



Higher Education Program News December 1, 2016

Higher Education Updates

It seems like we frequently start this update saying, “It’s been a busy and inspiring week,” and once again it has been! We started the week by sending out the announcement for the webinar on Case Studies which will be held December 6. Wednesday we held the webinar on Jobs and Internships. We had about 30 people on the Adobe Connect site and more on the phone line. It was a great presentation from the academic and practitioner perspectives, a true representation of the synergy we are looking to create. There was a very good sharing of information and a strong desire to continue the dialogue to create more opportunities for meaningful internships and jobs in the emergency management field. A great thanks to Dr. Brent Cox and Mr. Tal Ehlers for their briefs as well as Dr. Tim DePalma for his update on the Jobs and Internships Special Interest Group (SIG).

The Information Sharing and Symposium Planning SIG is meeting Friday December 2, and the Higher Education Program team is following up with the various research endeavors we started in the past fiscal year. Please remember the SIGs are open to anyone, and we encourage you to participate. In the next couple months we will be reaching out to the SIG leads for 2017 focus group recommendations. This is a great opportunity for the community to emphasize what areas in emergency management higher education need greater attention and action.

This week at FEMA headquarters the [Protection and National Preparedness \(PNP\) Office](#) briefed about their roles and responsibilities. It has taken several half days to cover all the offices and components. The Emergency Management Institute and the Higher Education Program are a part of PNP, and it has been extraordinary to see the nexus to higher education, research and analysis mentioned several by PNP components. It was clear to see the importance and value of higher education and all that you do to contribute to the next generation emergency management workforce!

The Emergency Management Institute is now on Social Media!

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EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions.





The date for the next conference call is Thursday, December 15, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST. Please note this is a change from our regularly scheduled Thursday call. Let us know if you have topics you would like to discuss. The call information is **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368**.

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series - If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

Higher Education Program is hosting a Teaching with Cases Webinar Series

"Webinar #1: Overview and "The Case for the Case," December 6, 2016 / 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST

This webinar series provides an overview of the use of cases in teaching emergency management higher education programs. [Training announcement and registration information](#).

Additional webinars in the series to be offered in 2017:

- Webinar #2: Using Cases as Simulations in Teaching and Assessment
Wednesday 11 January @ 3 PM EST
- Webinar #3: Using Cases as Examples in Teaching and Assessment
Wednesday 8 February @ 3 PM EST
- Webinar #4: Using Cases for Their Intrinsic Value
Wednesday 8 March @ 3 PM EST

College List - The EMI Higher Education Program keeps a [list](#) of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. EMI staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. Please send information updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov. Next year, the college list update templates will be pre-populated with your information.

Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! [The 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium](#) will be held June 5-8, 2017 at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Employment

A vacancy announcement for [Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist](#) (Preparedness), GS- 0089-15/15 in FEMA, National Preparedness Directorate, National Training and Education Division
Opened: 11/28/2016 / Closes: 12/02/2016

Resources and Announcements

[Cybersecurity Policy Ideas for a New Presidency](#)

[A Framework for Exploring Cybersecurity Policy Options](#)





[Homeland & National Security Law Review, Fall 2016, v. 5, no. 1](#)

[Major Management and Performance Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security](#)

Calendar

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate Office of University Programs sponsors a 10-week summer internship program for students majoring in homeland security related science, technology, engineering and mathematics (HS-STEM) disciplines. The application deadline for the [DHS HS-STEM Summer Internship Program](#) is December 7, 2016 at 11:59 PM EST.

The [Summer Research Team Program for Minority Serving Institutions](#) will begin accepting applications for 2017 internships in early-October 2016. The purpose of the program is to increase and enhance the scientific leadership at [Minority Serving Institutions \(MSIs\)](#) in research areas that support the mission and goals of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) program will offer an active shooter – schools scenario June 6, 7 & 8, 2017. EMI conducts a monthly series of VTTXs using a Video Teleconference (VTC) platform to reach community-based training audiences around the country providing a virtual forum for disaster training. The design of the VTTX is for a group of ten or more representatives from state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency communities of practice and is intended to provide an opportunity for responders across the Nation to simultaneously participate in a hazard-specific facilitated discussion. Participants will need to connect via a site equipped with the appropriate VTC capability (not Adobe Connect or Face Time-based), but alternate ways to participate are also available upon request. The VTTX occurs **12 p.m. – 4 p.m. ET**. To participate, send an email to Doug Kahn at douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-7645. Also, send a courtesy copy email to the Integrated Emergency Management Branch at fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-1381. Additional information is available at <https://training.fema.gov/programs/emivttx.aspx>. Slots fill early and very quickly, so don't hesitate to apply.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management's [Presidential Management Fellows](#) Program is seeking students to participate in exciting Federal opportunities. The [application](#) is due Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 11:59pm (EST).

Methods of Disaster Research: Interdisciplinary Approaches, The National Science Foundation, Infrastructure Management and Extreme Events Program, has awarded funding to support two workshops dedicated to the advancement of interdisciplinary disaster research methods. Those interested in applying should provide all required [application materials](#) as indicated no later than **Monday, December 19, 2016**.



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The Association of State Floodplain Managers will host [Coastal GeoTools 2017](#), February 6-9, 2017, in Charleston, South Carolina. Cost and Registration: \$375 before December 12, and will remain open until filled. This conference will focus on providing coastal resource management professionals with the latest geospatial data, tools, technology, and information.

Did you know that... 25% of businesses that close after destructive events such as floods never reopen? From 2011 to 2015, the average commercial flooding claim was more than \$90,000. Join the [National DHS Science & Technology Conversation](#). The Higher Education Program is interested if you might find benefit in joining this conversation with your classes. [Let us know](#) if you join the conversation.

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