



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week, our new branch chief Mr. Dan Paulette-Chapman in FEMA's National Training and Education Division, National Training and Education System, spent the day with us in Emmitsburg, MD. I know that he has been following up with many of the community members he met at the [Higher Education Symposium](#) earlier this month. His efforts to stay connected with, and learn the priorities of, the emergency management higher education community is encouraging and important. He can help to ensure that the voice and capabilities of the higher education community are heard, considered and leveraged in FEMA's broader efforts. If you have thoughts you would like to share directly with [Dan](#), he welcomes your emails.

We are very busy planning for two focus groups that will be held later this summer and early fall. The topics are: discerning the development of an emergency management research agenda, and, exploring the scholarship of teaching and learning as it applies to emergency management education. If you have current projects, articles or research in these areas for the focus groups to consider and integrate into their efforts, please send them to [me](#).

As we move into the holiday weekend, the Higher Education Program would like you to wish you all a safe and inspired 4th of July. Go to FEMA's [Ten Safety Tips for this 4th of July](#) for more information on fireworks safety.

FEMA invites applicants to propose training solutions addressing the following FY 2017 focus areas: **Cybersecurity, Economic Recovery, Housing, and Rural & Tribal Preparedness**. Complete instructions are found in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), posted on [Grants.gov](#), listed under Catalog of Federal Domestic [Assistance](#) number 97.005, Continuing Training Grants. For more information on this program, select this [link](#).

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.



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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 27, 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 Wendy Walsh know if you have topics you would like to discuss. **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**

Employment

Vacancy announcements posted for emergency management positions:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS-0089-12/13, CLOSE 7/6/2017, [FEMA-17-AA-166852-MP](#), Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-09/09, CLOSE 7/13/2017, [NQ-17-JAB-1974332-BU](#), San Francisco, CA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-12/12, CLOSE 7/14/2017, [VHA-652-17-MVM-1978072-BU](#), Richmond, VA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS-0089-12/12, CLOSE 7/6/2017, [FEMA-17-TT-166291-DE](#), Honolulu, HI

Higher education vacancies:

- [California State University Northridge](#), Emergency Manager
- [Grantham University](#), Adjunct Instructor of Homeland Security
- [Marian University](#), Adjunct Professor of Homeland Security
- [Middle Tennessee State University](#), full-time Professor of Criminal Justice
- [Portland Community College](#), Emergency Management/Preparedness Manager

Resources

FEMA invites applicants for \$8 million in available funding to propose training solutions addressing the following FY 2017 focus areas: Cybersecurity, Economic Recovery, Housing, and Rural & Tribal Preparedness. Complete instructions are found in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), posted on [Grants.gov](#), listed under Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 97.005, *Continuing Training Grants*. [For more information on this program.](#)

FEMA's Private Sector and Recovery Divisions held a successful Virtual Disaster Housing Industry Forum in June to explore alternative disaster housing units. A second forum will be held from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** EDT on Thursday, **July 13** because some vendors were not able to participate at the June event. The purpose of





the forum is to identify diverse options that may be unknown to FEMA. Vendors who wish to participate or who have questions should email FEMA-Housing-Assistance-Initiative@fema.dhs.gov.

The latest issue of the Unified Federal Environmental and Historic Preservation Review (UFR) newsletter has been posted [online](#). The UFR Library contains documents associated with UFR Process development and implementation. These documents, the Tools and Mechanisms, are for federal, tribal, state, and local stakeholders, including applicants and Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) practitioners. If your agency (federal, state, local, tribal or territorial) has an example of EHP efficiencies or successful interagency coordination, please submit an article by [email](#).

The resource below was compiled through a variety of sources and is included here as perhaps interesting and relevant resource for research or classroom use. The link is provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; it does not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

Drone Technology Could Help Emergency Responders After Serious Storms

Calendar

Please join the Emergency Management Institute in a pilot effort to conduct weekly **EMI e-Forums** as a way to facilitate discussion of whole community best practices. The weekly, 1-hour e-Forums are, moderated opportunities for the emergency management community to discuss matters of interest related to national preparedness training. EMI e-Forums, “One Link, One Bridge, Many Voices,” will take place every Wednesday at 3 PM EST using the same weekly Adobe Connect sign on link and Conference Bridge throughout the year. EMI e-Forums are not FEMA staff explaining how to conduct training management. We believe EMI e-Forums offer opportunities to provide technical assistance in training management by facilitating peer-to-peer sharing of best practices. [Additional information, sign on link, and conference bridge](#). Limited number of call lines available. Participation does not require pre-registration.

Registration is open for the 65th Annual [International Association of Emergency Managers \(IAEM\) Conference](#), November 10-15, 2017, Long Beach, CA.

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) will offer a webinar on “Planning for Coastal Storm and Erosion Hazards,” held from **1:30-3:00 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 6**. The webinar will focus on efforts to anticipate, mitigate, and respond to coastal storms, erosion, and associated hazards at the federal, state, and local level. [Additional information and to register](#).

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