This RFP seed funding has been established to provide small grants to current students or current student organizations in good standing at Virginia Tech to undertake projects that have an overall goal of breaking cycles of poverty and negligence in under-resourced communities around the world. This should be accomplished by articulation and implementation of 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 1-page maximum, show an interdisciplinary approach and are broadly aligned with the mission of ICTAS will be given preference. We are expecting to award proposals at a maximum of $2,500.

- This fund is administered by the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science (ICTAS)
- 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)
- Application must include a letter of endorsement from a supervising faculty member
- Proposals are being accepted until December 10th, 2021 with expected award date of January 28th, 2022- the funds may be used in the spring and summer semesters
- 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

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