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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

May 4, 2021



**The deadline for letters of intent for the GCC-ISCE interdisciplinary seed grants** is May 21st. Full proposals are due June 18th.

NIH continues to issue a number of special funding opportunities in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and calls for racial equity. See the **Funding Opportunities** and **Previously Posted Opportunities** below for details.

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **GCC-ISCE Issue Call for Proposals for Seed Grants**

The Global Change Center (GCC) and ISCE are accepting letters of intent for two interdisciplinary seed grant opportunities, both focused on global change. The second opportunity, in particular, seeks to fund projects led by GCC-affiliated faculty that address social aspects of global change issues. **The project should leverage and integrate a unique combination of social science expertise with biophysical and/or engineering expertise at VT.** It is anticipated that \$30,000 will be awarded to 1-2 projects. [Click here](#) for the full RFA for both opportunities.

**Deadline: May 21, 2021 (Letter of intent); June 18, 2021 (Proposals)**

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### **Call for Applications for Equity Scholars**

The Urban Institute is **kicking off a new effort to grow the field of researchers building evidence to accelerate racial justice and strengthen equity across society.** Their new Equity Scholars program offers emerging and established scholars the opportunity to deepen their own policy-oriented research on race, equity, and/or structural racism while contributing to equity-focused analyses underway at Urban. Over two years, as members of a cohort, Equity Scholars will develop research to interrogate the effects of structural

racism on people and places, develop evidence-based solutions to advance racial equity, and share their insights to decision makers best positioned to act. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: June 1, 2021**

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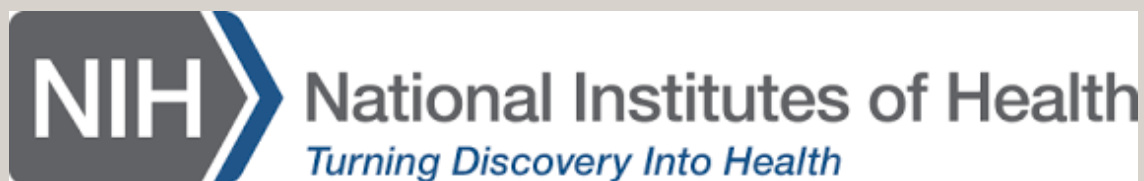


**Call for Letters of Intent for Translational Research**

The Virginia Catalyst is accepting letters of intent for Grant Round 12 to fund the development and commercialization of life science projects that address major unmet needs for improving human health and advancing Virginia's economy. **Virginia Catalyst awards these funds to help accelerate translational research and the commercialization of Virginia's innovations.** Awards range from \$200,000 to \$800,000. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: June 15, 2021**

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**Call for Applications with Social/Behavioral Elements**

NIH has announced **additional funding opportunities that contain significant social and behavioral elements** with upcoming deadlines, several related to COVID-19 or racial/health equity:

- Notice of Special Interest: [Research on the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic and Risks for Abuse and Injury Among Vulnerable Children and Youth](#); **deadline: June 5, 2021** (first of multiple)
- Notice of Special Interest: [Aging-Relevant Behavioral and Social Research on Coronavirus Disease 2019](#); **standard deadlines apply**, dependent on mechanism.
- National Institute of Child Health & Human Development: [Small Research](#)

[Grant Program](#) (R03); **deadline: June 16, 2021** (first of multiple deadlines)

- National Institute of Mental Health: [Pilot Effectiveness Trials of Interventions for Preschoolers with ADHD](#) (R34); **deadline: July 1, 2021 or March 1, 2022**
- Special Emphasis Notice: [AHRQ Announces Interest in Health Services Research to Advance Health Equity](#); **Active until April 2023.**



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

### Health Equity Scholars for Action

The goal of this new Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program is to **support the career development and academic advancement of researchers from historically underrepresented backgrounds who conduct health equity research**. Grants will be awarded to address the challenges that underrepresented researchers experience; help them overcome obstacles to earning tenure; and make progress toward acquiring independent research funding. To be eligible, researchers must be from a systematically marginalized group that has historically been underrepresented in research disciplines. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: June 16, 2021**

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Smith Richardson  
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### Call for Policy Analysis Research, Writing

