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Spread the word to your students about the TECH Together Campaign!
This initiative, supported by OVPRI and the investment institutes, including ISCE, is soliciting proposals from students on how to address the COVID-19 pandemic this fall. See the **Announcements** section below for details.

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

Funding Opportunities

COVID-19 Solutions Fund

Mozilla Open Source Support (MOSS) program has created a COVID-19 Solutions Fund and is **accepting applications on an ongoing basis for projects up to $50,000 that respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in some way.** MOSS is accepting applications for hardware and software projects including software that solves secondary effects of COVID-19 (e.g. a browser plug in that combats COVID-19 misinformation). Click here for details.

Deadline: Ongoing

Collaborative Research with Israel

The U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) **promotes scientific relations between the U.S. and Israel by supporting collaborative research projects in a wide range of basic and applied scientific fields,** for peaceful and non-profit purposes. This program partners with the National Science Foundation. There are several rapidly approaching deadlines for collaborative research programs including ones in the Behavioral/Cognitive Sciences and the Economic and Decision Sciences. Applications must be submitted through both the U.S. and Israeli platforms. Deadlines for each program are separate but close in time. Click here for details.

Deadlines: July/August 2020

Inclusive Growth and Discovery Challenge

As part of a commitment to build the field of data science for social impact, Data.org has launched a $10 million *Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge*, **an open call for breakthrough ideas that harness the power of data science to help people and communities thrive, especially in the wake of COVID-19**. Data.org seeks proposals aimed at using data science to advance shared prosperity and help ensure an inclusive recovery, with a particular focus on the following areas: jobs of tomorrow, access to capital and cities & towns. Click here for details.

Deadline: July 17, 2020

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- **Leadership & Management of the Culture of Health Prize:** This request **seeks an entity to re-imagine, lead, and manage the next two-year phase of the leadership and management of the national RWJF Culture of Health Prize**. The call for proposals provides background on the RWJF Culture of Health Prize and outlines responsibilities for an organization selected to take on the next phase of leadership and management. Click here for details. **Deadline: July 31, 2020**

- **Approaches to Advance Gender Equity:** Through this special call for proposals (CFP), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation **seeks to translate and adapt knowledge from around the world to the United States on approaches that can improve health or the determinants of health by improving gender equity**. Research projects should reflect collaborations between U.S- and non-U.S.-based organizations, based on pre-existing relationships that demonstrate a durable and productive partnership. Projects that do not reflect a collaboration between U.S. and non-U.S.-based organizations will not be considered. Click here for details. **Deadline: August 26, 2020**
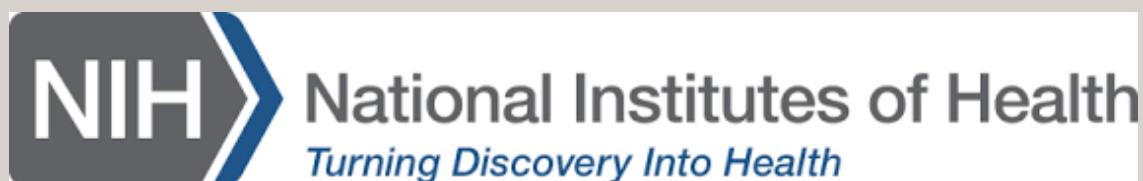
Research Grants on Reducing Inequality

The William T. Grant Foundation is inviting applications for its Research Grants on Reducing Inequality program, which supports high-quality field-initiated studies from a range of disciplines and methodologies relevant to policies and practices that affect the lives of young people in the U.S. Grants of up to $600,000 over up to three years will be awarded in **support of research that aims to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices that can reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes of young people**. Click here for details.

Deadline: August 4, 2020 (Letter of Intent)

New Funding Opportunities related to COVID-19

NIH has issued two new funding opportunities with a focus on COVID-19:

- Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19. Click here for details. **Deadlines: August 20, 2020; December 2, 2020; March 2, 2021**

- Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of COVID-19 among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations. Click here for details. **Deadline: August 28, 2020; December 1, 2020**

New Round of Funding for PIlot Translational and Clinical Studies

The iTHRIV Pilot Translational and Clinical Studies Program is a core component of the NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Sciences Award, "The integrated Translational Health Research Institute of Virginia (iTHRIV): Using Data to Improve Health." **The goal of the pilot program is to help teams transition from early-stage seed grants and proof-of-concept studies to externally-funded translational research and clinical application**. Click here for details.

