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Dear IDIA Colleagues,

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break!

We wanted to update you on a few important things:

- **Impact Award**: Nominations are due Feb. 28, 2022 (self-nominations are welcome). The inaugural award will be presented at the annual CCI Symposium in April (more information on the [Research Development website](https://www.gmu.edu/)).

- **Research Opportunities**:
  - ** 코드 최적화 (Code Optimization)**
  - ** 및 스토리지 최적화 (Storage Optimization)**
  - ** Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and other related fields. Interns will hold appointments at DOE national laboratories and will work on projects related to the Department of Energy's mission, operations, and culture of DOE. Moreover, interns will be mentored by leading scientists, engineers, and other top professionals to address cybersecurity and information technology challenges while gaining valuable, real-world experience to complement their education and open opportunities for careers within the federal government.

- **NSF PFI grants**: Are you interested in developing your research into a proof-of-concept or prototype? If you have received a CAREER grant, this might be a great opportunity. The [NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) program](https://www.nsf.gov/award electronically.htm) is designed to help translation of research into products or services. The program supports research teams in developing new solutions that benefit society while providing comparable federal funds to companies to evaluate the potential of the technology. The program offers two types of awards:
  - **Early Phase (EPI)** grants, which support the development of research-based solutions; and
  - **Later Phase (LPI)** grants, which fund the development of solutions that have demonstrated potential.

- **SURF Program**: The SURF Program is designed to inspire undergraduate students to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) by providing them with the opportunity to work on real-world projects under the guidance of experienced researchers. The program offers two types of internships:
  - **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF)**: Interns will conduct research supported with realistic data sets and other materials. Over the 10-week period, students will conduct research on their own and complete a final project. Interns will also have the opportunity to present their work at a professional conference or event.
  - **11-Week Internship**: Over the course of 11 weeks, SURF students will contribute to the ongoing research of one of the six centers.

- **DOE Omni Technology Alliance Internship Program**: Intended for up to three consecutive summers for talented undergraduate and graduate students in Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and other related fields. Interns will hold appointments at DOE national laboratories and will work on projects related to the Department of Energy's mission, operations, and culture of DOE. Moreover, interns will be mentored by leading scientists, engineers, and other top professionals to address cybersecurity and information technology challenges while gaining valuable, real-world experience to complement their education and open opportunities for careers within the federal government.

- **Research for Intelligence & Security Challenges (RISC)**: NSF is accepting proposals in three categories:
  - **Basic Research**
  - **Applied Research**
  - **Cyberstartups**: Expansion of Successful Pilot Program for Novel Experiential Learning.

We are here to help you with any questions you may have. If we can help connect you with other IDIA members or help to facilitate a project, please let us know.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

[Your Name]

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