The ISE Newsletter provides up-to-date information on conferences, funding opportunities, and businesses and organizations—so that, together, we can more effectively address the world’s challenges. The biweekly newsletter aims to connect members of the Mason community and with other communities, policy-makers, and organizations.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the theme for the meeting includes: 1) health and medicine; 2) mobility and transportation; 3) work and learning; and 4) sustainability and environment. The conference will be held virtually on May 18-21, 2020.

The fellowship offers mid-career researchers working in the area of environmental sustainability and public health the opportunity to participate in a two-year program aimed at developing knowledge, skills, tools, and perspectives to help participants cross traditional disciplinary and sector boundaries. The training provided to fellows is built around a collaborative approach that values co-design with diverse stakeholders and prepares participants to develop and execute research that addresses complex global and local issues.

The Center for Resilient and Sustainable Communities (C-RASC) is hosting a webinar titled “Paradigm Shift: The Future of Work and the Real Estate Industry.” The webinar will take place on May 18, 2020, from 11 am to 12 pm. The webinar will discuss the economic and societal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and how it will impact the real estate industry.

Additional Funding Opportunities

- **Global Innovation Fund**: Seeks to invest in social innovations that aim to improve the lives of people in developing countries. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $1,000,000.
- **US Department of Transportation**: Supports innovative projects that address transportation challenges. Applicants may request $5,000 to $100,000. Proposals accepted at anytime. Total funding is $11,000,000.
- **Environmental Protection Agency**: Provides funding for research in the following program areas: Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Basic Energy Sciences, and Environmental Education. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $1,000,000.
- **National Science Foundation**: Supports diverse, innovative, multi-institution awards that build the capacity of institutions to engage in inclusive research. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $5,000,000.

COVID-19 Funding Opportunities

- **COVID-19- Implications for Fetal, Neonatal, and Maternal Health**: Offers research and training grants to study the impact of COVID-19 on pregnancy and childbirth. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $500,000.
- **Public Policy in the Pandemic Age**: Supports research on policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $1,000,000.
- **Social Inequities and the Disparities of Impact**: Supports research on the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $1,000,000.

Institutional Capacity Building

- **The College of Health and Human Services (CHHS)**: Offers a new funding opportunity to support the development of institutional capacity for research and evaluation. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $500,000.
- **Schar School of Policy and Government, Mason**: Offers a new funding opportunity to support the development of institutional capacity for research and evaluation. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $500,000.
- **Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Earth Sciences, Mason**: Offers a new funding opportunity to support the development of institutional capacity for research and evaluation. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $500,000.
- **Human Development and Family Science and Early Childhood Education, Mason**: Offers a new funding opportunity to support the development of institutional capacity for research and evaluation. Proposals accepted at anytime. Up to $500,000.

Upcoming Webinars

- **Paradigm Shift: The Future of Work and the Real Estate Industry**: Webinar will take place on May 18, 2020, from 11 am to 12 pm.

Please mark your calendars for these important events and consider joining us online.