

## Roop and Kavita Mahajan Research Awards

These seed awards have been established to provide small grants to **current students or current student organizations** in good standing at Virginia Tech to undertake projects that aim to break 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; they should exemplify a collaborative approach that leverages and promotes innovation and nurtures a caring society.

Ideas are welcome from across a wide spectrum of areas including health, education and infrastructure. Preference will be given to proposals that show a transdisciplinary approach and are broadly aligned with the mission of ICTAS. We expect to award 2 proposals at a maximum of \$2,500 each.

- Proposals are being accepted until **December 3rd, 2018**, with expected award date of January 7th, 2019; funds may be used in the spring and summer semesters.
- The period of the award is limited to two consecutive years for any project; future awards are dependent on availability of funds.
- Proposals should be a maximum of one page.
- Application must include a letter of endorsement from a supervising faculty member.
- Proposals will be reviewed by designees selected by the ICTAS director.
- This fund is administered by the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science (ICTAS).
- A final report, detailing how the funds were used and summarizing the impact of the project, will be requested towards the end of the summer.

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