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ISCE NEWS FLASH

February 15, 2022



SAVE THE DATE: Social Science Research Council President to Visit

ISCE will be sponsoring a presentation by Social Science Research Council (SSRC) President Anna Harvey, who will be talking to the university community about the Council's support for social science research on significant concerns of the day, including technology disruptions, mis/disinformation and the democratic process, and global societal changes related to climate.

The event will be held on Thursday, March 31, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in 310 Kelly Hall, with a reception afterwards. More details and registration forthcoming.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford

at yanceyc3@vt.edu by Friday each week.

Funding Opportunities



Roanoke Women's Foundation Letter of Intent

The Roanoke Women's Foundation provides high-impact grants of at least \$30,000 in Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, and Health & Human Services. Grant finalists are determined through a detailed process of proposal reviews, site visits, and ultimately chosen by a vote of the membership in September of each year. **This is a limited submission opportunity. If interested in applying contact [Janet Webster](#) to submit an internal letter of intent. [Click here](#) for details.**

Deadline: February 18, 2022 (internal letter of intent)



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

2022 National Academy of Medicine Catalyst Award

The National Academy of Medicine invites applications that aim to extend the human health span, especially approaches that challenge existing paradigms or propose new methodologies or concepts. Each award includes a \$50,000 cash prize and travel costs to attend an annual Global Innovator Summit.

Applications may also originate from any field or combination of fields such as biology, chemistry, medicine, engineering, **behavioral and social sciences**,

technology, data science, and policy. Examples of topic areas include but are not limited to behavioral health; built environment and urban planning; health care delivery; housing; physical health; policy; and technology. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: February 28, 2022



Towards 2044: Horowitz Early Career Scholar Program

The Society for Research in Child Development is accepting scholar and mentor applications for the *Towards 2044: Horowitz Early Career Scholar Program*. This year-long program encourages and supports scholars from under-represented ethnic/racial groups in pursuing graduate work in developmental science. "Towards 2044" takes its name from the year when the adult population of the United States is estimated to become a diverse majority. **Faculty may be interested in applying to be mentors for this program or pass the information along to eligible graduate students.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 1, 2022



Call for Research on American Federalism

The Center for the Study of Federalism invites applications for **original research and/or writing that advance thinking about federalism as a principle of American government, law, or politics.** Areas of focus may include political philosophy and theory, political history and development, public policy, law, political institutions, political behavior, and political culture. Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded and for may be used for project/data collection

activities. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 15, 2022



Research Grants in the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is accepting applications for its Research Grants in the Arts program that supports studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts. In addition to past topics of interest, the **NEA also welcomes proposals in three new areas, featured in [NEA's new five-year research agenda to be implemented in 2024](#)**: 1) the arts' role in the healing and revitalization of communities; 2) diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the arts; and 3) the evolving arts ecology. Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. All grants require a non-federal cost share/match of at least 1 to 1. [Click here](#) for details.

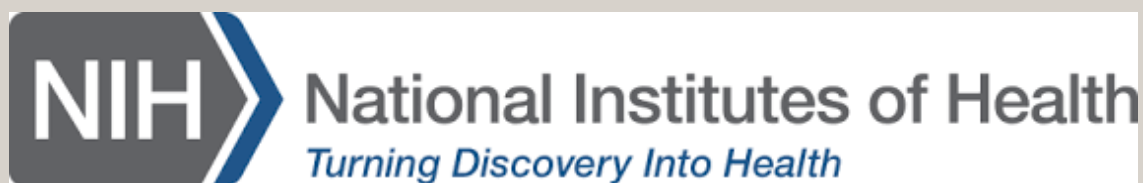
Deadline: March 28, 2022



Call for Bi-national Research to Address Climate Change

The US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) aims to make a positive contribution to the development of climate solutions through cross-disciplinary, collaborative research projects between the two countries. **BSF invites 5-page pre-proposals that address the impacts of climate change on the natural environment as well as on human populations, their distributions and economic activities.** Pre-proposals that do not describe a collaboration across at least two major disciplines will be returned without review. Applications must be submitted jointly by at least one Israeli and one American scientist and together the PIs will represent different major disciplines. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: April 1, 2022



Evaluating COVID-19 Food & Housing Policy/Program Impact

NIH has issued an RFA for "*Evaluating the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic-related Food and Housing Policies and Programs on Health Outcomes in Health Disparity Populations.*" The purpose of this opportunity is to identify and evaluate ongoing and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on governmental policy and programmatic actions that address food/nutrition security and housing security. **An applicant informational webinar associated with this opportunity will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd from 1:30-3:00.** [Click here](#) for webinar details and [here for the RFA](#).

Deadline: April 7, 2022 (only deadline)

Community Level Interventions to Improve Minority Health

NIH has released a new funding opportunity, *Community Level Interventions to Improve Minority Health and Reduce Health Disparities*, that represents the next iteration of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Community-Based Participatory Research program that was established in 2005. This revised initiative will emphasize research priorities that can be addressed through community-engaged research approaches and that utilize the NIMHD Research Framework to assess and intervene on health determinants at the interpersonal, family, organizational, neighborhood, community, and societal levels. **NIMHD will hold a pre-application webinar on March 2, 2022, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** [Click here](#) for webinar details and [here for the RFA](#).

Deadline: March 28, 2022

COVID-19 Mental Health Research

NIH has issued several funding opportunities or notices of special interest to address urgent, time-sensitive mental health research questions related to COVID-19, including broader secondary impacts of the pandemic as well as research on the intersection of mental health, COVID-19, and HIV.

