

Announcements

Call for Proposals: NSF ART Seed Translational Research Project (STRP) Program

With support from the [National Science Foundation's Accelerating Research Translation \(ART\)](#) program, George Mason's [Institute for a Sustainable Earth \(ISE\)](#) and the [Virginia Climate Center \(VCC\)](#) – in collaboration with the [Center for Climate Strategies](#) and the [University of Kentucky](#) – are working to create university-wide programming that enables the rapid, low-cost translation of the science that local governments, community-based organizations, and local businesses need to support the development of sustainable, equitable, and climate-resilient communities.

To this end, the Seed Translational Research Project (STRP) Program, one of the ART project's core programs, is designed to support faculty seeking to scale-up the impact of their research through community-engaged, experiential curriculum. **ISE and the VCC are currently seeking applications from George Mason faculty who are interested in participating in the STRP Program for Spring 2025.** Faculty participants in the STRP program will receive funding, training, and mentorship to explore and hone their value proposition, explore and define a client base, develop or modify a course that will support students in producing deliverables for specific community-based clients, and identify key partners.

For more information; visit [our webpage](#) or consider joining us on December 5th, 2024 at 1:00pm EST for a webinar introducing the STRP Program to those interested in submitting a proposal for Spring 2025. **[Interested George Mason University faculty can register for the webinar here.](#)**

NSF ART Seed Translational Research Project (STRP) Informational Session

Interested in applying for George Mason's NSF ART STRP Program? Join us for an informational webinar to learn more!

George Mason's NSF ART team is hosting a webinar introducing the STRP Program to George Mason faculty interested in applying for Spring 2025. Recipients will receive funding, training, and mentorship to scale-up the impact of their research through community-engaged, experiential curriculum.



Leah Nichols, NSF ART Lead PI



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Alice Fox, NSF ART Community Engagement Specialist

Thursday
December 5, 2024
at 1-2pm EST

Scan to learn more about the STRP Program and register for the webinar!



ise.gmu.edu/art/strp



News

- [A fond, feathery farewell: Students help track wetland birds heading south for the winter](#)
- [College of Science celebrates its first graduates of unique AI-enhanced histotechnologist program](#)
- [Five George Mason researchers receive funding for Center for Climate Risks Application](#)

Events

Aligning Water Infrastructures with Energy Transmission: Potential Lessons for Local Governments

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Please join George Mason University's Virginia Climate Center, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, and DC Water for a webinar introducing Washington DC's success interconnecting

water infrastructures and district energy systems to convey heat, enhancing the city's resilience to an increasingly variable climate.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Climate Policy Colloquium

December 15-19, 2024

Washington, D.C.

Attendees of the Climate Policy Colloquium will gain insight into the United States policy-making process and the climate policy landscape, explore emerging challenges and opportunities in climate science and policy, and examine the inner workings of government agencies working at the interface of science and policy.

Don't miss out on attending the inaugural year of this AMS climate policy immersion workshop!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Funding Opportunities

Call for Applicants: 2025 Maintainers Impact Fellowship

The Maintainers is a global research and practice network focused in advancing maintenance, repair, and care. They convene interdisciplinary change-makers, researchers, practitioners, and every-day people who center maintenance, repair, and care and the myriad forms of labor, expertise, and infrastructure that sustain our human built world.

Consider applying for The 2025 Maintainers Impact Fellowship. This fellowship will start in January of 2025 and will advance the movement for maintenance thinking and action by uplifting individuals who are actively contributing to maintenance, repair, and care sectors within their communities. The Maintainers are offering two \$3,500 awards for two fellows to implement an impact project within a 3-month time frame (January 6 – April 7). More information [here](#).

Applications Close: November 21, 2024

REACH Center Call for Proposals

The Research and Engagement for Action on Climate and Health (REACH) Center is pleased to announce its inaugural annual seed research grant competition. This year we will make available \$80,000 for seed grants, and will fund multiple grants of \$20,000-40,000 in total costs.

The REACH Center is a multi-institutional partnership between George Washington University, George Mason University, Howard University, and Environmental Defense Fund. The mission of the

REACH Center is to bridge big data to climate solutions that advance health and environmental justice. Specifically, the Center leverages the power of novel geospatial datasets and research co-generation with governmental and nongovernmental partners to research health and equity impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions from local to global scales. The Center offers unique contributions to climate change and health research, which are aligned with the [NIH Climate Change and Human Health Strategic Framework](#):

- Health effects research, including discovery and applied research in multiple climate-health exposure pathways, producing new knowledge of how climate change influences infectious and non-communicable disease and how these associations are affected by mitigation and adaptation strategies.
- Evaluation of health equity outcomes associated with climate change.
- Intervention research, with a primary focus on broad-scale climate solutions through policies and other institutional actions that can reduce exposure and protect public health from climate-sensitive hazards.

