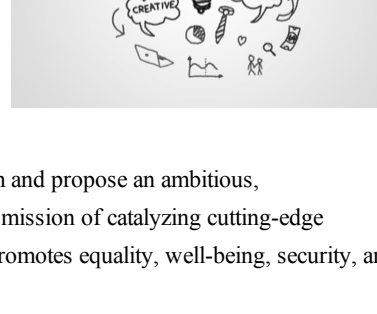




THE WEEKLY

Dear Colleagues,

The [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 includes a GRA AY stipend, tuition, and healthcare for up to three years.



Student applicants are encouraged to reach out to and form an interdisciplinary team of faculty mentors across the Mason ecosystem and propose an ambitious, interdisciplinary, convergent research agenda that aligns with IDIA's mission of catalyzing cutting-edge computing research that shapes the future of our digital society and promotes equality, well-being, security, and prosperity.

Application Deadline: **May 1, 2023 by 11:59 pm EDT**

More information can be found [here](#).

VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

Green Energy Innovation Expo



Green energy technology has never been more in demand. On May 17, 2023, the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC), AUTM, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will be sponsoring the Green Energy Innovation Expo, where we will highlight the impact of green energy in the fight against climate change.

This event will facilitate partnerships between businesses and federal laboratories, universities, and private-sector innovators—including government-funded startups—offering a wide range of green energy technologies for licensing, including green hydrogen, energy storage, and wind energy.

More information is available [here](#).

Accelerate Smart Cities Innovation Challenge

ACCELERATE
Smart Cities Innovation Challenge
2023

Kickoff Event: April 10
Challenge: April 10 - May 25
Finale Live Pitch Event: May 25

Register to compete today!

The Accelerate Smart Cities Innovation Challenge brings together industry experts, innovators, and startups to support smart region solutions. Over six weeks, teams create innovative, high-impact solutions while hearing from and collaborating with sector experts and mentors. In addition, the Challenge creates connections among key elements of the startup community. It provides a novel way for municipalities to pilot cutting-edge technology solutions in priority policy or program areas.

Registration Deadline: **April 10, 2023**

Register [here](#).

More information is available [here](#).

Earth System Observations and Modeling Graduate Symposium

4TH EARTH SYSTEM OBSERVATIONS AND MODELING GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 21, 2023

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY • FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

This year's symposium will be IN-PERSON!

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2023

The Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Studies (COLA) and the Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Earth Sciences (AOES) invite masters and doctoral students from the Mid-Atlantic states to share their research. This year's theme is **Earth's Changing Climate, Weather, and Their Impacts.**

Featuring

- **Keynote speakers**
 - ⇒ Dr. Jessica Whitehead (Old Dominion University)
 - ⇒ Dr. Dev Niyogi (University of Texas)
- **Oral and poster presentations**
- **Career panel with Earth Sciences professionals**

Don't have anything to present? Just come and join us!

Registration through **April 14**

Event website: <https://tinyurl.com/49haxws6>

Contact esomsym@gmu.edu

AOES department Website: <https://aoes.gmu.edu>

MITRE Capstones Project Portal

As part of its University Innovation Exchange (UIX) initiative, MITRE is partnering with universities to offer technical advisors and capstone project ideas that reflect real problems facing the United States government. 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.

The complete list is available [here](#).

Launch of Mason Living Labs

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 various sustainability challenges associated with the George Mason University campus environment and its socio-environmental systems.

Event: **April 12, 2023 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST**

Register [here](#).

AWARDS

Congratulations to:

Nakkash, Rima from the [College of Public Health](#) for receiving the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) grant on *Phone-Enabled Implementation of Cessation Support (PHOENICS)*.

Macleon, Johanna Catherine from the [Schar School of Policy and Government](#) for receiving the National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant on *Evaluating the Effect of E-cigarette Policies on Youth Tobacco Use*.

Madden, Jane H. from the [College of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) for receiving the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant on *Global Passages: Creating a Public Database of Slaving Voyages across the Indian Ocean and Asia*.

Baker, Pamela Hudson from the [College of Education and Human Development](#) for receiving the U.S. Department of Education (US ED) grant on *Aspiring Special Education Leaders Academy (ASELA)*.

Blaiz Virginia Sitar from the [College of Public Health](#) for receiving the Truth Initiative grant on *The Tobacco-Free Mason Project*.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Safe Learning-Enabled Systems](#)

Deadline: **May 26, 2023**

[Addressing Systems Challenges through Engineering Teams](#)

Deadline: **April 19, 2023**

IDIA AFFILIATION

Did you know that, as an IDIA faculty affiliate, you are eligible to:

Compete for [internally funded IDIA projects](#)

Receive support for [IDIA-relevant events](#)

Become part of the [dynamic multidisciplinary faculty network](#) focused on digital techniques and technologies to advance fields as diverse as finance, education, built infrastructure, science, economics, agriculture, health, transportation, entertainment, national security, and social justice.

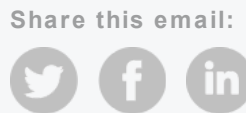
There is no financial burden to you or your departments for affiliation with the institute. Participation in IDIA does not prevent its members from being associated with other university centers. If you are not already affiliated, we encourage you to submit your profile [here](#).

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 idia2@gmu.edu



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