- Urgent Award: COVID-19 Mental Health Research: [R01 Clinical Trial](#)

[Required](#) or [R01 Clinical Trial Optional](#); **deadline: April 25, 2022**

- [Innovative Pilot Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials \(R34 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#); **deadline: June 16, 2022**



Strengthening American Infrastructure

Strengthening American Infrastructure (SAI) focuses on how fundamental knowledge about human reasoning and decision-making, governance, and social and cultural processes enables the building and maintenance of effective infrastructure that improves lives and society and builds on advances in technology and engineering. **Successful projects will represent a convergence of expertise in one or more social, behavioral, economic sciences deeply integrated with other disciplines** to support substantial and potentially pathbreaking, fundamental research applied to strengthening a specific and focal infrastructure. [Click here](#) for details.

Civic Innovation Challenge: A research/action competition driven by community priorities

This opportunity is a research and action competition that accelerates the transition to practice of foundational research and emerging technologies into communities through civic-engaged research. CIVIC is organized as a two-stage competition with two tracks: Track A: Living in a changing climate: pre-disaster action around adaptation, resilience, and mitigation; Track B: Bridging the gap between essential resources and services & community needs.

In Stage 1, ~50 Planning Grant awards will be made for pilot projects. **Only awardees of Stage 1 proposals will be eligible for Stage 2.** In Stage 2, approximately 20 full awards will be made. Proposals must describe how the PIs will execute and evaluate their research-centered pilot projects. [Click here](#) for details. **An information webinar will be held on February 25th from 1:30-3:00 p.m.** [Click here to register.](#)

Deadline: May 5, 2022 (Stage 1)

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Alzheimer's Association** - [2022 Research Opportunities](#)
Deadline: February 21, 2022 (letters of intent)
- **Human Animal Bond Research Institute** - [Addressing Evidence-Based Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction Research](#)
Deadline: February 24, 2022
- **Retirement Research Foundation** - [Research Grants](#)
Deadline: March 1, (Letters of inquiry)
- **Virginia Catalyst** - [Development/Commercialization of Life Science Projects to Improve Human Health/Advance VA Economy](#)
Deadline: March 1, 2022
- **National Institutes of Health** - Multiple opportunities:
 - [HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants](#); deadline: March 2, 2022
 - [HEAL Initiative: Data and Methods to Address Urgent Needs to Stem the Opioid Epidemic](#); deadline: March 10, 2022
 - [Understanding Place-Based Health Inequalities in Mid-Life](#); deadline: March 3, 2022
 - [Social Disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life](#); deadline: March 15, 2022
 - [Advancing Integrated Models \(AIM\) of Care to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes among Women Who Experience Persistent Disparities](#); deadline: April 7, 2022 (only deadline)
 - [Research to Improve Native American Health](#); deadline: May 17, 2022
 - [Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health](#); deadline: May 17, 2022
- **National Science Foundation** - [Future of Work at the Human Technology Frontier: Core Research](#)
Deadline: March 2, 2022
- **Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)** - [Special Competition Using Targeted Samples](#)
Deadline: March 15, 2022
- **Health and Aging Policy Fellowship National Program Office** - [2022-2023 Fellowships](#)
Deadline: April 15, 2022

Conferences, Seminars and Events



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Investigator Series: Institutional Racism, an Ongoing Bioethical Issue

Rebecca Hester, assistant professor of Science, Technology and Society and associate director of education in the Center for Refugee, Migrant, and Displacement Studies, will share a case study about research misconduct that took place in a U.S. burn hospital serving Latin American children. **The virtual presentation will be held on Wednesday, February 16th from 12:30-1:30 p.m.** and will examine the ongoing race problem inherent in bioethics frameworks. [Click here](#) for details and to register.



Seminar: Science of Healthy Lifestyle Choices

Warren Bickel and Alexandra DiFeliceantonio, world-leading researchers in the science of healthy decision-making, will share insights from their work in a **free virtual seminar, “New Year, New Behaviors: The Science Behind Dysfunctional Decision-Making,”** on February 16th from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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



Communicating Science: Celebrating Opportunities and Outreach

The Fralin Life Sciences Institute is hosting a **seminar focused on "Communicating Science: Celebrating Opportunities and Outreach" on Friday, February 18th at 12:00 p.m.** as part of its Virginia Tech Life Sciences Seminar series. The seminar will be held in the Fralin Auditorium and via Zoom. [Click here](#) for details.



Engaged Research and Practice in Rural Spaces: Centering Ethics, Equity, and Justice

Join the AERA Rural Education SIG and the National Rural Education Association for its second webinar series on equity and justice in rural education. The webinar, "Engaged Research and Practice in Rural Spaces: Centering Ethics, Equity, and Justice" will be offered on **Friday, February 18th at 4:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to join.

Announcements & Faculty News



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Self-Paced QuestionPro Training Available for Transition from Qualtrics

Virginia Tech has adopted a new survey data collection platform, QuestionPro, which will generally replace Qualtrics (except for departments which choose to purchase a license).

To assist new users of QuestionPro, **University Libraries has developed a new self-paced online training module that users can access at no cost through the Professional Development Network.** The module covers the basics of survey design, data collection and analysis, and moving from Qualtrics. In addition to the online training, participants will have the chance to ask questions of library experts in online office hours throughout the semester. [Click here to enroll in the self-paced module](#) or contact [Nathaniel Porter](#) or more details.



New Leader of NSF's Social/Economic Sciences Division Announced

Rayvon Fouché has been selected to lead the National Science Foundation's Social and Economic Sciences Division where he will oversee more than a dozen research programs focused on society and the economy. He will serve as division director through NSF's rotator program which recruits U.S. scientists, engineers and educators for limited-term leadership positions of up to four years. [Read more...](#)

Who Gets to Ski?

Anthony Kwame Harrison, a professor of sociology and Africana studies at Virginia Tech, is quoted in a New York Times article about access to ski slopes and changing



demographics. [Read more...](#)



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