



THE WEEKLY

Dear Colleagues,

The Office of Research Innovation and Economic Impact (ORIEI), in collaboration with the Anti-Racism and Inclusive Excellence (ARIE) Task Force, is excited to announce the first ARIE Seed Funding Initiative. The ARIE Seed Funding initiative emerged as one of the recommendations from the ARIE Research Working Group and is funded by the ARIE Task Force. This funding will support research, scholarship, and creative activities addressing the myriad of issues on the theme of anti-racism and inclusive excellence. Projects may be either highly scholarly or highly practical/applicable. The full Call for Proposals can found on the Research Development website under "[Funding Opportunities](#)."

Proposal Due Date: June 30

Funding Decisions: August 15

Funding Limit: (Two Tiers): Up to \$25,000 and up to \$50,000

Duration: 12-18 months

Eligibility: All faculty currently allowed to submit proposals under Mason's [Principal Investigators Policy 4012](#).

NOTE: ORIEI will be holding a Q&A on Wednesday, May 18 from 12-1:30 pm. Feel free to send any questions you have in advance to resdev@gmu.edu and we will try to address as many questions as we can. We understand this is a very busy time for faculty so the session will be recorded and posted on the Research Development website (resdev.gmu.edu).

Zoom link [here](#).

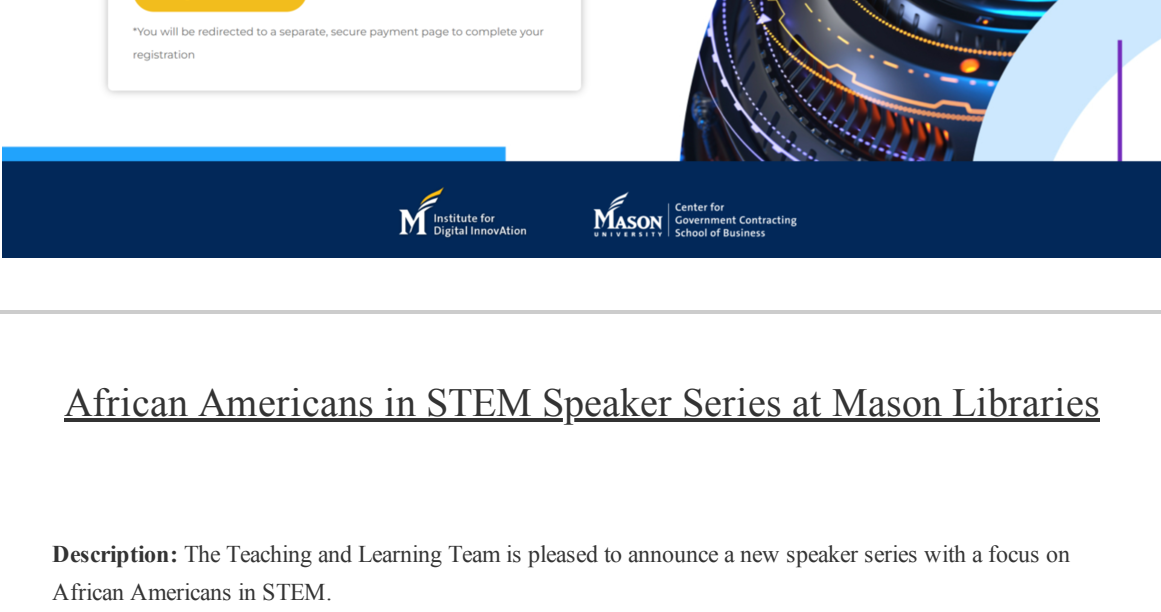
UPCOMING EVENTS

Acquisition Next: Artificial Intelligence

We are one week away from the [Acquisition Next: Artificial Intelligence](#) symposium, which we are co-sponsoring with the [Center for Government Contracting](#). This event is a great opportunity to learn more about AI-related issues in government acquisition. The event features two panels composed of industry and government experts, keynote speakers, and opportunities to network. See the full agenda and learn more [here](#).

Please join us either virtually or in person at Mason Square (Arlington Campus) on **Thursday, May 5** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. ET. Thanks to our sponsors at the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, virtual registrations are now free. Please use the code ADMIN100OFF when registering.

Register [here](#).



African Americans in STEM Speaker Series at Mason Libraries

Description: The Teaching and Learning Team is pleased to announce a new speaker series with a focus on African Americans in STEM.

April 28, 2022 6-7:30 p.m EDT (*REMOTE EVENT) Cameron Hughes

This is a presentation about the obligations and challenges of a software engineer in an age of machine learning hype. The talk is presented from the perspective of those who must program computers and robots to engage in activities that are typically associated with human beings. The presentation will cover the moral and ethical obligations of software engineers when charged with implementing strategies for complex problem-solving that interface with the public. The presentation will discuss laymen-level definitions of artificial intelligence, machine learning, autonomous robots, and computer ethics.

Register [here](#).

