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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

July 27, 2021



**If you are new to the grant submission process, register now**

for the Office of Sponsored Program's *Introduction to the Proposal Submission Process* workshop. See the **Conferences, Seminars & Events** below for details.

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# Funding Opportunities

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## Call for Letters of Intent

The mission of the William T. Grant Foundation is to **support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the U.S.** The foundation is now accepting letters of intent for two of its funding areas:

- **Research Grants on Reducing Inequality:** This program seeks studies that aim to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices to reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes of young people. [Click here](#) for details.
- **Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence:** This program seek studies that identify, build, and test strategies to enhance the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth. Areas of interest include research on improving the use of research evidence by state and local decision makers, mid-level managers, and intermediaries. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: August 4, 2021**

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## SOCIOLOGICAL INITIATIVES FOUNDATION

Linking research to action

## Linking Research to Social Action

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation **aims to foster social change by funding projects that reflect a partnership between academia and community-based organizations that work to create a more just and equitable society.** To that end, the foundation is inviting applications for community-led projects that link an explicit research design to a concrete social action strategy. Grants between \$10,000 and \$20,000 will be awarded with priority given to projects that explicitly promote racial justice and fairer and more equitable laws, policies, and practices. Applicants from academic institutions are expected to apply with a community partner. [Click here](#) for

details.

**Deadline: August 16, 2021 (Concept proposals)**

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### **Cross Training for Religious Scholars in Psychological Science**

The John Templeton Foundation is inviting online inquiries for projects designed to facilitate cross-training for theologians, philosophers of religion, and scholars in religious studies in psychological science. Up to approximately \$8 million will be awarded over five years to help **scholars research conversation and collaboration on topics at the intersection of Christian theology (broadly construed) and the psychological sciences (broadly defined)**. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: August 20, 2021**

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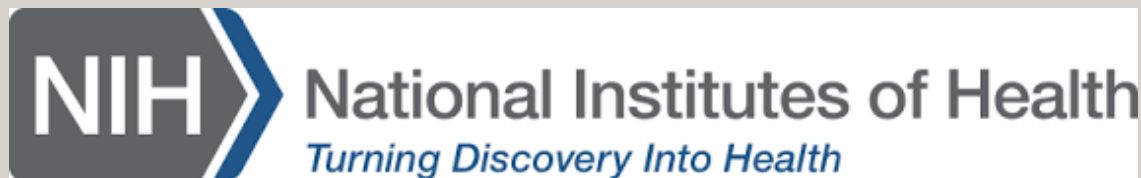
### **Two New Funding Opportunities Now Open**

- **Pilot Translational and Clinical Studies Program:** The goal of this program is to support innovative approaches to clinical and translational research to foster collaborative research across the iTHRIV partner institutions. A total of \$200,000 is available to distribute; the number of projects funded will depend on the proposal quality and funding requests. [Click here](#) for details.
- **Community Organization & Research Institution Partnership:** This funding opportunity seeks to reduce health disparities and improve health among communities that experience poorer health outcomes and have

historically been excluded from opportunities to engage in research. All partnerships must include a community organization and at least one researcher employed by an iTHRIV institution (includes Virginia Tech & Carilion). Proposed projects may address a wide range of health-related topics. A total of \$80,000 in funding is available to support 2 projects.

[Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: August 30, 2021**



### Two New Funding Opportunities

- **Role of Work in Health Disparities:** The main objective of this NIH initiative is to **determine the extent and mechanisms by which work as a social determinant of health both contributes to, and helps ameliorate, health and health care disparities.** This funding opportunity will support innovative population-based research that can contribute to identifying and characterizing pathways and mechanisms through which work or occupation influences health outcomes and health status among populations with health and/or health care disparities. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 5, 2021 (first of several)**

- **Dyadic Interpersonal Processes and Biopsychosocial Outcomes:** This funding announcement, and a companion announcement ([PAR-21-281](#)), invites basic and/or methodological research projects that illuminate and/or measure independent and interdependent health-related effects within dyads across relationships and settings. A dyad is a unit of two individuals whose interactions and influences on one another are nested within larger social contexts and networks. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: February 5, 2022 (first of several)**

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### Three Additional Funding Opportunities for FY22

The National Center for Education Research at the Institute of Education Sciences recently released three additional funding announcements for Fiscal Year 2022:

