Dear Colleagues,

Various Opportunities:

- **GREEN ENERGY INNOVATION EXPO**
  - Description: This event will facilitate partnerships between businesses and federal laboratories, universities, and private-sector innovators to advance fields as diverse as finance, education, built infrastructure, science, economics, agriculture, health, and the digital economy. Attendees can receive support for internally funded and government-funded startups. Compete for accelerated project funding.
  - Application Deadline: May 1, 2023
  - Registration Deadline: May 1, 2023
  - More information can be found here.

- **ACCELERATE Smart Cities Innovation Challenge 2023**
  - Description: This event will bring together municipalities, universities, businesses, and government laboratories to pilot cutting-edge technologies in support of smart region solutions. Over six weeks, teams create innovative, high-impact solutions while hearing from and collaborating with sector experts and mentors. The Challenge creates connections among key elements of the startup community. It provides a novel way for municipalities to pilot cutting-edge solutions in their communities.
  - Application Deadline: May 1, 2023
  - More information is available here.

- **Earth System Observations and Modeling Graduate Symposium**
  - Description: This event will feature presentations, discussions, and networking opportunities for students, faculty, and staff interested in earth system observing systems. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their research, learn from experts in the field, and connect with potential advisors and mentors.
  - Registration Deadline: April 12, 2023
  - More information is available here.

Join the online launch event of Mason Living Labs! The Living Labs concept encourages and supports students, faculty, and staff to pose questions, experiment, gather data, monitor changes, and propose novel solutions to socio-environmental systems. The MITRE Capstones Project Portal is a web-based platform for university faculty and students to browse, select, and execute capstone projects with a MITRE technical advisor. There are several exciting opportunities currently on the Project Portal.

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Mason University Ph.D. and M.S. students to apply for the competitive IDIA Predoctoral Fellowship Program. An IDIA Predoctoral Fellowship can provide substantial support to students pursuing full-time graduate study and who are interested in interdisciplinary, convergent research.”**
  - **Funding:** Grant
  - **Deadline:** May 26, 2023
  - **Description:** Mason University’s Institute for Digital InnovAtion (IDIA) invites full-time George Mason University Ph.D. and M.S. students to apply for the competitive IDIA Predoctoral Fellowship Program. An IDIA Predoctoral Fellowship can provide substantial support to students pursuing full-time graduate study and who are interested in interdisciplinary, convergent research that aligns with IDIA’s mission of catalyzing cutting-edge solutions in the digital innovation ecosystem. The fellowship includes a stipend, tuition, and other benefits. For more information, please visit the IDIA website.

**AWARDS**

**College of Humanities and Social Science**

- **College of Humanities and Social Science Alumni Award for Distinguished Public Service**
  - **Recipients:** Blair, Virginia Sitar and Baker, Pamela Hudson
  - **Description:** The College of Humanities and Social Science Alumni Award for Distinguished Public Service recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the public sector, including government, non-profits, and advocacy organizations. Blair Sitar is recognized for her work in the Indian Ocean and Asia, and Pamela Hudson is recognized for her work on the Department of Education (US ED) grant on the Humanities (NEH) grant on the Indian Ocean and Asia.

**College of Education and Human Development**

- **College of Education and Human Development Executive Leadership Award**
  - **Recipient:** Nakkash, Rima
  - **Description:** The College of Education and Human Development Executive Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of education and human development. Rima Nakkash is recognized for her work in the field of education and human development.

**Schar School of Policy and Government**

- **Schar School of Policy and Government Alumni Award for Distinguished Public Service**
  - **Recipient:** Maclean, Johanna Catherine
  - **Description:** The Schar School of Policy and Government Alumni Award for Distinguished Public Service recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the public sector, including government, non-profits, and advocacy organizations. Johanna Maclean is recognized for her work in the field of public policy.

**College of Public Health**

- **College of Public Health Alumni Award for Distinguished Public Service**
  - **Recipient:** Aspiring Special Education Leaders Academy (ASELA)
  - **Description:** The College of Public Health Alumni Award for Distinguished Public Service recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the public sector, including government, non-profits, and advocacy organizations. ASEA is recognized for its work in the field of public health.

**College of Engineering and Technology**

- **College of Engineering and Technology Alumni Award for Distinguished Public Service**
  - **Recipient:** TrueRemove™
  - **Description:** The College of Engineering and Technology Alumni Award for Distinguished Public Service recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the public sector, including government, non-profits, and advocacy organizations. TrueRemove™ is recognized for its work in the field of engineering and technology.

**Funding Opportunities**

- **NIH peer review**
  - **Title:** Funded Projects
  - **Recipients:** Hansen, Elizabeth Marie

**Institute for Digital InnovAtion (IDIA)**

- **Socio-environmental systems.**

Thank you for your support and commitment to Digital InnovAtion at Mason University.

Sincerely,

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