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Multiple New Funding Opportunities this week!

There are a number of new funding opportunities this week, including: two solicitations from NSF, one of which is a reissue of the **Strengthening American Infrastructure** solicitation; three opportunities from NIH focused on mental health and COVID-19; an opportunity from the NEA for research grants focused on the arts; and an internal competition for applications to the Roanoke Women's Foundation.

See the **Funding Opportunities** section below for details and additional opportunities.

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Funding Opportunities

ACLS Digital Justice Seed Grants

The American Council of Learned Societies is pleased to invite applications for Digital Justice Seed Grants, which are made possible by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grants are designed to promote and provide resources for newly formulated projects that diversify the digital domain, advance justice and equity in digital scholarly practice, and/or contribute to public understanding of racial and social justice issues. **Grants will range from $10,000-$25,000 for 12-18 months**. Grants may not support projects whose focus is the production of creative works (e.g., novels or films), textbooks, straightforward translations, or purely pedagogical projects. Institutional indirect costs will not be covered. Click here for details.

Deadline: February 15, 2022

Roanoke Women's Foundation Letter of Intent

The Roanoke Women's Foundation provides high-impact grants of at least

$30,000 in Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, and Health & Human Services. Grant finalists are determined through a detailed process of proposal reviews, site visits, and ultimately chosen by a vote of the membership in September of each year. **This is a limited submission opportunity. If interested in applying contact** [Janet Webster](#) to submit an internal letter of intent. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: February 18, 2022 (internal letter of intent)

2022 National Academy of Medicine Catalyst Award

The National Academy of Medicine invites applications that aim to extend the human health span, especially approaches that challenge existing paradigms or propose new methodologies or concepts. Each award includes a $50,000 cash prize and travel costs to attend an annual Global Innovator Summit. Applications may also originate from any field or combination of fields such as biology, chemistry, medicine, engineering, **behavioral and social sciences, technology, data science, and policy**. Examples of topic areas include but are not limited to behavioral health; built environment and urban planning; health care delivery; housing; physical health; policy; and technology. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: February 28, 2022

Towards 2044: Horowitz Early Career Scholar Program

The Society for Research in Child Development is accepting scholar and mentor applications for the *Towards 2044: Horowitz Early Career Scholar Program*. This year-long program encourages and supports scholars from under-represented ethnic/racial groups in pursuing graduate work in developmental science. "Towards 2044" takes its name from the year when the

adult population of the United States is estimated to become a diverse majority. **Faculty may be interested in applying to be mentors for this program or pass the information along to eligible graduate students.** Click here for details.

Retirement Research Foundation Invites Applications for Projects in Aging

Grants will be awarded in support of projects that enable older people to live well and fully in community settings, with a **focus on caregiving, housing, economic security in later life, and social and intergenerational connectedness**. Click here for details.

Deadline: March 2, 2022 (Letters of Inquiry)

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

Evaluating the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic-related Food and Housing Policies and Programs on Health Outcomes in Health Disparity Populations

The purpose of this RFA is to identify and evaluate the ongoing and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on governmental policy and programmatic actions that **address two social determinants of health: food/nutrition security and housing security**. Applications are to examine how these specific policies and programs impacted health and health equity in individuals, families, and communities from health disparity populations. Click here for details.

Deadline: April 7, 2022 (only deadline)

Advancing Integrated Models (AIM) of Care to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes among Women Who Experience Persistent Disparities

The purpose of this RFA is to support formative research and pilot studies to inform the development of integrated models of supportive care to prevent severe maternal morbidity and mortality among disproportionately impacted populations. Click here for details.

Deadline: April 7, 2022 (only deadline)

COVID-19 Mental Health Research

NIH has issued several funding opportunities or notices of special interest to address urgent, time-sensitive mental health research questions related to COVID-19, including broader secondary impacts of the pandemic as well as research on the intersection of mental health, COVID-19, and HIV.

- Urgent Award: COVID-19 Mental Health Research: R01 Clinical Trial Required or R01 Clinical Trial Optional; **deadline: April 25, 2022**
- Innovative Pilot Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials (R34 Clinical Trial Not Allowed); **deadline: June 16, 2022**

Strengthening American Infrastructure

Strengthening American Infrastructure (SAI) 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.

