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Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation



Full Disclosure

Have you completed your annual [Report of Non-University Activities](#)? I hope you have, because they are due on Monday! For some people, it's as simple as checking a box indicating that you have nothing to disclose. Others (myself included) have an additional role in the RNUA process, reviewing the submissions of our colleagues. The work load is heavy; campus employees submit around 8,000 RNUAs every year.

Being transparent about the appropriate use of taxpayer funds and how we share our knowledge is absolutely vital to maintaining the public's trust in the research enterprise—and the disclosure process is an important tool to comply with an evolving set of federal laws and be crystal clear about our use of university resources. It not only protects taxpayer interests and our institution, it also protects you.

We know the process takes time, and we are here for you if you have questions. You can reach our Conflict of Interest Office by calling (217) 333-0034; attending standing office hours from 4-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; or by emailing coi@illinois.edu.

I take my job as a reviewer seriously, and I am always inspired to see the creative ways people share their expertise beyond the university and contribute their energy and ideas to

the broader community. Thank you for joining me in maintaining our institutional integrity by carefully considering each and every disclosure.

Sincerely,

Susan

Around Campus

A [new "agrivoltaic" systems project](#) led by [Madhu Khanna](#) has been awarded \$10M from the USDA to optimize designs for fields with both crops and solar panels in a variety of land types and climate scenarios (in Illinois, Colorado, and Arizona).

Congratulations to [Nicholas Wu](#), who was recently named an NIH Director [New Innovator](#). The award is part of the [NIH's High-Risk, High-Reward program](#) and recognizes "exceptionally creative scientists pursuing highly innovative research with the potential for broad impact."

ISTC recently released its annual [Research Report](#), highlighting the center's efforts to protect the environment while driving economic growth. Among the center's impressive stats: from 2018-2020, 60% of the proposals that ISTC researchers submitted were funded!

Learn more about the HRI-Mellon Foundation pre-doctoral [Public Humanities Fellowship](#) at an upcoming info session on Nov. 8. The Fellowship is a one-year residency with the [Odyssey Project](#). Applications are due Feb. 2.

Mark your calendars for the [IEEE VIS2021 Conference](#) (a forum for showcasing advances in visualization and visual analytics), October 24-29. NCSA is hosting [four special satellite events](#), including a free screening of "Atlas of a Changing Earth" at Parkland's Staerke Planetarium.

The [Soybean Innovation Lab has been awarded \\$5M](#) from USAID for Feed the Future Innovation Lab leaders, a new project to "train and empower other Feed the Future Innovation Labs to achieve sustained impact from their innovations."

Check out Illinois Computer Science's [FY21 Impact Report](#) and learn how CS innovations power digital ag, discovery in health, scramjets, entrepreneurship, quantum innovation, and more.

Looking for NIH SBIR/STTR funding? Participate in a free, four-week workshop, led by the [Illinois FAST Center](#) in our Research Park and get individual coaching and feedback. Sessions start October 20; email [Shelley Maves](#) by the end of the day Monday to apply.

The National Landscape

The White House has [announced the nominations](#) of [Shelly Lowe](#) as NEH Chair and [Maria Rosario Jackson](#) as NEA Chair. Both are "esteemed leaders in their fields and dedicated to advancing the development of and access to the arts and humanities."

The National Humanities Center is hosting a [Scholar-to-Scholar Talk](#) on Wednesday entitled "Science Goes Global." Lorraine Daston will discuss the origins of international collaborations and how the scientific community has evolved over the past century.

The NIH's *All of Us Research Program* has [released new COVID-19 data](#) through its precision medicine database. The new dataset includes "survey data from nearly 330,000 participants and COVID-19 survey responses from nearly 100,000 individuals."



Typically, scholars can freely share research data and information that has already been published. Other information may require an export license, including information that is sensitive for national security reasons and proprietary or confidential data. Contact UIUC's [Export Compliance Officer](#) for additional information.

#AcademicEspionage



NIH Director Francis Collins [has announced](#) that he will retire by the end of 2021. Collins has led the massive agency (the largest funder of basic and clinical biomedical research in the world) for more than 10 years.

#FundingAgencyFacts

Upcoming Events

October 14

Ooh That Stinky Cheese... Why Do We Love It So Much?

Diversity of Appreciation in Olfaction

Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology

Speaker: [Soo-Yeun Lee](#)

October 14

Symptoms Of Crisis: Revolution as History's Emergency Brake!

Humanities Research Institute

Speaker: [Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi](#)

October 15

Solidarity and Feminism: Histories Threaded Through Race and Empire

Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program

Speaker: [Tithi Bhattacharya](#)

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