The Smith Richardson Foundation is accepting applications for its annual Strategy and Policy Fellows grant competition. At least three research grants of \$60,000 will be awarded in support of research by young scholars and policy thinkers working in the area(s) of **American foreign policy, international relations, international security, military policy, and diplomatic and**

**military history** that leads to the writing of a book. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: June 18, 2021**

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### **Research on U.S. Healthcare System**

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation is dedicated to improving the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of the U.S. healthcare system. **The foundation supports innovative health services research in the areas of healthcare financing, delivery, management and policy.** Priority will be given to research studies that address issues of broad significance for the U.S. healthcare system, have high potential to produce timely results, and reach key target audiences. Expected project impact is paramount. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: June 30, 2021 (Letters of Inquiry)**

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## **Previously Posted Opportunities**

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- **Russell Sage Foundation** - [Visiting Scholars Program](#)  
Deadline: June 24, 2021
- **National Science Foundation** -Multiple Opportunities:
  - [Racial Equity in STEM Education](#); deadline: July 13, 2021 (first of multiple)
  - [Trans-Atlantic Platform Recovery, Renewal, and Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World](#); deadline: July 21, 2021
- **National Endowment for the Arts** - [Grants for Arts Program](#)  
Deadline: May 7th (Internal letter of intent, limited submission)
- **Gerber Foundation** - [Pediatric Research](#)  
Deadline: May 15, 2021

- **NOMIS & Science** - [Young Explorer Award](#)  
Deadline: May 15, 2021
  
- **Caplan Foundation** - [Early Childhood Research](#)  
Deadline: May 31, 2021
  
- **Native American Agriculture Fund** - [Proposals to Increase Success of Native Farmers](#)  
Deadline: June 1, 2021
  
- **Wenner Gren Foundation** - [Conference/Workshop Grants](#)  
Deadline: June, 1, 2021
  
- **National Institute of Mental Health** - Multiple Opportunities:
  - [Developing and Testing Multilevel Physical Activity Interventions to Improve Health and Well-Being](#); deadline: June 5, 2021
  - [COVID-19 Related School Disruptions Impact on Mental Health, Cognitive, Social, and Emotional Development of Children](#); deadline: June 5, 2021 (first deadline)
  - [Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research on COVID-19 Consortium](#); deadline: June 9, 2021
  - [RADx-UP - Social, Ethical, and Behavioral Implications \(SEBI\) Research on Disparities in COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and Vulnerable Populations](#); deadline: July 7, 2021
  - [Community-engaged COVID-19 Testing Interventions among Underserved and Vulnerable Populations – RADx-UP Phase II](#); deadline: July 7, 2021
  
- **American Diabetes Association** - [Diabetes Health Disparities Research](#)  
Deadline: June 7, 2021
  
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - [Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems](#)  
Deadline: June 28, 2021

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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### Understanding Diversity in STEM Online Event & Report

The 2021 Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering report is now available from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics. The biennial report provides detailed information about **participation levels of underrepresented groups in science and engineering education and employment**. [Click here](#) to access the report.

**An online event will be held on May 12th at 11:00 a.m.** to highlight the report and celebrate women, minorities and persons with disabilities. [Click here](#) to register.

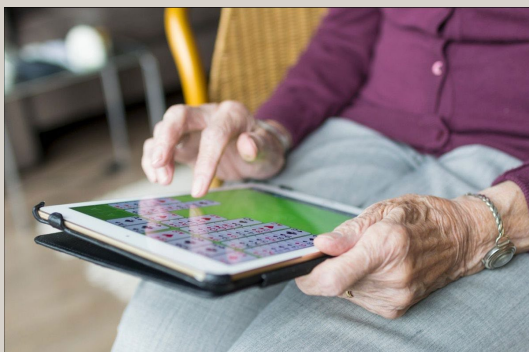
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## Announcements and Faculty News

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### 5 Tips for our Broader Impacts Statement

Check out the latest from the National Science Foundation's *Science Matters* blog for **tips on developing your broader impacts statement**. [Read more...](#)



### COVID Companions

Blacksburg Chief of Police, Anthony Wilson, partnered with the [Virginia Tech Center for Gerontology](#) and public health graduate students, **Laura York** and **Emily Hoyt**, to create a volunteer-based program to provide support for older adults during the coronavirus pandemic.

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