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ISCE NEWS FLASH

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We hope your semester is ending on a positive note!

Check out several new funding opportunities and information on the National Science Foundation's virtual grants conference coming up in June 2021. See below for details.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



GCC-ISCE Issue Call for Proposals for Seed Grants

The Global Change Center (GCC) and ISCE are accepting letters of intent for two interdisciplinary seed grant opportunities, both focused on global change. The second opportunity, in particular, seeks to fund projects led by GCC-affiliated faculty that address social aspects of global change issues. **The project should leverage and integrate a unique combination of social science expertise with biophysical and/or engineering expertise at VT.** It is anticipated that \$30,000 will be awarded to 1-2 projects. [Click here](#) for the full RFA for both opportunities.

Deadline: May 21, 2021 (Letter of intent); June 18, 2021 (Proposals)



Call for Applications for Equity Scholars

The Urban Institute is **kicking off a new effort to grow the field of researchers building evidence to accelerate racial justice and strengthen equity across society.** Their new Equity Scholars program offers emerging and established scholars the opportunity to deepen their own policy-oriented research on race, equity, and/or structural racism while contributing to equity-focused analyses underway at Urban. Over two years, as members of a cohort, Equity Scholars will develop research to interrogate the effects of structural racism on people and places, develop evidence-based solutions to advance racial equity, and share their insights to decision makers best positioned to act.

[Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: June 1, 2021



Call for Applications with Social/Behavioral Elements

NIH has announced **funding opportunities with social and behavioral elements** related to COVID-19:

- Notice of Special Interest: [Research on the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic and Risks for Abuse and Injury Among Vulnerable Children and Youth](#); **deadline: June 5, 2021** (first of multiple)
 - Notice of Special Interest: [Aging-Relevant Behavioral and Social Research on Coronavirus Disease 2019](#); **standard deadlines apply**, dependent on mechanism.
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Call for Research on Early Childcare Workforce

The Foundation for Child Development is accepting letters of intent for its 2021 Young Scholars Program (YSP). The YSP funds **implementation research that is policy and practice-relevant and examines the preparation, competency, compensation, well-being, and ongoing professional learning of the early care and education workforce** that serves young children who experience the harmful effects of poverty and discrimination. Awards up to \$225,000 available. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: June 8, 2021



Call for Policy Analysis Research, Writing

The Smith Richardson Foundation is accepting applications for its annual Strategy and Policy Fellows grant competition. At least three research grants of \$60,000 will be awarded in support of research by young scholars and policy thinkers working in the area(s) of **American foreign policy, international relations, international security, military policy, and diplomatic and military history** that leads to the writing of a book. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: June 18, 2021



Call for Data Science Proposals

Facebook's *Statistics for Improving Insights, Models and Decisions* request for proposals is designed to **support research that addresses challenges in applied statistics that have direct application for producing more effective insights and decisions for data scientists and researchers**. They anticipate issuing five awards, each in the \$50,000 range, as an unrestricted gift. PIs and Co-PIs on the winning proposals will also be granted access to CrowdTangle, a public insights tool from Facebook that makes it easy to follow, analyze, and report on what's happening with public content on social media. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: June 30, 2021



Research on U.S. Healthcare System

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation is dedicated to improving the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of the U.S.

healthcare system. **The foundation supports innovative health services research in the areas of healthcare financing, delivery, management and policy.** Priority will be given to research studies that address issues of broad significance for the U.S. healthcare system, have high potential to produce timely results, and reach key target audiences. Expected project impact is paramount. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: June 30, 2021 (Letters of Inquiry)



Fairness in AI in Collaboration with Amazon

The National Science Foundation and Amazon are partnering to jointly support computational research focused on fairness in AI, with the goal of contributing to trustworthy AI systems that are readily accepted and deployed to tackle grand challenges facing society. Funded projects will enable broadened acceptance of AI systems, helping the U.S. to further capitalize on the potential of AI technologies. Although Amazon provides partial funding for this program, it will not play a role in the selection of proposals for award. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: August 3, 2021



2021 Funding Opportunity Announced

The Minerva Research Initiative, **the signature social science research program within the Department of Defense (DOD), has announced**

research opportunities for fiscal year (FY) 2021 and listed several target research topics for the program. Minerva aims to apply social science research to critical national security questions and inform broader DOD decision-making based on this research. [Click here](#) for details and the full RFA including research priorities.

Deadline: September 29, 2021

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Caplan Foundation** - [Early Childhood Research](#)
Deadline: May 31, 2021
- **Native American Agriculture Fund** - [Proposals to Increase Success of Native Farmers](#)
Deadline: June 1, 2021
- **Wenner Gren Foundation** - [Conference/Workshop Grants](#)
Deadline: June, 1, 2021
- **National Institute of Mental Health** - Multiple Opportunities:
 - [Developing and Testing Multilevel Physical Activity Interventions to Improve Health and Well-Being](#); deadline: June 5, 2021
 - [COVID-19 Related School Disruptions Impact on Mental Health, Cognitive, Social, and Emotional Development of Children](#); deadline: June 5, 2021 (first deadline)
 - [Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research on COVID-19 Consortium](#); deadline: June 9, 2021
 - [RADx-UP - Social, Ethical, and Behavioral Implications \(SEBI\) Research on Disparities in COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and Vulnerable Populations](#); deadline: July 7, 2021
 - [Community-engaged COVID-19 Testing Interventions among Underserved and Vulnerable Populations – RADx-UP Phase II](#); deadline: July 7, 2021
- **American Diabetes Association** - [Diabetes Health Disparities Research](#)
Deadline: June 7, 2021
- **Virginia Catalyst** - [Grant Round 12/Translational Research](#)
Deadline: June 15, 2021

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - Two Opportunities:
 - [Health Equity Scholars for Action](#)
Deadline: June 16, 2021
 - [Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems](#)
Deadline: June 28, 2021
- **Russell Sage Foundation** - [Visiting Scholars Program](#)
Deadline: June 24, 2021
- **National Science Foundation** - Multiple Opportunities:
 - [Racial Equity in STEM Education](#); deadline: July 13, 2021 (first of multiple)
 - [Trans-Atlantic Platform Recovery, Renewal, and Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World](#); deadline: July 21, 2021

Conferences, Seminars and Events



Registration Is Now Open!

Join the National Science Foundation for its **Spring 2021 NSF Virtual Grants Conference** that will be broadcast live on Zoom June 7-11, 2021. Click here [to register](#) and [here for conference details](#) including the agenda. You will need to register for each Zoom session. Even though the conference is held online, registration is limited, so register quickly if you want to attend the live broadcast. For those who cannot attend the live conference, all sessions will be recorded and available on-demand shortly after the event and posted to their [website](#) and [YouTube](#) page.

DARPA DISCOVER DSO DAY (D3)

Discover DSO Day

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) **Defense Sciences Office (DSO)** is sponsoring a virtual **Discover DSO Day (D3)** on **June 23, 2021 from 11:00-6:00** to provide information to potential applicants on the objectives of the upcoming DSO funding announcement anticipated to be released in June. The goals of the event are to familiarize participants with DSO's mission; promote understanding of the anticipated funding announcement; and facilitate discussions with potential performers. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

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