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ISCE NEWS FLASH

February 23, 2021



Tomorrow is Giving Day at Virginia Tech!

ISCE would be honored to have your support.

ISCE supports faculty from across the university whose research enhances the

lives of people and places. Since its inception, ISCE has supported more than 375 faculty members and their students who have come together to tackle issues that demand inter/transdisciplinary approaches and global perspectives, challenges like rural health, aging, obesity, autism, school climate, energy policy, inequality, and the social impacts of emerging technologies to name just a few.

We are proud of your successes and the important, impactful work you do!

Please consider a [donation to ISCE](#). Any amount, large or small, makes a difference and enables us to do more to support faculty like you. THANK YOU!

Please note: ISCE Scholar Program applications are due on Monday, March 1st.
See below for details.

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

Funding Opportunities



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Call for 2021-2022 ISCE Scholars Closes March 1st

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



RFA for Integrated Security Proposals

The Integrated Security Destination Area and the Integrated Security Education and Research Center are excited to announce a **new request for proposals seeking projects that integrate or address security, social sciences, and policy**. Projects will be funded up to \$10,000, and applicants should include plans to make use of the [ISERC facilities](#) as part of the projects. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 12, 2021



Call for Programs to Enhance Pre-Collegiate Education

The Braitmayer Foundation welcomes letters of inquiry from groups that use innovative practices in K-12 education across the U.S. Of particular interest are **curricular and school reform initiatives and/or those focused on professional development opportunities for teachers**, particularly those that encourage people of high ability and diverse background to enter and remain in K-12 teaching. Grants of up to \$35,000 will be awarded. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 15, 2021



Commonwealth Cyber Initiative

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. A workshop for those interested in this topic/opportunity will be held on Feb. 26th at 1:00. [Click here for details and to register.](#)

Deadline: March 15, 2021



RRF | Foundation
for Aging

Applications Now Being Accepted for Aging Research

The RRF Foundation is accepting letters of inquiry for its next grant cycle which has proposals due in May. The foundation has **four priority areas: caregiving; economic security in later life; housing; and social and intergenerational connectedness.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 15, 2021



Fahs-Beck Fund

For Research and Experimentation

Call for Fahs-Beck Fellows

The Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation invites applications for its Faculty/Post-Doctoral Research Grant Program. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded. Areas of interest include studies of **innovative interventions designed to prevent or ameliorate major social, psychological, behavioral, or public health problems**. Community engaged research is highly valued.

[Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 1, 2021



RFA for Health Policy, Insurance for Cancer Prevention Outcomes

The American Cancer Society has **issued a request for research on the role of health policy and health insurance in improving access to and the performance of cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment services**. Proposals will be accepted for projects focused on changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to those changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients. Awards available up to \$200,000 for up to five years. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 1, 2021



Call for Research on Cognition & Behavior

The James S. McDonnell Foundation (JSMF) welcomes applications for its 2021 JSMF Opportunity Awards. **The foundation is seeking to fund projects leading to new conceptual and empirical studies of cognition and behavior** that recognize their dynamic nature; are situated in real world contexts; cut across levels of analysis; unite traditionally separate domains of inquiry; embrace complexity; and take into account how behavior is influenced by interactions among individuals. Awards available up to \$200k for up to four years. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 9, 2021



Call for Applications for Pakistan RASTA Round 2

The Pakistan social sciences research competitive grants program, RASTA, has announced a **call for proposals in the areas of public policy and economic development, foreign aid effectiveness, and agricultural and real estate markets**. International applicants are eligible. Up to 20 one-year grants are anticipated to be awarded with funding up to \$25,000. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 10, 2021



