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ISCE NEWS FLASH

December 15, 2020



Best wishes to Sally Morton, Dean of the CoS and ISCE Stakeholder,
[as she becomes the first woman Executive Vice President of Arizona State's
University Knowledge Enterprise.](#)

This week's ISCE News Flash includes an Information Session for the ISCE Scholars program, an OSP Proposal Development workshop and multiple new funding opportunities. Also, be sure to register for ISCE's webinars on online survey methods. See below for details.

The next ISCE *News Flash* will be sent on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

We hope you enjoy the winter break!

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



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Call for Proposals for 2021-2022 ISCE Scholars Now Open!

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. **Deadline: March 1, 2021**

An information session for the ISCE Scholars program will be held on Thursday, January 14th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to register by January 13th.



New Recruitment Program, including Funding, for Underrepresented Groups Offered

iTHRIV is committed to increasing underrepresented populations in research, and thus, has developed the Recruitment Enhancing Resources Program. The program offers researchers access to consultation, educational opportunities and financial resources. **Researchers may request up to \$5,000 that will allow them to better integrate populations into their projects.** [Click here](#) for details on the RERP program services and the application form.

Deadline: Rolling but encouraged to apply now



Making a Difference in Real-World Bioethics

The Greenwall Foundation supports research that can help resolve an important emerging or unanswered bioethics problem in clinical, biomedical, or public health decision-making, policy, or practice. **The foundation is particularly interested in ethical and policy issues raised by the following topics:** the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health crises; bias and discrimination against patients or clinicians; developments in artificial intelligence; responses to the opioid epidemic; and healthcare access, costs, and resource allocation. Successful teams commonly involve a bioethics scholar and persons with on-the-ground experience with the bioethics dilemma. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 8, 2021 (Letter of Intent)



2021 Research Competitions & Virtual Assistance Announced

The Institute of Education Sciences has released two funding announcements for 2021, requesting applications for [Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy](#) and [Practice and for Transformative Research in the Education Sciences](#). IES will also provide Virtual Technical Assistance for

these new competitions on December 17 and January 12, 2021. Click the links above for details on each opportunity and [here to participate in the virtual sessions](#).

Deadline: January 7, 2021 (LOI); February 25, 2021 (Proposals)



2021 International Research Grants Program Accepting Letters of Intent

The Alzheimer's Association has issued its International Research Grant Program: June 2021 Program Announcement. **It contains specific details about the program, submission procedures and guidelines, and information about eight specific opportunities.** Areas of focus include research in diverse populations, social and behavioral research, cognitive and functional research and biological research. [Click here](#) for the complete announcement and key dates.

Deadline: January 13, 2021 (required LOI)



Call for Large Educational Research Proposals

The Spencer Foundation has issued a call for proposals for **projects with multiple disciplinary and methodological perspectives, both domestically and internationally, and from scholars at various stages in their career.** Proposals may span a wide range of topics and disciplines, including anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, law, economics, history, and neuroscience, and may use a wide array of research methods and techniques, including quantitative, qualitative, mixed, ethnographic, design-based, participatory, and historical. Projects ranging from \$125,000-\$500,000 for up to 5 years will be considered. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 15, 2021 (LOI); February 5, 2021 (Proposals)



Diane J. Willis Early Career Award

The American Psychological Foundation is inviting applications for its Div. 37 Diane J. Willis Early Career Award. **A single grant of \$2,000 will be awarded in support of a talented young psychologist** who is making contributions toward informing, advocating for, and improving the mental health and well-being of children and families, especially through policy. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: January 31, 2020



Call for Social Science Research on Energy Insecurity

Through its Energy and Environment program, the Sloan Foundation is soliciting Letters of Inquiry for **collaborative social science research projects led by early- and mid-career scholars examining critical and under-explored questions related to issues of energy insecurity, distributional equity, and just energy system transitions in the United States**. Grants up to \$500,000 will be awarded to a limited number of proposals over a 2-3 year period. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: February 1, 2021 (LOI)



Two Upcoming NIH Opportunities

- [Addressing the Etiology of Health Disparities and Health Advantages Among Immigrant Populations](#): This re-issued opportunity supports innovative research to understand factors uniquely associated with the immigration experience that contribute to health disparities or health advantages among U.S. immigrant populations. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: February 5, 2021** (and other standard deadlines)
- [Service-Ready Tools for Identification, Prevention, and Treatment of Individuals at Risk for Suicide](#): This new RFA supports effectiveness research of service-ready tools and technologies for suicide prevention that are statistically powered to provide a definitive answer regarding the study tool's effectiveness. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: February 18, 2021** (first of three)



