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Program Update

During this period of transition, we are taking the opportunity to reflect on the state of the Emergency Management Higher Education Program (HiEd) and affirm our commitment to serve the needs of the community, including institutions of higher education, professional organizations, and practitioners who are all dedicated to advancing the field of emergency management. If you have any thoughts or comments regarding the future of the HiEd Program that you would like to share, please contact Michelle Norphlet, the Interim HiEd Program Manager, at Michelle.Norphlet@fema.dhs.gov or Lisa Lofton, the National Training and Education Division (NTED) Senior Advisor, at Lisa.Lofton@fema.dhs.gov.

The College List

[The College List](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist), located at <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist>, is a comprehensive online resource that outlines programs at all levels of study in emergency management (EM), homeland security (HS) and related fields. Information is stored in a program database for analysis and management. HiEd Program staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. If you have a new or updated program to include, send an email to fema-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

New College List Program:

[American University](https://www.american.edu/spa/ms-thsp/index.cfm) (<https://www.american.edu/spa/ms-thsp/index.cfm>) - Master of Science in Terrorism and Homeland Security Policy

Internship, Scholarship, Research and Training Opportunities

Weekly Methodological Dimensions of COVID-19 Survey Research Series, starting Wednesday, September 9, 2020. The Collaboration for Emergency Management, Policy, and Preparedness Research (CEMPPR) Lab at York University in Toronto, Canada launched a public, weekly series of discussions on



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the methodological dimensions of COVID-19 survey research. Each meeting features an expert guest discussing innovations in the field, the chance to share the projects/results you're working on, and a rapid-fire, focused discussion on a shared methodological challenge. The first session features two members of the Statistics Canada team speaking about their experimental methods for national data collection on COVID-19. Upcoming speakers on the schedule include academic researchers, government decision-makers, think tank and polling company experts, and many more. [For more information and to register](#) (<https://www.cemppr.org/research/covid-19-survey-research-working-group>).

RISE: Resilient Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Initiative is seeking applications for a [post-doctoral scholar position](#) (<https://jobs.colorado.edu/jobs/JobDetail/?jobId=26796>). The scholar will initiate and lead a pilot project that explores an intersection among resilience, sustainability, and equity bases of the criminal justice infrastructure in the U.S. This pilot project is aimed at leading the agenda of a new interdisciplinary initiative funded by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS) at University of Colorado Boulder. As such, the post-doctoral scholar will work closely with faculty in engineering and social sciences and in partnership with a project PhD student. [For more information and application](#) (<https://jobs.colorado.edu/jobs/JobDetail/?jobId=26796>).

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Environmental Data Talks - Speaker Series, Data, Diversity, and Disaster

For DataFest 2020, NOAA is exploring the interconnectivity of data collection, analysis, and cultural diversity with an expansive lineup of speakers during the fall. Learn about the interdisciplinary possibilities of NOAA data, which include the topics of environmental law, data sovereignty, epidemiology, and social justice. Overall, this event series will explore how a better understanding of diversity can lead researchers and responders to richer data that can save lives and preserve property during natural disasters. Registration is not required. If prompted, download Adobe Connect from [Adobe.com](#) (<https://www.adobe.com/>). To see each presentation, join the Q&A session via Adobe Connect 15 minutes before the listed time, [click here and follow the prompts](#) (<https://noaabroadcast.adobeconnect.com/noaa-interview>) to "enter as a guest." [NEDTalks](#): <https://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/nedtalks>.

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) support the increased exchange of knowledge in specific areas and applications of emergency management education. SIG members can potentially become involved in co-authoring/researching and serving as mentors to students and as subject matter experts to practitioners. [Click here for more information and a list of SIGs](#) (<https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx>). To join a SIG, send an email to Rebecca Burns at Rebecca.Burns@associate.fema.dhs.gov.



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The resources below are compiled from a variety of sources to support research or classroom use. The links are provided as a convenience. They do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved this September.

The 2020 NPM theme is: “Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today.”

Week 3 September 13-19: [Prepare for Disasters](https://www.ready.gov/be-informed) (https://www.ready.gov/be-informed)

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

[For additional information](https://www.ready.gov/september) (https://www.ready.gov/september)

The Chronicle of Higher Education

[How to Make the Most of a Virtual Conference](https://www.chronicle.com/article/how-to-make-the-most-of-a-virtual-conference): (https://www.chronicle.com/article/how-to-make-the-most-of-a-virtual-conference) Seven tips from a seasoned practitioner on how to select and get value out of your next online academic conference

[Colleges Are Making Late Calls to Shut Campuses. Is It All About the Money?](https://www.chronicle.com/article/colleges-are-making-late-calls-to-shut-campuses-is-it-all-about-the-money)

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[Here’s Our List of Colleges’ Reopening Models](https://www.chronicle.com/article/heres-a-list-of-colleges-plans-for-reopening-in-the-fall/) (https://www.chronicle.com/article/heres-a-list-of-colleges-plans-for-reopening-in-the-fall/)

Lawfare

[To Succeed in Its Cybersecurity Mission, the Defense Department Must Partner With Academia \(For Real\)](https://www.lawfareblog.com/succeed-its-cybersecurity-mission-defense-department-must-partner-academia-real)

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Homeland Security News Wire

[Natural Disasters Must Be Unusual or Deadly to Prompt Local Climate Policy Change](http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20200908-natural-disasters-must-be-unusual-or-deadly-to-prompt-local-climate-policy-change)

