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ISCE NEWS FLASH

February 16, 2021



Correction! The ISCE presentation by Dr. Kelli Craig-Henderson of the National Science Foundation will take place on **Wednesday, February 24th.**

Please RSVP by Feb. 19th.

Also, check out the new NSF solicitation on
"Understanding the Rules of Life: Emergent Networks."

See below for details.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



Call for Proposals for 2021-2022 ISCE Scholars

The ISCE Scholars Program provides faculty support for grant proposals in the social sciences, broadly defined, and consistent with ISCE's four thematic areas. Six to eight awards of up to \$30,000 will be awarded for a period of one year, beginning in July 2021. **This year's call encourages team proposals aligned with the University's Transdisciplinary Communities or that address disinformation, inequality or structural racism.** [Click here](#) for the full announcement and application forms. Feel free to contact ISCE with any questions.

Deadline: March 1, 2021



Call for Proposals to Improve US/International Engagement

The Carnegie Corporation of New York invites proposals for two of its areas:

- **Re-imagining Multilateralism Initiative:** As the nature of security in the 21st century continues to evolve and crises like COVID-19 emerge, **there is a need to re-imagine existing multilateral approaches to critical transnational challenges.** The Carnegie Corporation will fund projects from \$200-500k for up to 24 months. [Click here](#) for details.

- **Domestic-International Connections Projects:** The Carnegie Corporation is issuing a call to support **projects that explore the key factors underlying the importance of the domestic-international connection and what an integrative policy approach might look like in practice.** The corporation will fund projects up to \$200-500k for up to 24 months. [Click here](#) for details.

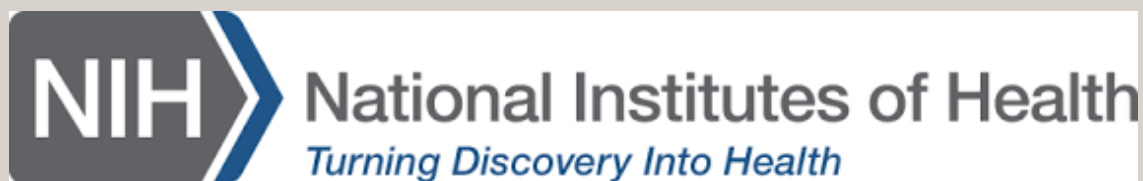
Deadline: March 15, 2021 (Concept papers)



Cybersecurity and Dis/Misinformation

The Commonwealth Cyber Initiative seek proposals of up to \$65k from multi-disciplinary teams in the CCI network to **conduct research on the how cybersecurity and artificial intelligence tools and concepts may help to limit, deter, or stop the creation and spread of disinformation and misinformation.** Projects must involve a multidisciplinary team with at least one researcher from a relevant technology discipline and at least one researcher from a relevant social science and humanities discipline. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 15, 2021



NIH Opportunity Focused on Social Connectedness & Health Reissued

The NIH funding opportunity *Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well Being, Illness, and Recovery* (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed), has been reissued with a final deadline in March 2021. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 17, 2021



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS 20-2 WALTER A. ROSENBLITH NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Call for Research on Health Effects of Air Pollution

The Health Effects Institute welcomes applications for the Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award. Grants of up to \$500,000 for up to three years will be awarded in support of research being conducted by early investigators on the health effects of air pollution. **Research projects are often interdisciplinary in nature and span a range of scientific fields**, including atmospheric science, epidemiology, exposure science, statistics, and toxicology. Potential research topics include multipollutant science; accountability and transparency; emerging technologies and fuels; and global health science. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 24, 2021 (Preliminary Proposals)



AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

Call for Projects that Use Psychology to Solve Social Problems

The American Psychological Foundation welcomes applications for its **2021 Visionary Grants program which seeks to seed innovation in the field through support for research, education, and intervention projects and programs** that use psychology to solve social problems in the following priority areas: applying psychology to vulnerable, at-risk populations; preventing violence; understanding the connection between behavior and health; and understanding and eliminating stigma and prejudice. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 1, 2021



Applications for Fellowships in the Arts and Humanities

The Bogliasco Foundation awards one-month fellowships to individuals of all ages and nationalities who have made significant contributions in the arts and humanities. Fellows live and work near Genoa, Italy. **The foundation expects this year's process to be very competitive due to the COVID pandemic and especially welcomes applications for its [special fellowships](#).** Its online application portal is now open for residencies for the Spring 2022 semester. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 15, 2021



New "Understanding the Rules of Life" Solicitation

Understanding the Rules of Life: Emergent Networks is a new collaborative initiative involving all NSF research directorates and offices. **The new solicitation is an opportunity for researchers in the social, behavioral and economic sciences to partner with colleagues in biology, engineering and other disciplines** to develop a predictive understanding of how key properties of living systems emerge from the interactions of genomes, phenotypes and other factors, and how emerging networks of natural, social and human-engineered systems influence their environment. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: May 10, 2021

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **National Science Foundation** - Multiple Opportunities
 - [Smart & Connected Communities](#): Deadline: February 24, 2021
 - [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier](#): Deadline: March 23, 2021
 - [DCL: Pilot Projects to Integrate Existing Data and Data-Focused Cyberinfrastructure to Enable Community-level Discovery Pathways](#): March 23, 2021
 - [Designing Accountable Software Systems](#): Deadline: April 19, 2021

