Roop and Kavita Mahajan Research Awards

This seed funding has been established to provide small grants to current graduate or undergraduate students at Virginia Tech, or current student organizations in good standing, to undertake projects that have an overall goal of breaking cycles of poverty and negligence in under-resourced communities around the world.

Projects should articulate and implement solutions that alleviate poverty and contribute to the holistic development of people and communities, using a collaborative approach which both leverages and promotes innovation among people and nurtures a caring society.

Project ideas are welcome in a wide spectrum of areas such as health, education, and infrastructure. Proposals that are a maximum of one page, show an interdisciplinary approach, and are broadly aligned with the mission of ICTAS will be given preference. We are expecting to award 1 proposal at a maximum of $2,500.

- Proposals are being accepted until **February 12th, 2021** with expected award date of **March 26th, 2021**. Funds may be used in the spring and summer semesters.
- Application must include a letter of endorsement from a supervising faculty member
- Proposals will be reviewed by designees chosen by the ICTAS Director
- The period of the award is limited to 2 consecutive years for any project (future awards are dependent on availability of funds).
- A final report detailing how the funds were used and were impactful to the proposed work will be requested towards the end of the calendar year
- This fund is administered by the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science (ICTAS)

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