



Institute for  
Digital InnovAtion



## THE WEEKLY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### STEM Student Engagement FDA/CDRH Minority Serving Institution (MSI) STEM Immersion Day 11/20

The CDRH MSI STEM Immersion Day is an event aimed at engaging students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). The goal is to provide students with hands-on experiences that showcase CDRH's work in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and promote professional development. Attendees will learn about CDRH's role in public health, STEM career opportunities, practical training activities, and job application processes. The event supports students in their academic growth and aims to make CDRH a desirable scientific employer for STEM talent from MSIs.

Date: November 20, 2024

Where: Virtual

Register [here](#)

# MSI STEM

Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)

## Immersion Day

November 20, 2024

9:00am EST

[Register](#)

### The MIX has launched its first podcast, MIX It Up!

Join the MIX as they explore the vibrant world of the MIX community! Each episode features engaging conversations that uncover unique stories, insights, and inspirations. Discover the brilliant minds that make the MIX a hub of innovation and creativity, and be inspired by the diverse voices shaping the community.

[Tune in here](#)



MASON INNOVATION EXCHANGE

## CCI OPPORTUNITIES

Do not miss this opportunity for a paid internship to work on a cybersecurity or CS project with tech startups or small businesses!

This experiential learning opportunity aims to provide students with hands-on work experience in a tech

startup environment, focusing on cyber entrepreneurship to inspire future tech founders. Students will work as paid interns at \$19 per hour (up to 120 hours in the spring 2025 semester) with selected local companies on cyber or tech-related projects. The role requires strong technical skills and the ability to work independently to successfully complete assigned projects.

Deadline for application: December 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

[Apply here](#)



**Commonwealth  
Cyber Initiative**

# AWARDS

Congratulations to:

**Houser, Paul R.** from the [College of Science](#) and co-PIs **Wells, Lin** and **Purohit, Hemant** for receiving funding from the National Institute of Standards and Technology on *Enhancing Emergency Communications Resiliency and Effectiveness through AI*. This project was made possible through the efforts of Congressman Gerry Connolly.

**Kaya, Erdogan** from the [College of Education and Human Development](#) for receiving the National Science Foundation grant on *EducateAI DCL: Advancing AI Literacy through Linguistically Inclusive Integrated Engineering Curriculum via Educational Robotics*.

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[European Commission - Climate, Energy and Mobility -- Digital Tools for CSP and Solar Thermal Plants](#)

**Deadline:** January 21, 2025

[National Institute on Aging/NIH/DHHS - Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers](#)

**Deadline:** February 18, 2025

\*\*\*If a funding opportunity limits the number of applications the university can submit, it will be posted and managed through the Research Development Services office. Please contact [limited@gmu.edu](mailto:limited@gmu.edu) or Sheila Davis [sdavis46@gmu.edu](mailto:sdavis46@gmu.edu) if you have questions or are unsure if the opportunity is a limited submission opportunity.

# IDIA AFFILIATION

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