The 8th World Sustainability Forum (WSF2020) will showcase stories of both small and large-scale actions that frame the conversation and Earth Optimism Summit 2020. Organized by Bard College's Center for Environmental Policy, numerous universities across the globe are invited to submit one or two proposals in response to the reference Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFO). One proposal may be based on "business as usual" environments, where international travel, large public gatherings, and other programming parameters are unaffected by public health concerns. However, given the COVID-19 situation, the U.S. Mission to India invites interested applicants to submit one or multiple proposals that align with the following common "all-hazards" vernacular: dissemination of best practices, more institutional partnerships, and the development of a framework for longer-term sustainability.

The following funding opportunities limit the number of submissions per institution and require submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to begin the review process. Each proposal must address one or more of the funding opportunity's priority areas. In addition, all proposals must include a description of how they align with the U.S. Government's "Building Resilience in the Indo-Pacific" initiative and highlight the potential impact on both the United States and the Indo-Pacific region.

The Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) of the National Science Foundation (NSF) is soliciting proposals for the "Building Resilience in the Indo-Pacific" initiative, which aims to fund research projects that advance our understanding of the complex relationships between ecosystems and human systems in the Indo-Pacific region. The initiative supports research that integrates over levels of biological organization or across multiple spatial and temporal scales, and encourages interdisciplinary proposals that cross conceptual boundaries and address fundamental questions in ecology.

The Environmental Engineering Program of the National Science Foundation (NSF) is soliciting proposals for research projects that focus on the development and implementation of cost-effective, low-energy-intensive remedies for the cleanup and closure of contaminated sites. The program supports research that integrates ecological, environmental, and engineering perspectives to address the needs of communities and industries that are affected by contaminated sites.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is soliciting proposals for research projects that focus on the development of tools and methods for detecting and monitoring micro- and nanoplastics in the environment. The program supports research that integrates multiple disciplines and approaches, including materials science, environmental chemistry, and toxicology.

The Department of Energy's Office of Science is soliciting proposals for the "Community IoT Innovation (SCITI Labs)" initiative, which aims to fund research projects that develop innovative solutions for enhancing the energy efficiency and sustainability of buildings and communities. The initiative supports research that integrates multiple disciplines and approaches, including materials science, environmental chemistry, and toxicology.

The Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) of the National Science Foundation (NSF) is soliciting proposals for the "Nuclear Physics" initiative, which aims to fund research projects that advance our understanding of the fundamental properties of matter and energy. The initiative supports research that integrates over levels of biological organization or across multiple spatial and temporal scales, and encourages interdisciplinary proposals that cross conceptual boundaries and address fundamental questions in nuclear physics.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is soliciting proposals for the "Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the "Science of Science at the National Institutes of Health" initiative, which aims to fund research projects that advance our understanding of the scientific process and its impact on society. The initiative supports research that integrates multiple disciplines and approaches, including social and behavioral sciences, economics, and policy.

The Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) of the National Science Foundation (NSF) is soliciting proposals for the "Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the "Science of Science at the National Institutes of Health" initiative, which aims to fund research projects that advance our understanding of the scientific process and its impact on society. The initiative supports research that integrates multiple disciplines and approaches, including social and behavioral sciences, economics, and policy.

Earth Month 2020 is a global event that celebrates the planet and its people, and promotes solutions to the environmental challenges that we face today. The Earth Month Calendar is available online and includes a variety of events and activities that highlight the importance of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

In summary, the U.S. Mission to India is soliciting proposals for research projects that address the requirements of the "Building Resilience in the Indo-Pacific" initiative and align with the priorities of the U.S. Government. The proposals must be submitted in response to the reference NOFO and include a description of how they align with the initiative's goals and objectives.

To learn more about the U.S. Mission to India's funding opportunities, please visit the website at http://www.usembassy.gov or contact the appropriate agency for further information.

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**Notes:**

1. U.S. Mission to India
2. Earth Month 2020
3. Building Resilience in the Indo-Pacific
4. Science of Science at the National Institutes of Health
5. Earth Day Network (EDN)
6. Mason's Research
7. Mason International Collaborative (MIC)
8. Primary Investigator (PI)
9. Funding Opportunities
10. Limited Submission Funding Opportunities
11. Submit applications here
12. Funding level
13. Submission: grants.gov
14. Contact:
15. Registration
16. Date
17. Location
18. Solicitation name
19. Project title
20. Two-page biosketch (any style) for PI
21. Project summary (up to 3 pages). Please consider the review criteria when preparing the project summary.
22. Funding amount: $100,000,000 for new awards each year pending availability of funds
23. Funding source: Virginia Environmental Endowment
24. Email: masonresearch@mason.edu
25. Form: Mason's Research
26. Earth Day Network (EDN)
27. Community IoT Innovation (SCITI Labs)
28. Department of Energy
29. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
30. Division of Environmental Biology (DEB)