

## ORGA Announcement!



Make sure to check out ORGA's very own Julie Renkas as she presents at the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Conference (TLTCon), which is held virtually this year. Her presentation titled, "Don't let the name fool you: SciENcv is for all disciplines!" will cover navigating ORCID and SciENcv. ORCID is a free service that uses data already available online to collect publication information, grant proposals and awards, and other activities for researchers. Combined with SciENcv, a joint effort from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), you can more quickly and easily develop an NSF-, NIH-, and Institutes of Education Sciences (IES)-compliant Biographical Sketch, a required component for grant proposals. SciENcv also enables you to create compliant Current & Pending Support documents, another required component for NSF proposals. This system is far less cumbersome to use than the PDF templates that NSF requires if you do not use SciENcv, and more efficient than the Word template that NIH requires in place of SciENcv. To top it off, journals are increasingly requiring that authors provide their ORCID iD for publication. Make sure to check out Julies' talk as well as the speakers and events at TLTCon, which is May 11-13. For more information and to register, [click here!](#)

## United States Geological Survey Funding Opportunity



The USGS Earthquake Hazards Program is accepting applications for their FY22 External Grants Program that aims to achieve the goals and research priorities set forth by the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). The program is seeking competitive proposals for grants and cooperative agreements to support research in earthquake hazards, the physics of earthquakes, earthquake occurrence, and earthquake safety policy. The deadline for proposal submissions is June 1, 2021. For more information about the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program including FY22 External Research Priorities [click here](#).

## United States Department of Agriculture Funding Opportunity



The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is soliciting grant project proposals for the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Program. CIG is a competitive program that supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands to address our nation's water quality, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges, and improve agricultural operations. CIG funds innovative on-the-ground conservation projects, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. To meet eligibility requirements, conservation approaches or technologies must be sufficiently studied to indicate a likelihood of success and to be considered likely candidates for technology transfer. Applications are due June 21, 2021. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## South Carolina Humanities Funding Opportunity



SC Humanities is accepting applications for its Fast Track Literary Grants program. This funding is intended to support new or existing public literary programs such as (but not limited to) writers' series, festivals, conferences, workshops, or writer's residencies at schools. This program does not support expenses associated with researching, writing, or publishing a book. The maximum amount of funding that may be requested is \$3,000. Applications are accepted four times during the year, with the next deadline on June 1, 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

## National Endowment for the Humanities Funding Opportunities



The NEH, in collaboration with the United Kingdom's Arts and Humanities Council, is accepting proposals for its New Directions for Digital Scholarship in Cultural Institutions program. Awards made through this program will fund teams of researchers and cultural institution professionals in the US and UK working collaboratively to deliver transformational impact on digital methods and digital research in cultural institutions. Applications must be submitted by teams composed of at least one organization from the US and one from the UK. Applications are due July 8, 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

The NEH's Division of Preservation and Access is accepting applications for its Humanities Collections and Reference Resources program. The purpose of this program is to support projects that provide an essential underpinning for scholarship, education, and public programming in the humanities. This program strengthens efforts to extend the life of humanities collections and make their intellectual content widely accessible, often through the use of digital technology. Awards are also made to create various reference resources that facilitate use of cultural materials. Applications are due July 15, 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

## Newly Published!

ORGA's graduate assistant, Jamileh Soueidan, recently published her thesis work titled, "A changing estuary: Understanding historical patterns in salinity and fecal coliform levels in the May River, SC" in *Marine Pollution Bulletin*. This research investigates the factors that influence long-term salinity and fecal coliform trends in the May River, SC and determines whether these levels have significantly changed over the past twenty years. The findings indicate that watershed development and climate change have led to significant decreases in salinity in the headwaters of the river, while fecal coliform levels have increased throughout the estuary. These findings will be used to create better-informed policy decisions regarding the health of the river. To read the article, [click here!](#)