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September 17 through October 8, 2020: FEMA's Emergency Management Institute will host the [2020 Virtual National Preparedness Symposium](https://training.fema.gov/nationalpreparednesssymposium) (<https://training.fema.gov/nationalpreparednesssymposium>) via Adobe Connect. The virtual event will provide a forum for attendees to share best practices and case studies related to the training of SLTT responders and emergency managers. Some of the sessions on the agenda include:

Moving Training Forward with Virtual Learning
Reset of the National Continuity Training Program
Psychological Preparedness for Responders
Airborne International Response Team (AIRT); Training Remote Pilots for Disaster Operations

The virtual symposium will take place from 1 - 4 p.m. EDT, Thursday, September 17, 2020, and at 1 p.m. each of the following Thursdays through October 8, 2020. For additional information or comments, contact the course manager, EMI Preparedness Branch by email at fema-emi-preparedness@fema.dhs.gov.

September 18, 2020: The next HiEd Community conference call is Friday, September 18, 2020, from 2-3 p.m. ET on ZoomGov. [Link to the community call](https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270) (<https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270>). Meeting ID: 160 4678 0270, Password: 621901. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss community needs that the HiEd Program can address.

September 22, 2020: Outsteps Fall Workshop Festival researchers invite colleagues to engage with panelists and join the discussion about how colleges and university's planned responses to Covid-19 have been implemented and how the Fall semester is going so far. [Click here to register](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-resilience-planning-response-to-covid-19-as-a-case-study-tickets-119623265407) (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-resilience-planning-response-to-covid-19-as-a-case-study-tickets-119623265407>). [Learn more](https://outsteps.org/2020-Festival) (<https://outsteps.org/2020-Festival>)

Now through 7:59 p.m. ET October 15, 2020: DHS S&T Launches New Prize Competition for User Interface (UI) for Digital Wallets. DHS S&T is calling upon innovators to design a better UI for digital wallets that store credentials. DHS's prize competition is for better Trusted UI for Digital Wallets with a total prize purse of \$25,000. The winning designs will be easy-to-use, trustworthy and improve the overall user experience and management of digital wallet-based credentials. [For more information](https://www.challenge.gov/challenge/trusted-user-interface-for-digital-wallets-challenge) (<https://www.challenge.gov/challenge/trusted-user-interface-for-digital-wallets-challenge>).

November 2-4, 2020: Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) 13th Annual Homeland Defense and Security Education Summit. Also sponsored by FEMA's National Training and Education Division, the CHDS University and Agency Partnership Program is a strategic partner for the HiEd Program. This year's theme is Leading and Educating in a Multi-Threat, Multi-Hazard Environment: What Homeland Security Leaders Need to Know.

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The summit will be held in a remote, web-based format to ensure maximum participation from our colleagues and friends around the U.S. (and beyond). As in previous years, the summit will feature focused sessions to explore complex issues in multi-threat/hazard operating environments, support faculty development, and present innovative approaches to homeland security research and education. We are guaranteed to have a broad and deep bench of expert speakers and presenters. Announcements on the summit agenda will be made later this month. [For more information](https://www.uapi.us/programs/2077) (https://www.uapi.us/programs/2077).

November 16-18, 2020: International Association of Emergency Managers 68th Annual Conference. This year's theme is "Visioning the Future of Emergency Management." [For more information](https://www.iaem.org/usconf) (https://www.iaem.org/usconf)

Employment Opportunities

Federal vacancies are posted on [USAJOBS](https://www.usajobs.gov) at https://www.usajobs.gov. When you save a search, they will automatically send email updates with new jobs that match the criteria.

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [University of Southern Mississippi](https://usm.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=1474&site=1) (https://usm.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=1474&site=1) - Visiting Professor Epidemiology
- UConn Health - Assistant/Associate/Full Professor in Epidemiology (**No longer available**)
- [University of Nebraska at Omaha](https://unomaha.peopleadmin.com/postings/11331) (https://unomaha.peopleadmin.com/postings/11331) - Assistant/Associate/Full Professor - Criminal Justice (NCITE)
- [Fayetteville Technical Community College](https://faytechcc.peopleadmin.com/postings/4719) (https://faytechcc.peopleadmin.com/postings/4719) - POOL - Criminal Justice Instructor (Part-time)
- Mississippi State University - Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor in the area of Cybersecurity (**No longer available**)
- [Rivier University](https://www.rivier.edu/careers/sample-page/adjunct-cybersecurity) (https://www.rivier.edu/careers/sample-page/adjunct-cybersecurity) - Adjunct | Cybersecurity
- Salem State University - Adjunct Faculty of Remote Sensing, Geo-Information Science (**No longer available**)
- [Savannah Technical College](https://ga.taleo.net/careersection/ga_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=EDU02ZC) (https://ga.taleo.net/careersection/ga_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=EDU02ZC) - Part Time/Adjunct Fire Science Instructor
- [Marymount Manhattan College](https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=359d1ac2-756f-4cba-8565-bdc2ef632f9d&ccId=19000101_000001&jobId=347998) (https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=359d1ac2-756f-4cba-8565-bdc2ef632f9d&ccId=19000101_000001&jobId=347998) - Director of Emergency Management and Campus Safety
- [Savannah State University](https://jobs.savannahstate.edu/postings/2969) (https://jobs.savannahstate.edu/postings/2969) - Assistant Professor of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (Tenure Track)

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- New York University (<https://uscareers-nyu.icims.com/jobs/7486/job>) – Associate VP, Global Resilience and Security
- National Science Foundation – Program Director (Humans, Disasters and the Built Environment Program)

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