



Institute for  
Digital InnovAtion



# THE WEEKLY

Dear Colleagues,

The next IDIA Connect by [The Institute for Digital InnovAtion \(IDIA\)](#) is approaching soon. The [IDIA Connect series](#) connects Mason faculty, researchers, and students with industry and non-governmental organizations, as well as local, regional, and national government entities.

Join our IDIA CONNECT event, where we connect you with Equival.

RSVP [here](#).

# IDIA CONNECT SERIES

October 27, 10:00AM - 11:00AM EST  
*Via Zoom*

Join us for our **IDIA  
CONNECT** event, where we  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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[What Makes Us Human in the Digital Age](#)

# What Makes Us Human in the Digital Age?

## A CHR & IDIA Joint Symposium

The **Center for Humanities Research** (CHR) is partnering with the **Institute for Digital InnovAtion** (IDIA) to bring faculty from across George Mason University to engage on some of the thorniest, transdisciplinary problems of our times.

Join us for two panels: **“What Makes us Human in the Digital Age?”** and **“Language and Humans in the Age of Chat Bots,”** each followed by a Q and A.

A light reception, sponsored by the IDIA and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, will follow.

**Friday, October 20**  
**1-5 pm**  
**Horizon Hall 2014**

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 **GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY** | Center for Humanities Research

 **GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY** | College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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## Bring Down Counterfeiting Hackathon 2023

Bring Down Counterfeiting 2023 is asking you to prototype solutions that enable more effective public-private partnerships to facilitate or enhance data sharing and operational cooperation among the private sector and U.S. governmental agencies in the fight against counterfeit goods. This program will challenge solvers to help develop strategies to identify and counter new and existing trends in counterfeiting and piracy.

Teams will compete for more than \$20,000 in prizes. Those that make it to the final round will be evaluated by an expert panel of judges. Bring a team or register on your own.

Event date: **August 18 to November 4, 2023**

More information available [here](#).

# BRING DOWN COUNTERFEITING 2023

## AI in Higher Education DMV Community Event



### AI in Higher Education DMV Community Event

Hosted by:  Microsoft

Join us for a day of learning and collaboration on AI technologies and best practices with your DMV peers and Microsoft Leadership.

**Goal-** bring together a community of high ed innovators & researchers with an interest in learning and using the latest AI technologies to share thoughts, ideas, lessons learned, and best practices in this cutting-edge space.

#### When and where

- December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023--- 9am-4:30pm
- Location: Microsoft Arlington office, 1300 Wilson Blvd, 13th floor, room 13.1D
- Registration: [Register to save you spot here!](#)

#### What to expect

- 9am-12:30pm: informational sessions and collaborative panel discussions on topics such as OpenAI, responsible AI, and AI in research.
- Lunch & Learn HPC session with Rescale 12:30-1:30pm
- 1:30-4:30pm: Hand-on labs focused on researchers getting started with AI in the cloud with guidance from experts.

\*You are welcome to register and attend either the 1st half and/or the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the event!\*

\*\*Full Agenda Included Below\*\*

**We hope to see you there!**





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## GMU Break Through Tech Fall 2023 Events

**BREAK  
THROUGH  
TECH**

DC

**BREAK THROUGH TECH MASON**

# FALL 2023 EVENTS



LINK TO ZOOM

OCT 4TH  
1: 30 PM  
ZOOM

CELEBRATING INSIGHTS GAINED AT  
GRACE HOPPER CELEBRATION:  
KEY LEARNINGS AND INSPIRATIONS

OCT 11TH  
1: 30 PM  
ZOOM

EMPOWERING CHANGE: INSIGHTS  
FROM LEADING WOMEN IN TECH

OCT 18TH  
1: 30 PM  
ZOOM

CRAFTING FUTURES: RESUME AND  
INTERVIEW STRATEGIES - INSIGHTS  
FROM OUR INTERNSHIPS

OCT 25TH  
1: 30 PM  
ENGR 4201

CEC SPOOKTACULAR BASH: COSTUME  
COMPETITION AND HALLOWEEN  
GAMES

NOV 1ST  
1: 30 PM  
ZOOM

NAVIGATING THE TECH STARTUP  
JOURNEY: FROM IDEA TO LAUNCH

NOV 8TH  
1: 30 PM  
ENGR 4201

A GLIMPSE INTO THE TECH WORLD:  
A DAY IN THE LIFE AT MICROSOFT

NOV 15TH  
1: 30 PM  
ENGR 4201

FINDING SERENITY IN THE STORM:  
YOGA AND STRESS RELIEF FOR EXAM  
PREPARATION

ALL ZOOM EVENTS WILL BE HELD USING THE SAME ZOOM LINK

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and Computing

[Connect Anacostia Business Model Hackathon](#)

# connect anacostia

business model hackathon

compete to develop viable  
business models that enable  
anacostia residents to gain  
essential tech skills

**InnovateDMV**  
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october 17  
8am - 8pm

in-person  
free food



build your business  
compete to win prizes  
gain a powerful network  
impact your community

**CIVSTART**



local entrepreneurs,  
technologists, community  
champions, and academics  
register @ [innovatedmv.com](https://innovatedmv.com)

— VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES —



The Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation (CMMI) of the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) invites the submission of EARly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) proposals, as well as supplemental funding requests to existing NSF awards, in support of research on the performance of novel and important tasks that require sensorimotor interaction between human and synthetic actors: that is, physical interaction that also involves sensing through one or more modalities.

Learn more [here](#).

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## DoD College Acquisition Internship Program

DoD Acquisition is explained as the mission and process involved in the procurement of weapons, systems, supplies, or services to satisfy DoD needs and support military operations.

The acquisition process encompasses a range of phases such as: research, design, engineering, manufacturing, technology, testing, deployment, sustainment, operation, and disposal. To execute the acquisition and sustainment mission, members of the acquisition workforce require the education, skills and knowledge to perform many occupations, i.e. program manager, engineer, digital technology, financial manager, contract officer, logistician, etc.

Learn more [here](#).

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## Graduate Student Internships in Forensic Science and Criminal Justice

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) have announced a new effort to strengthen the STEM workforce and support research relevant to criminal justice. We are inviting proposals under the NSF-NIJ INTERN program (INTERN), which allows graduate students to explore non-academic research internships in forensic science and other criminal justice fields. INTERN offers students experiential training in professional environments broader than would be typical in an academic program. At the same time, it gives potential employers access to future STEM workforce talent.

Learn more [here](#).



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[National Science Foundation - Dear Colleague Letter: Special Guidelines for Submitting Collaborative Proposals under U.S. National Science Foundation \(NSF\) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology \(MeitY\) of India Collaborative Research Opportunities](#)

Deadline: **January 5, 2024**

[Department of Defense - Dahlgren University Research and Development \(R&D\) Projects and Capstone Projects](#)

Deadline: **Continuous Submission**

[National Science Foundation - Dear Colleague Letter: United States-Ireland-Northern Ireland R&D Partnership](#)

Deadline: **Continuous Submission**

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## — IDIA AFFILIATION —

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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 —

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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](mailto:idia2@gmu.edu)



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