Deadline: August 31, 2020

Requests for Applications Announced

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) within the Department of Education, has issued an announcement of **new Requests for Applications for several of the Institute's largest grant programs for fiscal year (FY) 2021** as well as updates to some of the Institute's programs. The Requests for Applications are mainly in the Education Research and Training Grant Programs and in Special Education Research and Training Grant Programs. Most deadlines are mid-to-late July or August 2020. A full list of the RFAs are available on the IES website.

Deadlines: July/August 2020

Fellowships Focused on Social Justice

The Nathan Cummings Foundation is accepting applications for its Fellowship program. **The program provides three individuals with up to $150,000 over eighteen months to turn an inspired idea that advances social justice into a reality**. Fellows also receive hands-on training, resources, and leadership development to scale the impact of their work. The Fellowship is designed for emerging leaders in the U.S. who have limited access to institutional philanthropy and whose work is traditionally underfunded. The topic of a fellow's project should generally align with the foundation's focus on climate change and inequality. Click here for details.

Deadline: September 1, 2020

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **National Science Foundation** - Coastlines and People
  Deadline: August 10, 2020 (Required LOI)

- **VT Global Change Center** - Interdisciplinary Seed Funding
  Deadline: August 25, 2020 (Notice of Intent)

- **Fulbright Program** - 2020-2021 U.S. Scholar Program
  Deadline: September 15, 2020

- **IAS/School of Social Science** - Political Mobilization & Social Movements Fellowships
  Deadline: November 1, 2020

External Funding Success

Mellon Foundation supports creation of a new Pathways minor in Tech for Humanity

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded $665,000 to Virginia Tech to enable its Center for Humanities, led by Sylvester Johnson, to lead the creation of a new Pathways minor, Tech for Humanity. Read more...

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Leading with Passion and Perseverance - July 15th

The Virginia Network for Women in Higher Education presents "*Leading with Passion and Perseverance*" featuring **Dr. Donna Price Henry, Chancellor at UVA Wise on Wednesday, July 15th from 3:00-4:00 p.m**. In this presentation, Dr. Henry will share how she has navigated turbulent times at her institution and as outgoing Chair of the Council of Presidents, comprised of all public university and college presidents in the Commonwealth. Click here to register for the free Zoom webinar.

Announcements and Faculty News

TECH Together Campaign to Address COVID-19

The investment institutes and OVPRI are launching the TECH Together Campaign to solicit student ideas to combat the spread of COVID-19 in the Virginia Tech community when campus reopens in the fall. **Applications for the first phase of the three-phase competition are due July 20.** Teams of graduate and/or undergraduate students can submit ideas on topics including transmission prevention, facilitating contact tracing, and surveillance. Each team will need a faculty advisor. Application details can be found here, with questions directed to Kiyah Duffey. The program is supported through the Rapid Response Seed Fund.

Drop-In Consulting Hours for Biostatistics Support

The **Center for Biostatistics and Health Data Science is now offering Drop-In Zoom Consulting Hours** for biostatistics support. This service is available to the VT research community for short-term, drop-in consultation, compliments of the iTHRIV CTSA. Available on Mondays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Click here for details.

Is your NIH Application Responsive to the Goals of Your Selected Opportunity?

NIH has recently announced that, like Requests for Applications (RFAs), Program Announcements with special receipt, referral, and/or review considerations (PARs) and Program Announcements with set-aside funds (PASs) may now include criteria that would make an application non-responsive. **Applications that are deemed non-responsive will be withdrawn from review**. Read more...

New Director Takes Helm at NSF

Sethuraman Panchanathan has been officially appointed as the **National Science Foundation's 15th director**. Click here to read his vision for his six-year term and promise for a continued push for inclusiveness in science and engineering.

SOPA Professor launches free music-making software inspired by physical distancing

Ivica Ico Bukvic, professor in the School of Performing Arts, has made jamming during a pandemic easier for musicians around the world by creating L2Ork Tweeter, a free and open-sourced program designed to unite physically distant communities through the power of music. Read more...

Amani and Sarangi: Peace, protests and prejudice

Amani, a doctoral student in the Center for Public Administration and Policy, and **Sudipta Sarangi**, a professor of economics, reflect on peace, protests and prejudice in response to recent events. Read more...

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