The goal of the seed grant program is to build capacity so that a new cohort of researchers and community partners will have the skills, connections, and research agendas to apply for National Institutes of Health R-level research grants in these topical areas while also targeting effective interventions to advance health equity and environmental justice.

If you have one or more components of a proposal, but are missing other bits and pieces, we are here to help! REACH Center staff will be happy to assist you in preparing a full proposal. Please contact Robert Orttung (rorttung@gwu.edu) or Rachel Clark (rachelclark@gwu.edu) with any questions.

Please submit the full proposal in one PDF file by January 15, 2025 5pm EST to Rachel Clark at rachelclark@gwu.edu. Decisions will be announced by February 15, 2025.

Heather's Highlights: Each week we will highlight current funding opportunities, alternating between the six ISE Research Themes.

Research Theme 4: Clean Energy, Decarbonization, and Climate Action

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has released a Dear Colleague Letter: Critical Aspects of Sustainability (CAS): Innovative Solutions to Climate Change

This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) encourages the science and engineering communities to develop forward-thinking research that will demonstrably aid in the Nation's goal of reaching net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and developing approaches for adapting to the change that is already occurring. CAS: Innovative Solutions to Climate Change is a call to action that encourages the submission of certain types of proposals to appropriate existing NSF core programs to lay the foundation for disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and to answer fundamental questions related to novel approaches and solutions to climate change.

Application Due Date: Continuous Submissions

Anticipated Funding Amount: \$100,000

Research Theme 5: Enhancing Equality, Equity, and Access to Basic Goods and Services

The Department of Health and Human Services has a funding opportunity announcement for Researcher Access for Preclinical Integrated Drug Development (RAPIDD) Program (X01 Clinical

The purpose of this FOA is to provide investigators working on the development of novel therapeutic products for HIV and HIV-associated co-infections (hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and Mycobacterium tuberculosis) with a mechanism to request NIAID DAIDS preclinical services to fill gaps in their product development efforts and facilitate the advancement of promising therapeutics from bench to clinics.

Application Due Date: January 18, 2025

Funding Amount: Not Specified

Research Theme 6: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions to Support Thriving Economies

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, through the University of Notre Dame, has a call for applications to their Visiting Research Fellows Program.

Each year, the Kroc Institute's Visiting Research Fellows Program brings outstanding scholars focused on peace research to the University of Notre Dame for a semester or full academic year. They provide fellowships to both academic and alumni scholars. Fellowships are offered to scholars with substantial research experience who will connect their research to ongoing Kroc Institute research initiatives. For the academic year 2025/26, they are inviting research proposals that focus on the following themes:

- Climate Change and Environmental Justice
- Intersection of Gender, Race, Class and Peacebuilding
- International Mediation
- Media, Technology and Peacebuilding
- Peace Accords Matrix (PAM)
- Peacebuilding and the Arts

Application Due Date: January 31, 2025

Funding Amount: Visiting fellows will receive a stipend of \$30,000 per semester (housing is provided)

Student Opportunities

VentureWell's E-Team Program

The E-Team Program, part of the VentureWell Accelerator, supports student ventures as you embark down the path you're likely to take as an innovator and entrepreneur. We help you advance your invention through a powerful mix of up to \$25,000 in grant funding, entrepreneurship training, mentorship by dedicated staff, national recognition, and networking with peers and industry experts.

Do you have an idea that can change the world? Every year, we award over \$800,000 in non-dilutive E-Team grants to early-stage innovator teams that develop scalable innovations which aim to solve a large social, health, or environmental challenge.

[Click Here to Apply](#)

Pathways Communication Grants

The Pathways Communication Grants support innovative ways of communicating scientific outcomes of place-based research projects on pathways for sustainability to educate and engage with non-academic audiences.

[Click Here to Apply](#)

Next System Fellows

"We are pleased to announce that Next System Studies is now accepting applications from George Mason University students to the Spring 2025 cohort of Next System Fellows!

Are you seeking a career in public service, research and education, social enterprise, community building, activism, or advocacy? Are you hoping to build practical experience and career networks in fields relevant to social change? Do you want to make a difference in the world – right here, right now?

If so, you should apply to become a Next System Fellow. The Next System Fellows are a part of Mason's prestigious Arlington Fellows program."

[Click Here to Apply](#)

The Institute for a Sustainable Earth (ISE) aims to connect members of the Mason community with others across the Mason community—and with other communities, policy-makers, businesses and organizations—so that, together, we can more effectively address the world's pressing sustainability and resilience challenges.

The ISE Newsletter provides up-to-date information on conferences, funding opportunities, and research pertaining to environmental science and sustainability. The biweekly newsletter aims to facilitate information sharing among researchers, practitioners, and relevant local, national, and international organization.



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