

ISCE Funding Opportunities & Support 2023-2024

The mission of the Institute for Society, Culture and Environment (ISCE) is to enhance Virginia Tech's extramural funding capacity in the social sciences by catalyzing innovative, interdisciplinary, and translational research and scholarship that addresses critical human and societal concerns impacting the lives of people and places in Virginia, nationally, and across the globe. Details regarding ISCE funding opportunities and support can be found <https://www.isce.vt.edu/>.

Program	Description ¹	Contact
ISCE Scholars	The aim of this signature program is to provide interdisciplinary faculty teams with support for developing grant proposals, in new or existing areas in the social sciences, that align with one of ISCE's four thematic areas. The expectation is that proposals will lead to submission of an external grant application. Approximately 6-8 proposals of up to \$30,000 each are funded each year. Proposals are due annually in spring with funding beginning with the new academic year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford yanceyc3@vt.edu
Unsolicited Requests	ISCE accepts unsolicited proposals from full-time faculty anytime during the calendar year for projects that require a rapid response to an event, small feasibility studies and interdisciplinary team building that enable faculty to be more competitive for applications for external funding. Requests typically range from \$3,500-\$7,500. Applicants are encouraged to contact ISCE prior to making a formal request for funds: https://www.isce.vt.edu/faculty-funding/unsolicited-requests.html .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Roberto kroberto@vt.edu
Restricted Microdata Research	Virginia Tech has an agreement with the Georgetown Federal Statistical Research Data Center through 2024 to allow four approved projects access to restricted federal microdata. To assist faculty who receive approval for a project, ISCE will provide up to \$5,000 to help cover the costs of implementing the project. Potential applicants should register at https://www.isce.vt.edu/faculty-funding/restricted-microdata-program.html .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isabel Bradburn isbrad@vt.edu
ISCE PREP Program	The aim of this two-semester cohort-based program is to support social science faculty who are new to preparing proposals for extramural funding, or who have not served as PI for a successful proposal. Participants receive intensive mentoring and up to \$10,000 to support proposal development and preliminary research activities. Visit https://www.isce.vt.edu/faculty-funding/prep-program.html for details.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford Isabel Bradburn
Co-Sponsored Initiatives and Partnerships	An ongoing partnership between ISCE and the Global Change Center (GCC) provides funding of up to \$30,000 for interdisciplinary projects that address social aspects of major global change issues and intend to seek external funding. Projects must include faculty affiliated with the GCC and a Virginia Tech social scientist. Proposals are due annually each Spring. ISCE often partners with the other Virginia Tech Research Investment Institutes, Centers and Colleges to offer additional funding opportunities that are announced via the ISCE website and <i>ISCE News Flash</i> as funding becomes available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Roberto Bill Hopkins (ISCE-GCC only) hopkinsw@vt.edu
Speakers & Events	ISCE co-sponsors speakers, seminars and events related to ISCE's thematic areas and other social issues. Visit the ISCE website for details and to request support: https://www.isce.vt.edu/faculty-funding/conferences-seminars-speakers.html .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isabel Bradburn
External Review	ISCE provides funds for technical review and professional consultation of proposals by external experts. Interested researchers should email the ISCE Executive Director briefly detailing their project and justifying the request.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Roberto
Technical Assistance²	ISCE staff provide technical assistance with critiquing and proofreading proposals, serving as a liaison with the Office of Sponsored Programs to develop budgets and submit proposals, facilitating team meetings and other proposal activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford
Workshops & Seminars	ISCE sponsors and/or co-facilitates workshops and seminars to prepare faculty to apply for external funding. Visit the ISCE website or receive the <i>ISCE News Flash</i> for notification of upcoming events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford
ISCE News Flash	ISCE's electronic newsletter, sent bi-weekly throughout the year announces new funding opportunities, events and news relevant to social science faculty. To sign up, visit: https://www.isce.vt.edu/news-flash.html .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford

¹Amount of support is contingent upon the availability of funds. ²ISCE is also a member of the Virginia Tech Faculty Activity Support Team (VT-FAST), which provides proposal development assistance ranging from copy editing to submission of large proposals. For more info, visit: <https://fralinlifesci.vt.edu/Resources/fast.html>.