to express interest in participating. Questions? Contact [Desiree Poets](#).

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National Center for  
Complementary and  
Integrative Health

### **Workshop Offered on Methodological Approaches for Whole Person Research**

NIH is offering a **free, virtual workshop on September 29 & 30, 2021 from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. focused on methodological approaches for the whole person.** This workshop is sponsored by multiple NIH Institutes, Offices and Centers and will identify opportunities for research in complementary and integrative health and discuss relevant study designs, statistical methods and computational approaches. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

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## **Announcements and Faculty News**

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### **Best wishes and thank you to ISCE's GII Director, David Orden**

David Orden, a founding member of ISCE's leadership team and [Director of the Global Issues Initiative](#) (GII), recently completed his work with ISCE and is

rejoining his home department of [Agricultural and Applied Economics](#) in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Under David's leadership, GII has addressed international policy questions facing the United States at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels. In addition, GII has also conducted an active research and teaching program with De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines.

David has made many significant contributions to ISCE over the years including directing past ISCE programs, the [ISCE-GII Research Support Program](#) and [Middle East Small Grants](#) program. He has recently completed work on a USDA funded grant, *Effects of Contested Regulatory Measures on U.S. and Global Agricultural Trade*, led by Jason Grant with the ISCE associated center, [The Center for Agricultural Trade](#). He has also been an active member of the [Policy Destination Area](#) and served as chair of its research committee.

ISCE is grateful for the many years of dedicated service that David has provided to ISCE and wishes him well in his new academic pursuits!



**Virginia Tech researcher, Alec Smith, reveals new data on COVID-19 impacts**

Assistant professor of economics, **Alec Smith**, shares his research in an interview on WFXR on how COVID-19 affects men and women differently and how this new data will hopefully help individuals cope better. [View the video.](#)



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