

Higher Education Program News February 5, 2016

Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week has been busy for the Higher Education Team. We have been working on streamlining our College List process, planning for the Higher Education Symposium, and formalizing our data collection process so we can demonstrate success as well as identify areas that need more attention. During this process our team has identified eight target goals to achieve for 2016, and I would like to share them with you.

1. Ensuring that all the Higher Education Program free courses are reviewed and prioritized for update
2. Leveraging our community of qualified higher education academics to participate in these course reviews and updates
3. Ensuring focus group topics are generated from across the FEMA family and higher education community and the resulting focus group products are easy to access and widely consulted
4. Supporting FEMA Regions in connecting and engaging the higher education programs within their Region
5. Encouraging and supporting the development of special interest group forums at the 2017 Symposium to draw together individuals with common interests in teaching, research, and areas of study, such as service learning, international programs, evaluation or survey research
6. Automating the College List Database
7. Reorganizing our website to ensure materials are current and easy to find
8. Identifying opportunities to leverage the higher education community to serve as a think-tank resource to FEMA

We are energized to take on the year and make the most of it! PLEASE remember that the submissions for symposium breakout session are due February 15, 2016. You just have one more week! We are grateful for the early submitters and can already tell this will be an outstanding event!

Higher Education Program Presents Webinar Series- Session VI - February 24, 2016- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EST “Understanding the Basic Relationship between Public Information Officers and Journalists”

The webinar will provide college-level emergency management and homeland security educators with a basic understanding of the relationship between public information officers and journalists.



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Ed McDonough, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and Stacey Cohan, freelance journalist, will present. Stephen Carter, Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management, Frederick Community College, will moderate. FEMA ESF-15 representation will be available to discuss training opportunities available through EMI. Participants are asked to [register](#) in advance for the online webinar. Closed captioning will be provided.

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series

Please send webinar topics to Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov

College List - The Higher Education Program is in the process of updating the website [college list](#). The update is an effort to keep the information as fresh and current as possible. Send your updates to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.

The 18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium is scheduled June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now. Information for the 2016 symposium can be found on the [Hi Ed website](#). **Call for submission is OPEN!** Go to [instructions and fillable submission forms](#), and . Please read the instructions prior to submitting. We will be accepting submissions electronically only, and the **deadline for papers and facilitated session abstracts is February 15, 2016**. All submissions will be subject to a blind peer review, and there will be only 25 1½ - 2 hour slots available on this year's agenda. **Poster session submissions must be received by March 31, 2016.**

Internship Opportunities

[Ph.D. Student GIS & Data Analysis, Part Time Research Opportunity Environmental Protection Agency Chapel Hill](#)

The job is geared towards those who are enrolled in a doctoral degree program in geography, environmental sciences, epidemiology, public health, statistics, social sciences, biostatistics, or a related field. For more position openings follow on Twitter at [@GovCareerPaths](#).

[Apply NOW to the Nuclear Engineering Science Laboratory Synthesis Programs \(NESLS\) Program at Oak Ridge National Laboratory \(ORNL\) – Summer 2016](#) Closes February 28, 2016.



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Applications are now open for FEMA's [Youth Preparedness Council](#) - The Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities, and their potential to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness.

The [Center for Infrastructure Protection & Homeland Security](#) report for January 2016 offers a focus on updates regarding developments in critical infrastructure security and resilience education.

[Executive Order: Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard](#)

[Homeland Security Digital Library](#). This collection of recently-released documents of particular interest or potential importance requires login to the HSDL to open some documents.

[Scrambling for high ground in FEMA flood map dispute.](#)

[The Zika Virus: What You Need to Know](#)

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