Two Opportunities with a Social Science Focus

- [Smart and Connected Communities Solicitation Updated for 2021](#): The NSF Smart and Connected Communities (S&CC) program solicitation has been revised for the FY 2021 competition with some significant changes. This program **supports integrative research that addresses fundamental technological and social science dimensions of smart and connected communities and pilots solutions together with communities**. The solicitation will support research projects in three categories: Integrative Research Grants, Planning Grants and proposals to support a Virtual Organization. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: February 24, 2021**
- [Build and Broaden 2.0 - Research at Minority Serving Institutions](#): The Build and Broaden program supports cutting-edge research in the social, behavioral and economic sciences at minority-serving institutions. **Researchers at other institutions may also submit proposals** if they

are collaborating with scientific staff at a minority-serving institution and if their proposal includes a focus on fostering scientific partnerships or capacity-building at those institutions. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: March 5, 2021**

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Administration for Community Living** - [Switzer Research Fellows/Disability Research](#)
Deadline: December 21, 2020
- **Society for Research in Child Development** - Two Opportunities
 - [Policy Fellowships in Child Development](#); Deadline: January 4, 2021
 - [Small Grants Program for Early Career Scholars](#); Deadline: February 10, 2021
- **Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation** - [Research on Mental Health Access for Youth](#)
Deadline: January 10, 2021
- **NetGain Partnership/Media Democracy Fund** - [Small Grants Program](#)
Deadline: January 11, 2021
- **W.T. Grant Foundation** - Two Opportunities for Youth Research
Deadline: January 13, 2021
 - [Research Grants on Reducing Inequality](#)
 - [Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence](#)
- **Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)** - [Special Competition for Young Investigators](#)
Deadline: January 15, 2021
- **Center for Retirement Research at Boston College** - [Steven H. Sandell Grant Program](#)
Deadline: January 31, 2021
- **VT Center for Humanities** - [Summer Stipend](#)
Deadline: February 1, 2021

National Science Foundation - Two Opportunities

- [Mid-Career Advancement](#); Deadline: February 1, 2021
- [Human Networks & Data Science](#); Deadline: February 4, 2021
- **National Science Foundation/National Institutes of Health - [Smart Health and Biomedical Research in the Era of AI and Advanced Data Science](#)**
Deadline: February 16, 2021

External Funding Success



School of Education assistant professor revolutionizing the older adult wellness narrative

Assistant professor of counselor education, Matthew Fullen, along with colleague Philip Clarke at Wake Forest University, was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Mather Institute to develop a wellness coaching program for older adults. The researchers sought the grant to help older people prioritize specific areas of wellness most relevant to them as individuals. [Read more...](#)

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Introduction to Proposal Submission Process

Start the new 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 virtual session will be held on Wednesday, January 13th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** [Register here](#) by January 8th; you will then be emailed the Zoom link to participate.



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- **Register Now! ISCE Webinar: Online Survey Methodology**
ISCE is hosting a virtual webinar on online survey methodology on **January 27, 12 – 1 pm**, the first of two methods workshops focused on online social science data collection methods. Three panelists will describe working with Qualtrics, MTurk and AmeriSpeak, including with international respondents and panels. Join us for moderated discussion with Q&A from experts at Virginia Tech, American Institutes for Research and NORC at University of Chicago. Survey resources at VT will also be presented. [Click here](#) to register. Questions? Contact [Isabel Bradburn](#).
- **Save the Date! ISCE NSF Event: February 24, 2021**
In partnership with Virginia State University, **ISCE is hosting a virtual presentation featuring Dr. Kellina Craig-Henderson**, Deputy Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation's Social, Behavioral and Economic (SBE) Sciences directorate, on Wednesday, February 24th. Dr. Craig-Nelson will discuss future directions for the SBE directorate including new funding opportunities and priorities. Stay tuned for more details after the new year.

Announcements and Faculty News



OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

New SUMMIT Requirement Goes into Effect Dec. 16th

The new OSP requirement for principal investigators to verify their proposals during the budget approval process will go into effect on **December 16, 2020**.

[Read more...](#)

New COVID-19 Database of Databases available for your next project!

Try out the new *COVID-19 Influences and Impacts: A Curated Database of Databases*, a collaboration between the Policy Destination Area and University Libraries. The aim of the annotated database is to **facilitate policy, social, health and environmental sciences research related to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing brief descriptions of relevant, vetted databases and links for accessing data and metadata**. Databases can be searched using both open text and keywords as well as by a number of criteria. This tool may especially be of interest to instructors for undergraduate and graduate classes. Members of the VT community may access the database [here](#).



In Memoriam: Lay Nam Chang, Strong Supporter of ISCE

In addition to serving in multiple key positions at Virginia Tech for many years, as an advocate for interdisciplinary research, Lay Nam Chang helped develop the vision for ISCE and served on the initial stakeholder committee. [Read more about his legacy here.](#)

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