Civic Innovation Challenge: A research/action competition driven by community priorities

This opportunity is a research and action competition that accelerates the transition to practice of foundational research and emerging technologies into communities through civic-engaged research. CIVIC is organized as a two-stage competition with two tracks: Track A: Living in a changing climate: pre-disaster action around adaptation, resilience, and mitigation; Track B: Bridging the gap between essential resources and services & community needs.

In Stage 1, ~50 Planning Grant awards will be made for pilot projects. **Only awardees of Stage 1 proposals will be eligible for Stage 2.** In Stage 2, approximately 20 full awards will be made. Proposals must describe how the PIs will execute and evaluate their research-centered pilot projects. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 5, 2022 (Stage 1)

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **a2 Collective/NIA Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratories**

for Aging Research - a2 Pilot Awards
Deadline: February 18, 2022

- **Alzheimer's Association** - 2022 Research Opportunities
Deadline: February 21, 2022 (letters of intent)

- **Human Animal Bond Research Institute** - Addressing Evidence-Based Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction Research
Deadline: February 24, 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:
  - HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants; deadline: March 2, 2022
  - HEAL Initiative: Data and Methods to Address Urgent Needs to Stem the Opioid Epidemic; deadline: March 10, 2022
  - Understanding Place-Based Health Inequalities in Mid-Life; deadline: March 3, 2022
  - Social Disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life; deadline: March 15, 2022
  - Research to Improve Native American Health; deadline: May 17, 2022
  - Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health; deadline: May 17, 2022

- **National Science Foundation -** Future of Work at the Human Technology Frontier: Core Research
Deadline: March 2, 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

Conferences, Seminars and Events

2022 PPE Distinguished Public Lecture: Esther Duflo

The Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics is holding the 2022 PPE Distinguished Public Lecture virtually, featuring Nobel Prize winner Esther Duflo. Professor Duflo will speak about her (co-authored) book, *Good Economics for Hard Times*. **The lecture will take place February 16, 2022 from 5-6:30pm**. The event is free and open to the public, but advanced registration is required. Click here for the event flier.

Announcements & Faculty News

New data initiative will accelerate advancement & impacts of social/behavioral research

To help address a wide range of challenges and create opportunities, NSF is investing in the creation of a new data platform that will help researchers across the gamut of scientific disciplines access, collect, store and secure vital information. The $38 million commitment will establish the Research Data Ecosystem: A National Resource for Reproducible, Robust, and Transparent Social Science Research in the 21st Century. **This NSF initiative will enable transformative research in fields that leverage complex scientific data about human behavior, society and the economy**. Read more....

Shoe Drive to Benefit Soles4Souls

The Office of Research and

Innovation is hosting a shoe drive to benefit [Soles4Souls](). By donating new or gently used shoes from Feb 1st-28th, you can help provide relief to individuals in need and help support micro-businesses and entrepreneurship around the world. **Collection boxes are located at:** all Fralin Life Sciences Institute-affiliated buildings, VT Transportation Institute, North End Center 4th Floor breakroom, ICTAS-CRC, Kelly Hall and Burrus Hall. [Click here]() to view the flier.
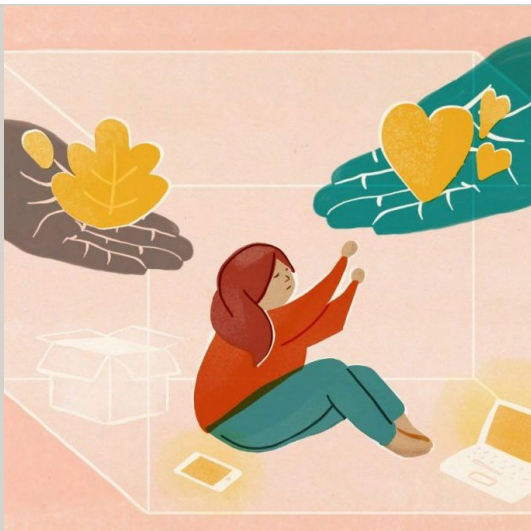
Institute's COVID-19 Reset Program supports social science faculty

Created by ISCE, **the program offers both funding and mentoring for a cohort of five social science faculty whose research has been interrupted during the pandemic**. The program began last fall and will continue this spring as the five faculty develop and submit proposals for external funding. [Read more...]()

How to fight COVID-19 shame

Donald "Joe" Gieck, an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, discusses the stigma attached to COVID-19, and how it's

leading some to feel anxious and shameful, even though they followed public health guidance. [Read more...](#)