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THE WEEKLY

Dear Colleagues,

Please register for the next IDIA Connect by [The Institute for Digital InnovAtion \(IDIA\)](#) below. 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.

This time we connect you with Equivital.

RSVP [here](#).

IDIA CONNECT SERIES

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

Join us for our **IDIA
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UPCOMING EVENTS

[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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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

Ideas Lab: Personalized Engineering Learning Program Webinar

The Office of Emerging Frontiers and Multidisciplinary Activities (EFMA) will host an informational webinar on October 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern to discuss the Ideas Lab: Personalized Engineering Learning program solicitation NSF 23-627 and to answer questions from prospective applicants

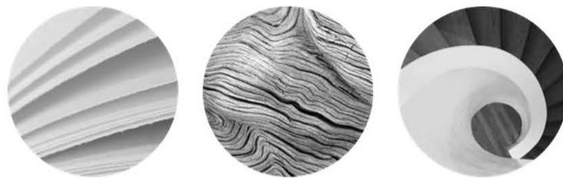
Register [here](#).

More information available [here](#).



National Science Foundation

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 6th, 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 2nd half of the event!

Full Agenda Included Below

We hope to see you there!

Mason I-Corps Program

MASON I-CORPS: TAKING RESEARCH TO MARKET OCTOBER 20, 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM VIRTUAL

ABOUT INFO SESSION

Join us to learn about the George Mason University's NSF I-Corps Program, part of the new Mid-South Hub led by Vanderbilt University!

This is an evidence-based approach to assist Researchers to take their research and innovations to market for real-world impact.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



Todd Morrill, the Mason I-Corps Lead Instructor, is a Faculty Director at the Bay Area I-Corps Node at the University of California, Berkeley. He is a National Instructor for the NSF I-Corps and has taught and coached over 500 teams.



Fatah Kashanchi (PhD), a professor in Virology and Director of the Laboratory of Molecular Virology at the George Mason University. He participated in the Mason I-Corps Regional Program.



Remi Veneziano (PhD) is a Faculty in the Bioengineering Department at George Mason University. He has participated in both the NSF I-Corps Regional and National programs and is currently working on establishing his firm.



Shrishti Singh (PhD) is currently a postdoctoral researcher in Bioengineering and working towards co-founding a biotechnology firm. She participated in the Mason NSF I-Corps program at both Regional and National levels to commercialize her research solution.

WHAT WE WILL COVER?

- NSF I-Corps program
- Benefits of the I-Corps program to you as a Faculty, Researcher, Student or Staff
- Funding opportunities available to I-Corps participants
- Success stories of how participating in I-Corps has resulted in significant impact in research commercialization

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Faculty, Researchers, Postdocs, Students and Staff from any institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

REGISTRATION

Register for the Info session by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code below:

[https://gmu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApdOyhqojG92xJc100TwaHSjLHBLD5zz9](https://gmu.zoom.us/join/register/tJApdOyhqojG92xJc100TwaHSjLHBLD5zz9)



[Register Now](#)

For any additional information contact:

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AWARDS

Congratulations to:

Durant, Liza Price Wilson from the [College of Engineering and Computing](#) for receiving the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority grant on *CCI Scholars Program – Undergraduate Research*.

Green, Joshua from the [Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Impact](#) for receiving the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation grant on *VIPC FY2024 ICAP Grant*.

Wessels, Konrad J. from the [College of Science](#) for receiving the National Aeronautics and Space Administration grant on *Scoping Study for Adaptation and Response In Drylands (ARID) Experiment - NASA terrestrial Field campaign*.

Parsa, Maryam from the [College of Engineering and Computing](#) for receiving the National Science Foundation grant on *Collaborative Research: NCS-FR: DEJA-VU: Design of Joint 3D Solid-State Learning Machines for Various Cognitive Use-Cases*.

Genaro Motti, Vivian from the [College of Engineering and Computing](#) for receiving the National Science Foundation grant on *FW-HTF-RL: Success via a Human-Assistive Wearable Technology Partnership Fostering Neurodiverse Individuals' Work Success via an Assistive Wearable Technology*.

Doebel, Sabine from the [College of Humanities and Social Science](#) for receiving the University of Texas at Dallas grant on *Subaward Project GARDEN: Innovating Developmental Science with an Online, Scalable Meta-Science Platform for Investigating Cognitive Development During Early Childhood*.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[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**

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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