

ISCE Funding Opportunities & Support 2025-2026

The mission of the Institute for Society, Culture and Environment (ISCE) is to enhance Virginia Tech's extramural funding capacity in the social sciences by catalyzing innovative, interdisciplinary, and translational research and scholarship that addresses critical human and societal concerns impacting the lives of people and places in Virginia, nationally, and across the globe. Details regarding ISCE funding opportunities and support can be found at: <https://www.isce.vt.edu/>.

Program	Description ¹	Contact
ISCE Scholars	The aim of this signature program is to provide interdisciplinary faculty teams with support for developing grant proposals, in new or existing areas in the social sciences, that align with one of ISCE's four thematic areas. The expectation is that proposals will lead to submission of an external grant application. Approximately 6-8 proposals of up to \$30,000 each are funded each year. Proposals are due annually in spring with funding beginning with the new academic year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford - yanceyc3@vt.edu
Unsolicited Requests	ISCE accepts unsolicited proposals from full-time faculty anytime during the calendar year for projects that require a rapid response to an event, small feasibility studies and interdisciplinary team building that enable faculty to be more competitive for applications for external funding. Requests typically range from \$3,500-\$7,500. Applicants are encouraged to contact ISCE prior to making a formal request for funds: https://www.isce.vt.edu/faculty-funding/unsolicited-requests.html .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Roberto - kroberto@vt.edu
ISCE-GCC Partnership; Other Joint Sponsorships	An ongoing partnership between ISCE and the Global Change Center (GCC) provides funding of up to \$30,000 for interdisciplinary projects that address social aspects of major global change issues and intend to seek external funding. Projects must include faculty affiliated with the GCC and a Virginia Tech social scientist. Proposals are due annually each Spring. ISCE often partners with the other Virginia Tech Research Investment Institutes, Centers and Colleges to offer additional funding opportunities that are announced via the ISCE website and ISCE News Flash as funding becomes available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Roberto Bill Hopkins (ISCE-GCC Only) hopkinsw@vt.edu
NIH R01 Writing Workshop	Sponsored by the Office of Research and Innovation, College of Veterinary Medicine, FLSI, and ISCE, this Spring 2026 workshop will be a reading- and writing-intensive effort in which faculty selected for the workshop will develop and refine an NIH R01 proposal over four interactive sessions with guidance from faculty mentors, peers, and specialists in scientific writing. To be considered for the program, apply by October 15: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScC3QNZMuJ4FTkGTmrAbLxXZFXOvb8EiOT-Aobw2kshfwcJQ/viewform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Roberto
Speakers & Events	ISCE co-sponsors speakers, seminars and events related to ISCE's thematic areas and other social issues. Visit the ISCE website for details and to request support: https://www.isce.vt.edu/faculty-funding/conferences-seminars-speakers.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford
External Review	ISCE provides funds for content review and professional consultation of proposals by external experts. Interested researchers should email the ISCE Executive Director briefly detailing their project and justifying the request.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Roberto
Technical Assistance²	ISCE staff provide technical assistance with critiquing and proofreading proposals, serving as a liaison with the Office of Sponsored Programs to develop budgets and submit proposals, facilitating team meetings and other proposal activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford
Workshops & Seminars	ISCE sponsors and/or co-facilitates workshops and seminars to prepare faculty to apply for external funding. Visit the ISCE website or receive the ISCE News Flash for notification of upcoming events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yancey Crawford
Faculty News Stories	ISCE's electronic newsletter, sent bi-weekly throughout the year announces new funding opportunities, events and news relevant to social science faculty. To sign up, visit: https://www.isce.vt.edu/news-flash.html .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becca Halm - beccah@vt.edu
ISCE News Flash	To showcase the work of researchers supported by ISCE, we produce faculty profile stories for Virginia Tech News. These profiles aim to raise awareness within the broader community about each researcher's impact on individuals and communities locally, nationally, and globally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becca Halm

¹ Amount of support is contingent upon the availability of funds.

² ISCE is also a member of the Virginia Tech Faculty Activity Support Team (VT-FAST), which provides proposal development assistance ranging from copy editing to submission of large proposals.

For more info, visit: <https://fralinlifesci.vt.edu/VT-FAST.html>