- **Institute of Education Sciences** - Two Opportunities
Deadline: February 25, 2021
 - [Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy](#)
 - [Practice and for Transformative Research in the Education Sciences](#)

- **American Psychological Foundation** - [Research Exploring LGBTQ Issues](#)
Deadline: March 1, 2021

- **American Philosophical Society** - [Phillips Fund for Native American Research](#)
Deadline: March 1, 2021

- **Commonwealth Cyber Initiative** - [Scalable Pilot Experiential Learning Programs](#)
Deadline: March 1, 2021

- National Academy of Medicine - [Healthy Longevity Catalyst Competition](#)
Deadline: March 8, 2021

- **National Institute of Justice** - [Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women](#)
Deadline: April 27, 2021 (Extended)

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Don't miss ISCE's next big event, featuring Dr. Craig-Henderson from the National Science Foundation...

Opportunities & Priorities: Getting NSF Support for Your Research in the SBE Sciences



Kellina Craig-Henderson, PhD

Deputy Assistant Director, National Science Foundation
Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate

Join Dr. Craig-Henderson to learn more about Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences directorate including their recently refocused funding priorities and several new initiatives for 2021.

[Click here](#) to read Dr. Craig-Henderson's December 2020 "Why Social Science? Because It Can Help Fight Stereotypes in the World of Science" blog post.

WEDNESDAY FEB. 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) to register by Friday, February 19th to receive the Zoom link.



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



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AND SOCIETY
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Annual Nicholas Mullins Lecture: Feb. 19th

Dr. Michelle Murphy from the University of Toronto will present "*Rethinking Chemicals towards Environmental Justice and Land Protection*," on **February 19th at 1:30 p.m. for the STS Annual Nicholas Mullins Lecture.** [Click here](#) for the event flier which includes the Zoom information.



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AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION
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Evaluation Speaker Series Begins Feb. 25th

The Department of Agricultural, Leadership and Community Education invites the Virginia Tech community to the Spring 2021 Evaluation Speaker Series. **Nina Sabarre will present "*Evaluation Entrepreneurship*" from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on February 25th.** [Click here](#) to register. [The flier](#) provides the details for upcoming dates and times of the other presentations that will take place later in

the spring.



Virologist to address the faith, science of COVID-19 vaccinations in Black communities

Oveta Fuller will present "*Navigating Pandemics: Trusted Messenger Perspectives on Coronavirus, COVID-19 and Vaccines*," as part of the Maury Strauss Distinguished Public Lecture Series hosted by the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC. **The lecture will be held on February 25th at 5:30 p.m.** [Click here](#) for details and [here to register](#).



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

SIRC Webinars Offered for Spring 2021 Semester

The Division of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance (SIRC) will be hosting its first **Investigator Series webinar of the semester on Feb 26th from 12:00-1:00 p.m.** This presentation will feature John Palmore, who will discuss the ethical considerations that inform his research, which focuses on biofuel use, aviation safety, and the benefits of the growing open science movement. [Click here](#) to register.

SIRC is also offering 4 half-day *Responsible Conduct of Research* webinars this spring. Each of these webinars provides 4 hours of in-person training towards the NIH's 8-hour in-person training requirement. Participation in one webinar is not required in order to attend another webinar. Dates, topics and registration information is provided below.

- **March 3rd**, 8:30am -12:30pm, Topics: Ethical obligation to protect research participants, unidentified conflicts of interest, and the importance of mentor-mentee relationships. [Click here](#) to register.
- **March 12th**, 8:30am -12:30pm, Topics: Regulatory requirements for

conducting animal research, the process for ensuring the health and safety of personnel working with biohazardous agents and resources and requirements for data security. [Click here](#) to register.

- **March 30th**, 12:30-4:30pm, Topics: Detrimental effects of bullying, harassment, and discrimination on the research environment as well as statistical ethics and research misconduct. [Click here](#) to register.
- **April 12th**, 12:30-4:30pm, Topics: Engaging in and managing conflict as well as citations and authorship ethics. [Click here](#) to register.

Questions? Contact [Kory Trott](#).



Virtual Visit by Leadership of NSF EHR Division

As part of the Education and Human Resources Directorate (EHR) at the National Science Foundation, the Division of Research (DLR) on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings invests in innovative research, development, and evaluation projects to improve the effectiveness of STEM learning for people of all ages in both formal and informal learning settings. DRL seeks to advance both early, promising innovations as well as larger-scale adoptions of proven educational innovations. **The virtual visit will take place on March 1st from 1:30-2:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to register. If interested in meeting with a program officer after the presentation, contact Cate Goebel at cgoebel@uchicago.edu.



Inaugural "On Displacement" Speaker Series Event - March 10th

Join the Center for Refugee, Migrant and Displacement Studies for the first

presentation as part of its "On Displacement" Speaker Series. **The event will be held on March 10th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to register and [here for the event flier](#).

Announcements and Faculty News



VT Giving Day - Coming Up Soon!

Show your commitment to the social, behavioral, and policy sciences at Virginia Tech and support ISCE on **Giving Day!** [Link](#) goes live on February 24-25, 2021. THANK YOU!



Virtual Office Hours for NSF Future of Work

The National Science Foundation is offering virtual office hours for the [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier](#) solicitation on **February 18th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) for details.

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