

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

One of the ways the Higher Education Program supports the dialogue and capture of new thinking in emergency management is through hosting focus groups. Comprised of representative leaders in the emergency management academic community, these focus groups have come together to share ideas and thinking on topics such as accreditation, research design, defining the discipline of emergency management, capturing core competencies, and creating synergy with practitioners. Topics have emerged from dialogue at previous symposiums, common challenges, or new opportunities. The quality products they produce are disseminated through our website, newsletter, and will be available at the Higher Ed Symposium in June.

I believe these focus groups are a great way to share the voice of our community with the full discipline of emergency management. Policy makers, practitioners, educators, and researchers can leverage and apply the outcomes of these luminary focus groups to make a positive impact. I am interested in hearing from you as to how we might encourage more focus group topic generation year-round, how can we optimize the utility of the information created in these focus groups, and if there are additional ways to disseminate focus group products for greater impact. If you have thoughts you would like to share, please drop me an [email](#).

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

College List - The Higher Education Program is updating the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security and related programs. Send your updates to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.

The **18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium** is scheduled from June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now.

- The call for poster submission is OPEN! Go to [instructions and fillable submission forms](#). **Poster session submissions must be received by March 31.**
- **Call for Abstracts:** Third Emergency Management Theory & Research Workshop, Monday June 6, 2016. **The deadline for abstract submissions is April 8 at midnight CST.**



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Employment & Internship Opportunities

[Analyst in Flood Insurance and Emergency Management](#), GS-0101-13, Congressional Research Service Washington, D.C. The application deadline is **March 9, 2016**

FEMA Corps is currently accepting [applications](#) for Corps Members to begin serving in Summer 2016! The application deadline is **April 1, 2016**, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Resources

[Emerging Cyber Threats to the United States](#)

[Homeland Security Affairs](#), February 2016, [Halting Global Pandemics via the Commercial Air Route Network](#)

[Starting from Scratch: A New Federal and State Partnership in Higher Education](#)

[Unnatural Coastal Floods: Sea Level Rise and the Human Fingerprint on U.S. Floods Since 1950](#)

Calendar

[Australian and New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference](#)

Queensland, Australia, May 30-31, 2016

National Emergency Management Advanced Academy Application Period Begins in March

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute is accepting applications for the [National Emergency Management Advanced Academy](#) (NEMAA). [Applications](#) are accepted from March 1 - March 31 with selections in June and announcements in July. For more [information, contact fema-empp-advanced-academy@fema.dhs.gov](#).

Fiscal Year Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Grants - FEMA announced the Notice of Funding Opportunities for the FY 2016 [Pre-Disaster Mitigation \(PDM\)](#) and [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#) grant programs.

The **CRHNet 2016 Symposium, Inspiring Resilience**, is being held November 23-25 in Montreal, Quebec. There is a [call for sessions, presentations and posters](#).

The [Dr. B. Wayne Blanchard Award for Academic Excellence in Emergency Management Higher Education](#) is sponsored by North Dakota State University. [Nominations](#) will be accepted until April 1 and reviewed by the Award Committee. The recipient will be notified shortly thereafter. For questions about the award,



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contact [Dr. Carol Cwiak](#).

The **Mary Fran Myers Scholarship Committee** is now accepting [applications](#). Recipients will receive financial support allowing them to attend the [2016 Natural Hazards Center Research and Applications Workshop](#) in Broomfield, Colorado, July 10-13. Applications must be received by April 1.

The [6th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC](#) will be held from **August 28 to September 1, 2016** in Davos, Switzerland.

The **National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health** is pleased to announce that its [Disaster Health Education Symposium: Innovations for Tomorrow](#) will be held on September 8, 2016 at the [Uniformed Services University](#) in Bethesda, MD.

Virtual Tabletop Exercise: Hurricane - FEMA's Emergency Management Institute is offering a hurricane-based virtual tabletop exercise (VTTX) focusing on historical events and recovery actions. The one-day VTTX scheduled for **April 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14**, involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting. The VTTX is useful for assessing plans, policies, training, and procedures. To participate in a VTTX, submit an email request to [Doug Kahn](#) or call 301-447-7645. Please send a courtesy copy email to the [Integrated Emergency Management Branch](#). Session content is the same each day and participants only need to attend one session. The registration deadline is **Friday, March 11**. Additional [information](#) is available.

Webinar - [Implementation and Impacts of Flood Insurance Reform Legislation](#), March 18, 2016, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CST. The cost is \$70, register online. Continuing Education Credits are available.

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