



Institute for
Digital InnovAtion



THE WEEKLY

Now Recruiting: Institute for Digital Innovation (IDIA), Executive Director

The Office of Research, Innovation and Economic Impact is recruiting a new IDIA Executive Director. Current Mason Faculty interested in the Additional Assignment are encouraged to apply. You can find more information about the position and the required performance and personal competencies for the position at this link: [IDIA Executive Director - Additional Assignment Position Description.docx](#)

We are requesting a cover letter and CV by April 25, 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Technology and AI Meet Innovation: What's Next in Retail?

The retail sector is being reshaped by evolving customer expectations, digital transformation, AI, and the need for workforce reskilling. The Center for Retail Transformation's virtual summit will equip participants with

insights from senior leaders through keynotes and panels on adapting to these changes. Topics include AI, sustainability, supply chains, and marketing analytics.

When: April 24, 2025

Time: 12pm - 5pm

More information [here](#)

Technology and AI Meet Innovation: What's Next in Retail?

Virtual Summit
Thursday,
April 24
12 to 5 p.m. EST

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Handshake Highlight: Interview Prep

Use Handshake for interview prep too! Research the employer, access lists of past interview questions, message the recruiter for advice, and connect with members of the Mason Nation that already work there all in Handshake.

When: April 21, 2025

Time: 12PM

Join the zoom [here](#)

AWS Cloud Workshop

Whether you're new to cloud computing or already have experience, this workshop offers something for everyone. Gain practical skills that will give you a competitive edge in today's tech job market!

When: April 18th

Time: 4:30PM - 7:00PM

Where: Nguyen Engineering Building

More information and registration [here](#)



CLOUD WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive cloud workshop with AWS — hands-on learning, expert guidance, and valuable skills to power your tech journey!



4:30pm
FRIDAY 18 APRIL, 2025



Nguyen Engineering Building
1ST FLOOR ATRIUM



Register here
[APP.BRAZENCONNECT.COM/EVENTS/MNMY](https://app.brazenconnect.com/events/mnmy)

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VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

[Explore Careers with U.S. Secret Service](#)

Attend this info session to hear from representatives from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) about the exciting careers available in their Washington Field Office (WFO). This event will be of particular interest to Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students of all disciplines. However, Freshmen and Sophomores are encouraged to attend as well.

More information [here](#)

Mercatus Undergraduate Fellowship

[The Mercatus Center](#) at George Mason is focused on the perspective that markets work to improve people's lives. They are currently accepting applications for the Undergraduate Scholars program—a program for undergraduate students at George Mason who are interested in learning how to apply these ideas to research and policy analysis.

If you have any questions, reach out to undergradscholars@mercatus.gmu.edu

Apply [here](#)

AWARDS

Congratulations to:

Jones, Rochelle from the [College of Computing and Engineering](#) for receiving the *US Department of Defense (US DOD)* grant on **2024 UAS 07 Drone Detection and ID--Market Survey**

Zhu, Zhuanghi from the [College of Computing and Engineering](#) for receiving the *University of Virginia* grant on **Secure and Privacy-Conscious Threat Detection via Federated Learning and Graph Neural Networks**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Enhancing Mechanistic Research on Precision Probiotic Therapies \(R61/R33 Clinical Trial Optional\) - National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health/NIH/DHHS](#)

Deadline: June 2, 2025

[Science and Technology Centers: Integrative Partnerships - National Science Foundation](#)

Deadline: June 2, 2025

[Research to Advance the Science of Primary Care \(R01\) - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/DHHS](#)

Deadline: June 5, 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 or Sheila Davis sdavis46@gmu.edu if you have questions or are unsure if the opportunity is a limited submission opportunity.

IDIA AFFILIATION

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

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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