Research to Improve Social/Living Conditions in US

The Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) supports novel research that uses insights and methods across social science disciplines to improve social and living

conditions in the U.S. The foundation will accept letters of inquiry in these core programs: Behavioral Economics; Decision Making & Human Behavior in Context; Future of Work; Social, Political and Economic Inequality. In addition, **RSF will also accept LOIs relevant to any of its core programs that address at least one of the following issues:** 1) Research on the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting recession in the U.S.; and 2) Research focused on systemic racial inequality and/or the recent mass protests in the U.S. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: May 4, 2021 (LOI)



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

- **Commonwealth Cyber Initiative** - [Scalable Pilot Experiential Learning Programs](#)

Deadline: March 1, 2021

- **National Academy of Medicine** - [Healthy Longevity Catalyst Competition](#)

Deadline: March 8, 2021

- **Carnegie Corporation of New York** - Two Funding Opportunities
 - [Re-imagining Multilateralism Initiative](#): Deadline: March 15, 2021
 - [Domestic-International Connections Projects](#): Deadline, March 15, 2021
- **National Institutes of Health** - [Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well Being, Illness, and Recovery](#)
Deadline: March 17, 2021
- **National Science Foundation** - Multiple Opportunities
 - [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
- **Health Effects Institute** - [Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award/Health Effects of Air Pollution](#)
Deadline: March 24, 2021 (Preliminary Proposals)
- **Bogliasco Foundation** - [Fellowships in the Arts and Humanities](#)
Deadline: April 15, 2021

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Don't Forget! ISCE's event featuring Dr. Craig-Henderson from the National Science Foundation is tomorrow!

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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We hope to "see" you there!



ISCE to Co-Host International Webinar on Social Science & COVID-19

Join ISCE, the College of Public Policy at Hamad Bin Khalifa University and Brosnan and Associates for a webinar featuring a panel discussion on the topic, "Can Scientists' Social Engagement Help Stem the COVID-19 Pandemic and Other Crises?" **The webinar will take place March 3, 2021 from 10:30 a.m-12:00 p.m EST and is part of the PROGRESS webinar series, "Governance in Times of Crises: A New Social Contract for the 21st Century."** [Click here](#) for details and to register.



INSciTS

International Network for the Science of Team Science

Building the knowledge base
for effective team science

Call for Abstracts for the SciTS Conference Closing Soon!

The International Science of Team Science Conference (SciTS) is **accepting abstracts for its June 2021 virtual program, hosted by Virginia Tech, through February 28, 2021.** The Conference Planning Committee invites team science academics, leaders and members of cross-disciplinary teams to rethink

how science of team science research and practice may serve as a foundation for positive change and justice. [Click here](#) for the full announcement and to apply.



2021 Butler-Williams Scholars Program for Early Career Scientists

The National Institute on Aging is hosting its Butler-Williams Scholars program August 24-26, 2021 and is now accepting applications for participants. This program is a unique **opportunity for early career researchers to learn more about health disparities, build a national network in aging research, learn more about NIA funding opportunities and develop grant writing skills.**

[Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 31, 2021

Announcements and Faculty News



COSSA Releases 2021 Rankings of Universities' Federal Social Science Funding

The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), of which Virginia Tech is a member, has released its 2021 College and University Rankings for Federal Social and Behavioral Science R&D. This year, **Virginia Tech ranks 83rd among the 551 colleges and universities included, with \$9,540,000 in federal research support in the social and behavioral sciences.**

[Click here](#) to view rankings and an interactive map.



Calling for Nominations for Young Explorer Award

Through the *NOMIS & Science Young Explorer Award*, the editors of *Science* and *NOMIS* wish to recognize bold young researchers who ask fundamental questions at the intersection of the life and social sciences; scientists who have performed interdisciplinary work that has catalyzed cross-field collaboration and researchers who take risks to address relevant questions with creative approaches. The winner will be awarded \$15,000. [Click here](#) for details and [here to apply](#).



Roberto Weiss on earthquake and tsunami risks

Roberto Weiss, director of the Center for Coastal Studies and associate professor of geology was interviewed for KGMI Radio about earthquake and tsunami risks and stressed the importance of educating the public. [Listen here...](#)

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