This second virtual conference will examine the implications of COVID-19 for public health and sustainability amongst COVID-19.

The 8th World Sustainability Forum (WSF2020) is to facilitate information sharing among researchers, practitioners, and relevant local, national, and global conversations, calls to action, performances, video teach-ins and more.

**To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22nd, 2020, the Earth Optimism Summit 2020 was launched!**

The summit seeks to invest in social innovations that aim to improve the lives of billions of people and the health of our planet. The summit program centers around the following program areas: Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Basic Energy Sciences, Connected Communities (S&CC) domain designed to build a more cohesive research-to-society network, environmental education (EE) training and long-term support to education professionals across any sector as long as they can demonstrate their innovation improves the lives of those living in their elimination from land and water systems.

In addition, we developed a Virtual Earth Month Calendar to highlight sustainability-related programs, events, and initiatives taking place throughout Earth Month.

Through the 2020 Global Network Challenge, the Edward and Doris Bridge Fellowship allows early to mid-career researchers to take bold action on sustainability and resilience challenges. If you are interested in submitting any of your current research, abstract submissions are now coordinated by MDPI under the patronage of the University of Basel, the University of California-Berkeley, and the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development.

Stay tuned for more information and updates about this exciting annual event focused on the future of our planet and its inhabitants!

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**Program**

**Webinar Series: Online Teaching for English Teachers**

**Deadline:** April 24, 2020

**Location:** Virtual

**Amount:** Multiple

**Contact:** ize.gmu.edu

**Funding source:** Grant

**PI:** Ray C. Anderson Foundation

**Amount:** $1,200,000

**Deadline:** May 15, 2020

**Contact:** Jody Keenan, Academic Administration

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**Faculty Lightning Talks for Mason International in 2020**

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** Stage 1: Monday, April 27, 2020

**Date:** 8am - 12pm EST

**Date:** 11:30am - 11:50am

**Registration:** You will be asked for a brief self-description which will be distributed to participants prior to the event.

**Contact:** Kathryn Laskey

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**TrueRemove: A Rapid Response Demonstration Program**

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** May 15, 2020

**Amount:** $100,000

**Contact:** Ziheng Sun, College of Science

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**Montana Trout Unlimited and San Juan County Conservation District**

**Location:** Virtual

**Amount:** $50,000 - $15,000,000

**Contact:** Joan Shin, College of Education and Human Development

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**Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF)**

**Location:** Virtual

**Amount:** Total funding is $11,000,000

**Contact:** PSC Landscape CSI: Fellowship Cynthia Smith

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**Funding source: National Science Foundation**

**Stage 1 award recipients to receive a full award— each with a budget of up to $1,000,000 for up to 12 months to execute and evaluate their research-centered pilot projects.**

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**Community IoT Innovation (SCITI Labs)**

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020

**Date:** 8am - 12pm EST

**Date:** 11:30am - 11:50am

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**Contact:** Ziheng Sun, College of Science

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**Public Service Commission Landscape Conservation Initiative (Landscape CSI)**

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020

**Date:** 8am - 12pm EST

**Date:** 11:30am - 11:50am

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**Contact:** Joan Shin, College of Education and Human Development

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**Telemedicine**

**Location:** Virtual

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**Contact:** Ziheng Sun, College of Science

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**Ray C. Anderson Foundation**

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**PSC Landscape CSI: Fellowship Cynthia Smith**

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