- **Education Research Grants** (84.305A): This program seeks to expand understanding of what works for whom, in what context, and why to provide reliable information about how to improve education outcomes for learners at all levels. This research program covers 11 topic areas in FY 2022. [Click here](#) for details.
- **Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences** (84.305B): These research training programs seek to fund new approaches to train and mentor students and researchers from diverse backgrounds to encourage their entry into and success in education research careers. For FY 2022, there are three training programs including methods training for education researchers. [Click here](#) for details.
- **Research Grants Focused on Systematic Replication in Education** (84.305R): This program seeks to support systematic replication studies of interventions that have produced beneficial effects on education outcomes in one or more prior impact studies. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: September 9, 2021**



### Funding Opportunities with Social/Behavior & Economic Sciences

- **Call for Letters of Intent - SaTC Frontiers**: The Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC) program welcomes proposals that address cybersecurity and privacy and draw on expertise in areas such as computing, communication and information sciences; engineering; economics; education; mathematics; statistics; and social and behavioral

sciences. Through this solicitation—under the SaTC umbrella—**NSF specifically seeks ambitious and potentially transformative center-scale projects in the area of cybersecurity and privacy.** [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline:** September 7, 2021 (required letter of intent)

- **Dear Colleague Letter focused on CISE & SBE:** The *Computer and Information Science and Engineering* (CISE) and the *Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences* (SBE) directorates recently formed a joint working group to discuss research areas of interest to both directorates. The discussion added to the directorates' ongoing recognition of possibilities for transformative research from collaboration between CISE and SBE researchers. **The working group issued a Dear Colleague Letter to make members of the CISE and SBE communities aware of funding opportunities that would support CISE-SBE collaboration.** The list includes both current programs with future deadlines, as well as some programs with only past deadlines. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadlines:** Variable



### **ARIS Fellows Program**

The *Advancing Research Impact in Society Fellows Program* is for for professionals, researchers, faculty, educators, graduate students and others working to advance research impact practice. **The goal of the program is to increase the quality and availability of scholarship and resources about research impacts.** Fellows are provided a small stipend, given the opportunity to participate in a community of fellows and provided peer-review and editing support of products under development. [Click here](#) for details and to apply.

**Deadline: September 30, 2021**

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## **Previously Posted Opportunities**

- **National Center for Special Education Research/Institute of Education Sciences** - [Research to Accelerate Pandemic Recovery in Special Education](#)  
Deadline: September 9, 2021
- **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** - [Focus grants for Suicide Prevention](#)  
Deadline: August 1, 2021

## Conferences, Seminars and Events



### **Diversity Summit: August 11th**

The Office of Inclusion & Diversity's Annual Diversity Summit will be held on Wednesday, August 11th. Registration is open, which gives access to the event Canvas site where the virtual sessions will be housed and where links to signify participation at the in-person activities are found. **In person activities will be held in the Latham Ballroom.** Click [here for the event flier](#) and [here to register](#).



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### **Workshop: Intro to Proposal Submission Process**

Start the new academic year off right by joining OSP Pre-Award Associates for a look at the Proposal Submission Process at Virginia Tech. Whether you are an experienced researcher new to VT, a new faculty member, or a staff member who assists with proposals, this two-hour review will help answer your

questions about the details of submitting a proposal through Virginia Tech's Office of Sponsored Programs. **The session will be held on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 from 9-11 a.m., in-person at the North End Center Rm 2420**; limited slots are also available via Zoom. Click here by August 13th to [register for in-person](#) and here to [register for Zoom](#).

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## Announcements and Faculty News

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### Thank You to Dean Blythe!

ISCE is grateful for the support of Richard Blythe, Dean of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, who has served as an ISCE Stakeholder for the past few years. [Dean Blythe has accepted a new position](#) at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia and will be departing the university in September. **Best wishes to Dean Blythe from ISCE!**



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### 15TH ANNIVERSARY BRIEF



### Celebrating 15 Years!

Congratulations to the Institute for Policy and Governance (IPG) on their 15th anniversary. [Read about](#) the institute's **contributions and accomplishments** over the years.

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**National Library of Medicine**  
*National Center for Biotechnology Information*

### Changes to NCBI Login Process

Do you log into NCBI to use MyNCBI, SciENcv, or MyBibliography? Do you submit data to NCBI? **Beginning in June 2021, there will be changes to how researchers log into these and all other NCBI accounts.** NCBI is transitioning from using local account passwords to using only 3rd-party logins (your username and password from Google, Login.gov, ORCID, your university or research institution account, etc). [Click here](#) for details to ensure you can access your account.



### NSF seeks candidates for key director positions in SBE Directorate

The National Science Foundation is **asking for assistance in identifying candidates for two positions within the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate:** 1) the [Social and Economic Sciences \(SES\) Division director](#); and 2) the [Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences \(BCS\) Division director](#). Click on the links for each position for the full job description. Applications for the SES position are due August 6, 2021 and for the BSC position on August 19, 2021.



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