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cloud Innovation Conference 2022

We hope to see you this weekend at the Cloud Innovation Conference! Registration is closed, but you can join the waitlist [here](#).

About The Cloud Innovation Conference

April 30, 2022

The Cloud Innovation Conference is a student-led initiative that provides college students and professionals with insight into today's growing field of cloud computing. With the increase in globalization, students must understand the importance of cloud computing and the associated complexities, risks, opportunities, and achievements within it that affect their daily lives. Participants will immerse in the newly adopted tech culture and learn to use cloud computing tools such as AWS and more.

Schedule

- 10:00 | Keynote + Conference Orientation
- 11:00 | Introductory Session
- 12:00 | Lunch
- 1:00 | Exploratory Sessions
- 2:00 | Career Hour
- 3:00 | Closing Keynote

If interested, please reach out to the Conference Organizer at cloudinnovationsconference@gmail.com by April 27.

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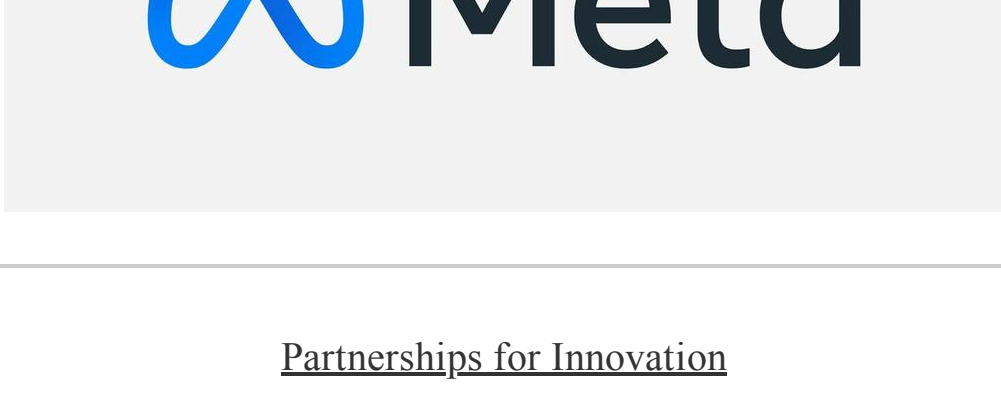
VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

Meta Opportunities

Meta is inviting faculty to respond to a call for research proposals in three different areas:

- Security and privacy systems and infrastructure:** The company anticipates awarding four to six awards, each between \$65,000 and \$100,000. Learn more about the security RFP [here](#).
- AI Network Innovations for Meta's Network Infrastructure Engineering team:** The company anticipates awarding four to six awards, each around \$50,000. Learn more about the AI network RFP [here](#).
- AR, VR, Smart Devices, and the Metaverse:** A total of eight to 11 awards are available at this time, up to \$75,000 each, depending on the specific requirements. Learn more about the AR/VR and smart devices RFP [here](#).

Payments for accepted RFPs will be made to the proposer's host university or nonprofit organization as an unrestricted gift.



Partnerships for Innovation

The [Partnerships for Innovation \(PFI\) Program](#) within the Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) offers researchers from all disciplines of science and engineering funded by NSF the opportunity to perform translational research and technology development, catalyze partnerships, and accelerate the transition of discoveries from the laboratory to the marketplace for societal benefit.

Funding Source: National Science Foundation

Anticipated Funding Amount: Up to \$550,000

Deadline: July 13, 2022

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Opportunities for Promoting Understanding through Synthesis \(OPUS\) - National Science Foundation](#)

Deadline: Continuous

[Global Problem Solver Challenge - Cisco](#)

Deadline: May 20, 2022

[Resilient & Intelligent NextG Systems \(RINGS\) - Virtual Organization - National Science Foundation](#)

Deadline: August 1, 2022

AWARDS

Congratulations to:

Sherry, Lance C. from the [College of Engineering & Computing](#) for receiving the SPEC Innovations grant on *Analytic Based Standard Operating Procedure Digital Assistant (ASOPDA)*.

Singh, Jatinder Pal and co-PIs **Hunzeker, Michael Allen; Anastasopoulos, Antonios; Kirkpatrick, Jesse Lee; and Shehu, Amarda** from the [Schar School of Policy & Government](#) for receiving the U.S. Department of Defense grant on *The Cultural, Economic, and Institutional Determinants of AI Infrastructures and Their Consequences in Global Contexts*.

IDIA AFFILIATION

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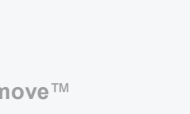
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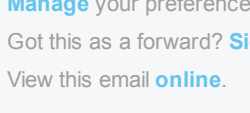
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SHARE WITH US

We are eager to hear from you! As we work with your colleges to compile updates on digital innovation-related research activities at Mason, we would love to hear about your research activities, awards, and recent publications. Please share any successes, concerns, or ideas with us at idiaz@gmu.edu



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