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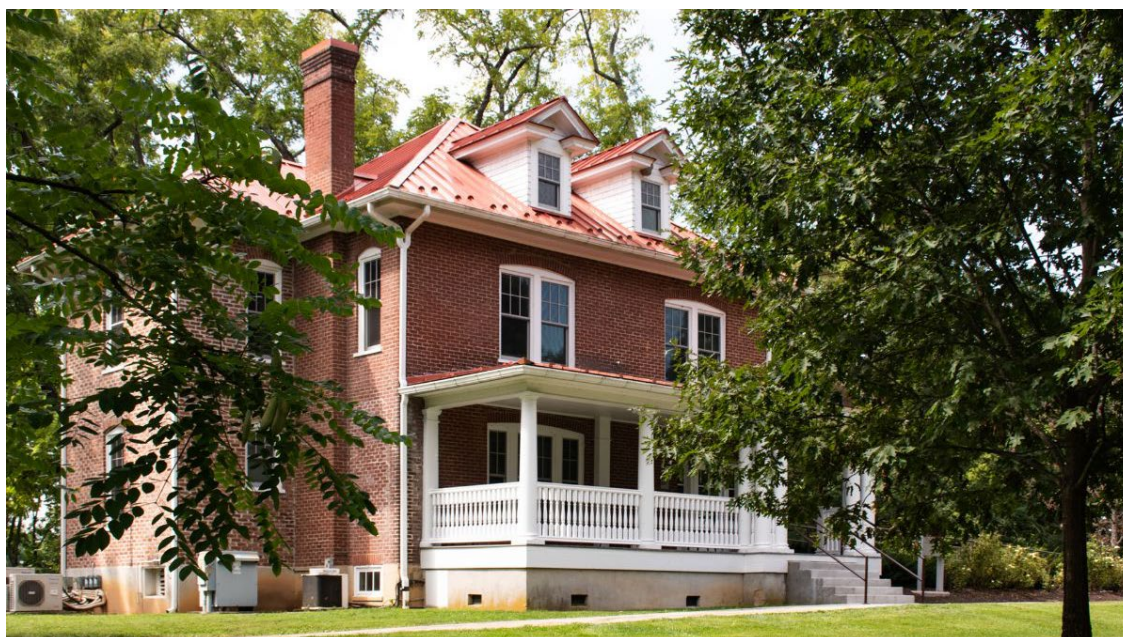


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ISCE NEWS FLASH

December 7, 2021



Call for 2022-2023 ISCE Scholars Now Open!

The ISCE Scholars Program provides faculty support for developing grant proposals in the social sciences, broadly defined, and consistent with ISCE's four thematic areas and the University's [Research Frontiers](#). Projects are expected to address critical individual and social concerns impacting the lives of people and places locally, nationally, or across the globe. Funding up to \$30,000 available. See the **Funding Opportunities** section below for details.

Save the Date for the **ISCE Social and Computer Scientist mixer** to make connections and learn about opportunities for scientists from these disciplines to

collaborate. See the **Conference** section for details.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



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Apply to be an ISCE Scholar Now!

The ISCE Scholars Program provides faculty support for developing grant proposals in the social sciences, broadly defined, and consistent with [ISCE's four thematic areas](#). Team proposals aligned with one of Virginia Tech's [Research Frontier](#) areas of Artificial Intelligence, Health, Quantum, and Security are encouraged as are proposals that address disparities and inequalities, societal issues related to climate change, and misinformation and disinformation. Funding up to \$30,000 available. **An information session for potential applicants will be held on Wednesday, January 12th from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. via Zoom.** [Click here for details](#) and [here to register](#) for the session.

Deadline: February 7, 2022



Office of Evaluation Sciences

Call for Applications for Federal Evaluation Fellowships

The Office of Evaluation Sciences (OES) at the General Services Administration is currently accepting applications for 2022 fellowships. **OES is a team of applied researchers, often on loan from universities, that works**

to build insights from the social and behavioral sciences into federal programs. OES designs, implements, and analyzes evidence-based interventions and randomized evaluations. Fellows shape their own high-impact portfolio of work, design and direct projects, and author academic publications.

[Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: December 10, 2021 or January 3, 2022 (fellowship specific)



COVID-19 and Health Equity Impact Fellowship

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is offering a mentored fellowship opportunity located in Washington, D.C. to **conduct policy research and participate in quantitative data analyses on topics such as** social determinants of health; health equity; access to healthcare services for at risk populations; and analyzing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on emergency care services, maternity care, and/or the HIV population. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 4, 2022



Seed Grants for Climate Change and Human Health

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund will **award small, early-stage grants between \$2,500 and \$50,000 to promote growth of new connections between scholars, practitioners, educators, and/or communicators working to understand, spread the word about, and mitigate the impacts of climate change on human health.** Topics of interest include linking basic/early biomedical science to climate-focused thinking; sustainability in healthcare systems, healthcare delivery outside institutions, and biomedical research; health impacts and health systems impacts of extreme weather events and

other crises; and outreach, communication, and education around climate and human health. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 10, 2022



Research Grants on Improving Use of Research Evidence

The William T. Grant Foundation is accepting letters of inquiry for *Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence* program. **This program funds research studies that advance theory and build empirical knowledge on ways to improve the use of research evidence** by policymakers, agency leaders, organizational managers, intermediaries, and other decision-makers that shape youth-serving systems in the United States. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 12, 2022



Research to Increase Access to Mental Health Care for Children

The Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation (KTGF) has issued an RFP for its *Addressing Access to Care* initiative. **This initiative invites proposals for investigator-initiated projects that demonstrate the benefits of new healthcare delivery methods or prevention approaches.** KTGF is particularly interested in funding applications that build on promising pilot work that aims to develop larger demonstration projects. Two grants of up to \$50,000 per year for up to two years will be awarded. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 13, 2022



Education Research Grants

The Spencer Foundation is accepting applications for its *Research Grants on Education* program, which provides support to education research projects with the potential to contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived.

Proposals may span a wide range of topics and disciplines that investigate questions central to education, including anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, law, economics, history, and neuroscience. Projects with budgets from \$125,000 to \$500,000 for up to five years will be considered. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 26, 2022 (Letters of Intent)

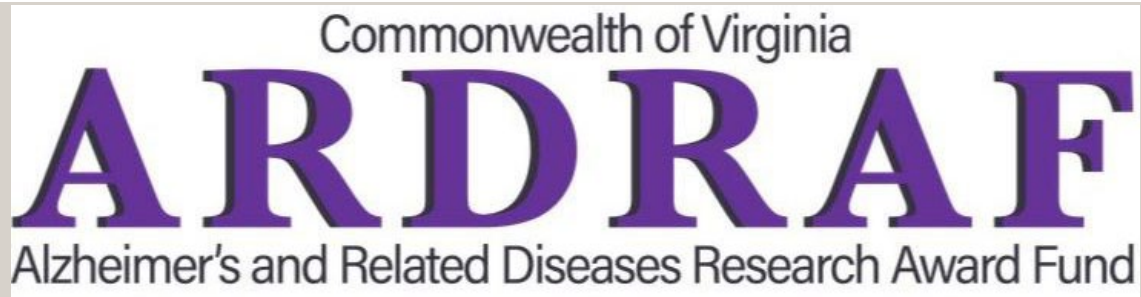


Pilot Funding for Minority Aging Research

The Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center for Minority Aging Research is announcing the availability of three pilot project awards for the 2022-2023 cycle. The funding is available to encourage innovative research focused on basic, clinical, psychosocial, or health services aspects of minority aging, Alzheimer's disease or related disorders (ADRD) and health disparities.

Up to \$30,000 is available for each project. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: February 1, 2022



Call for Alzheimer's Research

ARDRAF is seeking applications focused on 1) the underlying causes, epidemiology, diagnosis, or treatment of Alzheimer's and related diseases; 2) policies, programs, and financing for care and support of those affected by Alzheimer's and related diseases; or 3) the social and psychological impacts of Alzheimer's and related diseases upon the individual, family, and community.

Funding up to \$45,000 may be awarded. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: February 3, 2022 (Letters of intent)



Smart and Connected Communities

The National Science Foundation has reissued its solicitation for the Smart and Connected Communities program. This program "supports integrative research that addresses fundamental technological and social science dimensions of smart and connected communities and pilots solutions together with communities." **Significant changes include the elimination of the deadlines** for Track 1, Track 2 and Planning grants; applications will now be accepted at anytime. **Participating divisions have also changed**; researchers should check the solicitation for specific focus areas by directorate. [Click here](#) for details.

Ethical and Responsible Research

NSF has reissued its *Ethical and Responsible Research* solicitation. This solicitation funds projects that use fundamental research to produce knowledge about what constitutes or promotes responsible or irresponsible conduct of research and why, as well as how to best instill this knowledge into researchers, practitioners, and educators at all career stages. This opportunity

used to be limited to one per institution but now accepts up to two per PI. **An information session for this solicitation will be held on December 8th.**

[Click here](#) for details on the session and [here for the solicitation](#).

Deadline: February 17, 2022

Understanding the Rules of Life: Emergent Networks

The *Understanding the Rules of Life: Emergent Networks (URoL:EN)* solicitation is for a cross-directorate program of NSF that aims to develop a predictive understanding of how key properties of living systems emerge from interactions of factors such as genomes, phenotypes, and environments and **how emerging networks of organismal, natural, social, and/or human-engineered systems respond to or influence evolving environments.**

Projects that advance all of the different fields of science represented in the project and that represent different NSF Directorates are strongly encouraged.

[Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 1, 2022



SSRC Launches Global Consortium on Misinformation and Health Research

The Social Science Research Council has launched a new initiative, the Mercury Project, a global research consortium focused on combatting mis/disinformation in public health and finding interventions that support the spread and uptake of accurate health information. **The \$10 million initiative will fund three-year research grants focused on mis/disinformation.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: Rolling



Research on Community Level Interventions to Prevent Firearm and Related Violence, Injury and Mortality

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) intends to publish one or more **Funding Opportunity Announcements to invite applications for community and community organizational level interventions to prevent firearm and related violence, injury and mortality.** Applications will be encouraged to include multiple levels of intervention and/or multiple sectors (e.g., health, education, justice) when appropriate and to be developed in partnership with communities and/or community organizations. Funding will occur in FY22. [Click here](#) for details.

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **GriffinHarte Foundation** - [Research Promoting Civil Discourse](#)
Deadline: December 15, 2021
- **National Science Foundation** - Multiple Opportunities:
 - [Human Networks and Data Science](#)
Deadline: January 13, 2022
 - [Designing Accountable Software Systems](#)
Deadline: January 28, 2022
- **Center for European Union, Transatlantic, and Trans-European Space Studies (CEUTTSS)** - [Interdisciplinary Grants Program](#)
Deadline: December 18, 2021
- **Social Science Research Council** - [Just Tech Fellowships](#)
Deadline: January 2, 2022
- **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention** - Two Opportunities
 - [Research to Prevent Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children](#) -
Deadline: January 4, 2022
 - [Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries](#) - Deadline:
February 4, 2022

- **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood** - [Early Childhood Research](#)
Deadline: January 31, 2022 (Letters of Inquiry)
- **Center for Retirement Research at Boston College** - [Steven H. Sandell Grant Program](#)
Deadline: January 31, 2022
- **Society for Research in Child Development** - [Small Grants Program for Early Scholars](#)
Deadline: February 4, 2022
- **National Institutes of Health** - Two RFAs:
 - [NIH HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants](#); deadline: March 2, 2022
 - [Understanding Place-Based Health Inequalities in Mid-Life](#); deadline: March 3, 2022

Conferences, Seminars and Events



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Social and Computer Scientist Mixer

As artificial intelligence, computers and computer-assisted technologies are becoming more and more integral to most aspects of society, interdisciplinary research across computer, information and social science disciplines is needed to address the transformative reach of these technologies and their implications for economic systems and civil society. Funding agencies likewise recognize this need and are instigating new or more calls for this kind of inter- and transdisciplinary work, as exemplified by the recent NSF “Dear Colleague Letter” for Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace.

To help faculty in computer and social science disciplines become better acquainted for possible research team-building, ISCE and the Department of Computer Science are planning a “meet and greet” event January 27th

from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (rain date: February 10, 2022). Interested faculty in the social sciences and humanities, please [complete this short survey](#) to gauge possible participation and/or to register.

2022-2023 ISCE Scholars Information Session

ISCE will be hosting an **applicant information session for the 2022-2023 ISCE Scholars Program on Wednesday, January 12th from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** The session will include basic information about the ISCE Scholars Program and the current RFP as well as feature two prior Scholar recipients and time for Q&A. [Click here](#) to register.



The logo for the mHealth Training Institute 2022 is displayed in a dark blue rectangular box. The text 'mHealth Training Institute' is in white, and '2022' is in orange.

Apply for the 2022 mHealth Training Institute

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 NIH mHealth Training Institute (mHTI) to be held July 26-29, 2022 at the University of California, Los Angeles. Designed to develop the next generation of transdisciplinary mHealth (mobile health) researchers, the hybrid mHTI will blend online webinars with an immersive in-person learning experience. **Target scholars are new as well as established researchers interested in learning leading-edge mHealth approaches and technologies and forging interdisciplinary connections.** Preference will be given to academic-based applicants seeking to co-create practical healthcare solutions with societal impact. [Click here](#) for details.

Application Deadline: February 20, 2022.

Announcements & Faculty News

'How did it come here?': Nepal seeks to bring home lost treasures

Virginia Tech assistant professor of English, **Sweta Baniya**, who posted a video depicting a 17th century



Nepali necklace at the Art Institute of Chicago, is featured in an *Al Jazeera* article about returning Nepali artifacts. [Read more...](#)

Virginia Tech Tuesday: Paid Family Leave debated in Congress and in our communities

Caroline Sanner, an assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science, discusses the benefits of paid family leave on WFXR. [View the video.](#)



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