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ISCE NEWS FLASH

August 10, 2021



RFP for ISCE's new COVID-19 Reset Program Now Open!

ISCE is offering a new opportunity for social science faculty whose research was hindered due to competing demands associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Faculty selected for the program will receive mentoring and up to \$7,500 in funding to support their research activities, with the goal of submitting a proposal for external funding. See the **Funding Opportunities** below and [ISCE website](#) for details.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



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ISCE COVID-19 Reset Program: Connect, Contribute, Complete

ISCE is now offering a novel opportunity for social science faculty whose research and subsequent plans for preparing an external grant proposal were hindered due to competing personal and professional demands associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. **Faculty selected for the program will receive mentoring and funding to support their research activities** and gather regularly with ISCE staff to CONNECT with peers, CONTRIBUTE expertise, and COMPLETE an external grant proposal for submission in 2022. [Click here](#) for details and the application guidelines.

Deadline: September 10, 2021



Call for Online Inquiries for Research to Address Big Questions

The John Templeton Foundation, which serves as a philanthropic catalyst for discoveries related to deep and perplexing questions facing humankind, is **accepting inquiries for its Open Submission cycle and will consider applications for discrete projects in the following areas:** Science & the Big Questions; Character Virtue Development; Individual Freedom and Free Markets; Exceptional Cognitive Talent & Genius; Genetics and Voluntary Family Planning. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: August 20, 2021 (Online inquiries)



Research to Improve Academic Outcomes for Black/Latinx Learners

Assessment for Good (AFG), a program of the Advanced Education Research and Development Fund, has issued a request for proposals for the Leveraging Education Advanced Research Now (LEARN) program, which helps identify innovative, rapid response research proposals that will improve conditions for the social and emotional well-being and academic outcomes of Black and Latinx learners. AFG will provide up to \$300,000 in funding for 12 months. **An applicant informational webinar will be held on August 11th at 12:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) for details and here to [register for the webinar](#).

Deadline: September 1, 2021 (Letters of Intent)



Call for Proposals to Combat Disinformation

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has issued a Request for Proposals for efforts to combat disinformation in communities of color. Grants of up to \$175,000 will be awarded in support of a wide range of proposals including publication development, such as special journal issues or volumes; course relief to enable research; research assistance; targeted investigative reporting projects; symposia, workshops, or other convenings that advance practical, actionable insights; and data or technology acquisition. **The Knight Foundation will host a second of two informational webinars on September 1 at 3:00 p.m. ET** ([register here](#)). [Click here](#) for details. [Virginia Tech Foundation Relations](#) requests that interested faculty contact them for assistance with this foundation.

Deadline: September 15, 2021



RFP for Evidence-Based Projects to Prevent Opioid Use

The Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) has issued a call for applications for projects which can develop, adapt, explore, and/or evaluate promising evidence-based models of family- and community-based prevention for opioid use disorder and overdose. Applicants may apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 a year for up to three years. **An informational webinar for applicants will be held on August 11th at 2:00 p.m.** [Click here for the RFP](#) and here to [register for the webinar](#).

Deadline: September 20, 2021 (Concept note)



Using Open Data to Solve Real-World Problems

The Opportunity Project (TOP) **helps companies, non-profits, and universities turn federal open data into new technologies that solve real-world problems for people across the country.** TOP facilitates 12-week product development cycles (called “sprints”) that pull together innovators from every sector. Tech teams join a sprint to build data-powered solutions to critical problems facing the public. Then, TOP matches them with subject-matter experts, who offer valuable information and feedback. Currently there are sprints focused on climate change, equity and federal COVID-19 spending, housing and migration trends, and [other topics](#). TOP is also sponsoring an [Open Data For Good Grand Challenge](#) that will award up to \$100,000 to teams focused on either 1) Climate, resilience and the natural environment; 2) Society, economy and the built environment; or 3) Health and COVID-19. Click on the links above for details.

Deadlines: Variable

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Sociological Initiatives Foundation** - [Social Action Research](#)
Deadline: August 16, 2021 (Concept proposals)
- **John Templeton Foundation** - [Cross Training for Religious Scholars in Psychological Science](#)
Deadline: August 20, 2021
- **iTHRIV** - [Pilot Grant Program and Community Seed Grants](#)
August 30, 2021
- **National Science Foundation** - [Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace Frontiers](#)
Deadline: September 7, 2021
- **National Center for Special Education Research/Institute of Education Sciences** - [FY22 Opportunities](#)
Deadline: September 9, 2021
- **Advancing Research Impact in Society (ARIS)** - [2022 Fellows Program](#)
Deadline: September 30, 2021

External Grant Success

NSF awards funding for linguistic project

Congratulations to **Abby Walker**, associate professor of linguistics in the English Department, and collaborator, Janet Van Hell of Penn State, who **were awarded a \$445,360 grant from the National Science Foundation** for their proposal, "Collaborative Research: Listening out for variation: An investigation of mono- and bidialectal



listeners inside and outside of Southern US communities."

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Reminders/Updates:

- Tomorrow, August 11th is Virginia Tech's **Annual Diversity Summit**. Click [here for the event flier](#) and [here to register to participate via Zoom](#).
- The OSP *Introduction to the Proposal Submission Process*, to be held on Tuesday, August 17th, has been **changed from an in-person and virtual event to an ALL VIRTUAL event**.
 - If you already registered for in-person, you will automatically receive the Zoom link to participate.
 - [Click here](#) if you have not yet registered but would like to attend via Zoom.

Announcements and Faculty News



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Foreign Interest Updates & new NSF Proposal Guidance Now Available

Virginia Tech's Foreign Influence Task Force continues to monitor developments from federal agencies regarding foreign interest disclosure requirements. Recently, both National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF) have published information and updates on this topic. [Click here](#) for more details including changes to NIH and NSF Biosketch forms.

The National Science Foundation's newly released [Proposal and Awards Policies and Procedure Guide](#) (PAPPG) will be effective for proposals due on or after October 4, 2021.



Creating People and System Friendly PDF Attachments

Many federal grant applications require converting documents to PDF formats prior to uploading them to an online grant submission portal. [Read on](#) to learn how to ensure your documents are created in a user friendly way that maximizes their impact.



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