Dear Colleagues,

If you are new or want to learn about what Institute for Digital InnovAtion (IDIA) offers and how you can connect to its research infrastructure, please RSVP to our event. We are holding a meet and greet on September 21 to welcome new faculty members.

RSVP here.

Deadline: September 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM EST
Welcome NEW FACULTY
September 21 | 12-1PM
Johnson Center, G337, Fairfax Campus

Join Us

Come meet the Institute of Digital Innovation (IDIA).
Learn about what IDIA offers and how you can connect to its research infrastructure.
Light refreshments will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virginia Women in IT & HPC Events
Is Generative AI a Threat to Cybersecurity? - Tech Duels

Technology moves fast! If you’re a developer, engineer, architect or technical leader, you’re constantly confronting a number of decisions and choices. Or, maybe you’re just really passionate about a particular technology. What do you do? Tech Duels will put this to debate. Skilled and opinionated developers will debate on technical topics in a variety of formats, from individuals facing off one on one to teams battling it out. All this while competing for prizes and recognition as the winning debaters.

Event date: September 14 at 6:00 PM EST.

Grab your tickets here and use the Promo Codes below:
AWS Skilled Talent Job Fair
Looking for **internships and full-time** cloud roles? Join us at the AWS Skilled Talent Job Fair where you can network with **companies** in the DC-metro area who are looking for you, too!

These employers will be actively recruiting for entry-level tech roles:

- Cloud Support Associate
- Software Developer Engineer
- Data Integration Specialist
- Data Analyst
- IT Support Specialist
- ...and others!

**When:** Tuesday, 9/19, 1-4p EDT

**Where:** AWS Arlington Skills Center - 1550 Crystal Drive, Suite G, Arlington, VA 22202

**Register:** Below by September 15th

Mason I-Corps Quantum Cohort at QWC

Mason and the 2023 Quantum World Congress have partnered to bring you the Mason I-Corps Quantum Cohort. Costs for this event, along with registration fees to the Quantum World Congress, will be covered by Mason. The U.S. National Science Foundation’s Innovation Corps (I-Corps™) program is an immersive, entrepreneurial training program that facilitates the transformation of invention (or research) into impact.

During this experience, you will learn an evidence-based approach to idea evaluation with regards to market viability. Is the idea desirable? Who is the ideal audience? Where do you even start? This cohort is here to help answer those questions. Centered around customer discovery and Lean Launch methodology, you will determine if your idea solves a need and for whom.
Artificial Intelligence for Scientific Discovery Workshop

This workshop explores the future of AI in terms of its role as an autonomous researcher performing scientific discovery. This includes where AI stands, where it needs to go, and which disciplines should have increased investment for the utilization of AI scientists. Sessions for the workshop will include what it means to be an AI scientist, societal aspects of AI, hurdles to achieve AI-independent scientific discovery, and steps in the
direction of AI grand challenges. The workshop will also explore the ethical aspects and potential pitfalls that
loom for AI scientists throughout.

Event date: October 12-13, 2023

More information here.

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**AWARDS**

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Congratulations to:

**Wang, Lily** from the College of Engineering and Computing for receiving the National Institutes of Health grant on *SCH: Novel and Interpretable Statistical Learning for Brain Imaging Data*.

**Satyapal, Shobita** from the College of Science for receiving the National Science Foundation grant on *NRAO SOS grant*.

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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- **Department of Defense - Naval Engineering Education Consortium (NEEC) Broad Agency Announcement**
  
  Deadline: October 30, 2023

- **National Institutes of Health - Using Innovative Digital Healthcare Solutions to Improve Quality at the Point of Care (R21/R33 - Clinical Trial Optional)**
  
  Deadline: October 5, 2023

- **National Science Foundation - Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE): Core Programs**
  
  Deadline: October 23, 2023

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**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](#).

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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](mailto:idiaz@gmu.edu)

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