



## Higher Education Program News

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### Higher Education Program Updates

#### Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

I thought that once the Higher Education Symposium was over, we would have some time to reflect and take in all that we heard and learned, yet time this week has been pretty full! The symposium was packed with great information, and our goal is to have the briefs and session notes posted to the [website](#) by the end of this month. We are also planning to host a webinar on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM to cover symposium highlight and share experiences. We will have more details on how you can join in the coming weeks.

As I hope many of you know, we have various special interest groups (SIGs) to support the increased exchange of knowledge in specific areas on the applications of emergency management. SIGs are convened to both broaden and deepen areas of study and understanding in the practice of emergency management. SIGs serve as a focal point for community development in their special area, potentially co-authoring, research the topic, serve as mentors to students and subject matter experts to practitioners.

Prior to the symposium, we have had 13 SIG groups: Theory & Research Practices; International Emergency Management; Service Learning & Leadership; Science & Technology Integration in Emergency Management Higher Education; Information Exchange & Symposium Planning; Accreditation; Jobs & Internships for Emergency Management Students & Graduates; Emergency Management & Homeland Security Higher Education Unity of Effort; Virtual Resources & Simulation Tools for the Emergency Management Higher Education Classroom; Racial, Ethnicity & Economic Impacts in Emergency Management; Money Issues in Emergency Management; Inter-organizational aspects of Emergency Management; and Case Studies.

Two more SIGs have been added since the symposium, one to cover Ethics in Emergency Management and the other to address Collaboration, Connection and Commitment to a Two-Year Emergency Management Program. If you are interested in learning more or joining a SIG, please contact [Barbara Johnson](#).

**The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month.** For a topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](#).

**Would you like to be eligible for future Hi Ed projects** such as focus groups, student internship opportunities and course revisions? If interested, visit our [link](#) for instructions, or contact [Barbara](#).

[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. Send information updates.





**The 20th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium** will be held June 4-7, 2018 at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

**The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Thursday, July 21, from 2:00-3:00 PM EDT. Please join us.** Learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that we can address. Let me know if you have topics you would like to discuss. **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**

## Employment

Vacancy announcements posted for other Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Planning Section Chief) , AD-0089-04/04, CLOSE 6/19/2017, [FEMA-14-JMW-168167-IMAT](#), Bothell, WA
- Emergency Management Specialist, Peace Corps, FP-0089-05/05, CLOSE 6/22/2017, [17-043-KL](#), Washington, DC
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-12/12, CLOSE 6/19/2017, [DE-10015724-17-AT](#), Oahu, HI

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Central Texas College](#), Faculty, Security Studies
- [Frederick Community College](#), Faculty, Emergency Medical Services
- [University of Massachusetts – Amherst](#), Part-time Lecture Pool: Online Masters in Public Health

## Resources

### Notice of Funding Opportunity: Fiscal Year 2017 Preparedness Grants

On Friday, June 2, 2017, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and FEMA released the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcements for preparedness grants. These 10 grants, which include the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), will provide more than \$1.6 billion in funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments as well as transportation authorities and nonprofit organizations to improve the nation's readiness in preventing, protecting against, responding to, recovering from and mitigating terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

Receiving an appropriation on May 5, 2017, this year's DHS Preparedness Grant Program cycle has the shortest turn around since the program's inception in 2003. To properly administer these grants with critical in-depth application reviews and award processes, the application period has been reduced to 21 days. DHS is continuing to develop the policy and procedural mechanisms for implementing the sanctuary jurisdiction provisions of Executive Order No. 13768, Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States (Jan.





25, 2017). The Department is currently enjoined by a federal court from applying the operative provision of the order. Therefore, these 2017 grants will not be subject to the requirements of Section 9 (Sanctuary Jurisdictions) of the Executive Order.

To review the FY2017 Preparedness Grant NOFOs, go to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). After the application period closes on June 22, 2017, the applications will undergo critical, in-depth reviews. All awards for these grants will be made no later than September 30, 2017.

*The resources below were compiled through a variety of sources and are included here as perhaps interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. The links are provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.*

[Alaska Gets Updated Weather Radar Technology, Including on Anchorage's Campbell Tract Report: No FEMA, NOAA Leaders at Start of Hurricane Season 'Should Scare Hell out of Everybody' Knowing more and loosing less: Science and helps in disaster risk management](#)

## Calendar

The **International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) University and Colleges Caucus (UCC) Symposium Planning Committee** released a call for presenters for the IAEM UCC Symposium November 11 - 12, 2017 in Long Beach, CA. [For more information and to submit a proposal to present.](#) The deadline is August 18, 2017.

FEMA released the draft of an **updated Continuity Guidance Circular** for national engagement, comments due July 5. The draft [Continuity Guidance Circular \(CGC\)](#), describes the fundamental theories and concepts to unify the application of continuity principles, planning, and capabilities across the nation. It further describes federal and non-federal continuity efforts; outlines whole community continuity roles, responsibilities, and coordinating structures; and describes the process for building and maintaining capabilities to ensure the performance of essential functions and delivery of critical services and core capabilities.

FEMA will host a series of 60-minute engagement webinars to describe the draft CGC and answer questions about providing feedback. Details are posted [online](#), including a feedback form for comments to be [submitted](#). For more information and to review the draft documents, visit [www.fema.gov/continuity-guidance-circular](http://www.fema.gov/continuity-guidance-circular) by **July 6, 2017**. Submit your completed feedback form to [FEMA-CGC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-CGC@fema.dhs.gov).

Coordinated by the [Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management](#) at Frederick Community College, the **Fourth Annual Summer Institute for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (HSEP)** program for Maryland teachers continues the tradition of professional development for high school teachers



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and administrators in the Maryland State Department of Education Career and Technology Education (CTE) HSEP Program.

Michael Harris, Communications Supervisor for Tennessee Emergency Management (TEMA), will discuss TEMA responses to recent disasters and communications issues. Taylor Kiland, author of *Lessons from the Hanoi Hilton: Six Characteristics of High-Performance Teams*, will lead a presentation on homeland security leadership. Participants can learn hands-on teaching techniques in forensics that will be useful in the classroom during a presentation by Jennifer Karschner, Forensic Specialist, for Montgomery County Police Department (Maryland).

The program is open to interested K-12 and higher education instructors from across and outside of Maryland. Questions may be directed to [Steve Carter](#) or 240-628-7986.

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