



Higher Education Program News September 15, 2017

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

Last week we sent a notice to the broader emergency management higher education community to consider applying for deployment opportunities with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help the survivors of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We have received a great response, and many have applied and sent resumes. If you are interested and available, click [here](#) for opportunities to get involved in relief efforts.

FEMA has worked, over the past year, to refine the Community Recovery Management Toolkit. If you haven't explored this resource, I encourage you to take a look. This toolkit provides an overview of the organization, planning, management and resources to support local communities in managing successful long-term recovery following a disaster.

The Higher Education program is interested in hearing your stories of emergency management students, faculty, and researcher contributions to disaster response and recovery. If you have a story to share, please send me an [email](#), and we will work to schedule a webinar to share the stories we have heard. Be well and be safe!

The Higher Education Program Webinars.

We were planning to host a webinar to cover the recent work of the Research Collective Focus Group entitled "Recommendations for a FEMA Research Agenda 2018-2023." Due to hurricane season impact, this engagement has been delayed and will be rescheduled in the next couple months. Thank you for your patience.

The Higher Education Program regularly hosts webinars on topics of interest for the emergency management higher education academic community. If you have topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](#).

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma FEMA Disaster Support Opportunities
- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 13, CLOSE 9/18/2017, [FEMA-17-WG-172870-MP](#), Oakland, CA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Action Controller), GS 9, CLOSE 9/20/2017, [WTEV172125575917](#), Fort Richardson, AK
- Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation), GS 12, CLOSE 9/18/2017, [FEMA-17-SGF-176173-MP](#), Washington, DC





Higher Education Vacancies:

- Bluegrass Community and Technical College – Adjunct Faculty, Criminal Justice/Homeland Security
- Community College of Baltimore County – Adjunct Faculty, Cybersecurity
- Ivy Tech Community College – Adjunct Faculty, Homeland Security/Public Safety
- Saint Leo University – Assistant/Associate Professor, Cybersecurity

New College List Programs

- **Bucks County Community College** – Associate of Arts in Emergency Management
- **Naval Post Graduate School** Executive Leaders Program
- **Naval Post Graduate School** Emergence Program
- **Sam Houston State University** Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Regional and Global Disaster and Emergency Management
- **Wilbur Wright City College of Chicago** Associate of Arts in Emergency Management

Resources

Hurricanes Irma and Harvey - How You Can Help

The compassion of the American people is evident in their response by volunteering hours to support shelters and preparedness efforts. To donate or volunteer, contact the voluntary or charitable organization of your choice through the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD) at www.nvoad.org. For those who wish to help survivors in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Florida, and other impacted states, cash donations offer voluntary agencies the most flexibility in obtaining the most-needed resources and pumps money into the local economy to help businesses recover. For more information about Hurricane Irma, go to <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-irma>. For more information about Hurricane Harvey, go to <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332>.

In Florida, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FEDM) is coordinating with volunteer organizations across the state and partnering with the American Red Cross to provide shelter operations training to volunteers and AmeriCorps grantees. To volunteer, go to www.volunteerflorida.org or call 1-800-FL-Help-1.

In Texas, to register as an affiliated volunteer with a voluntary or charitable organization, visit the [National VOAD](#) or [Texas VOAD](#) for a list of partners active in disaster. Alternatively, you may register your interest to volunteer [here](#) for partner organizations to reach out to you. Continue monitoring traditional and social





media channels, including www.volunteertx.org for the latest information. You may make a financial donation to a [Texas VOAD Member](#) or a [National VOAD Member](#) to help voluntary or charitable organizations continue to provide services to those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

How Schools and Higher Ed Institutions Can Access FEMA's Public Assistance Program

On Tuesday, September 19, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, the REMS TA Center and the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS) will host a Webinar in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance Division to share information about grants available to educational facilities following a presidentially declared major disaster that involves a public assistance clause. The Webinar will provide an overview of [FEMA's Public Assistance Program](#), which awards funds to help repair, restore, and clean up educational facilities that have been damaged during a disaster, and assists with mitigation and recovery efforts. During the Webinar, presenters will describe the process and specify eligibility requirements for institutions of higher education, public K-12 schools and school districts, and nonpublic K-12 schools. Presenters will also field questions from participants during a dedicated Q&A session.

To join the meeting, register here:

<http://remstacenter.org/webinars/WebinarRegistration.aspx?WebinarID=1084>.

The resources below were compiled through a variety of sources, and included here as, perhaps, what could be 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.

There are opportunities to apply for [quick response](#) and [rapid response research](#) grants to conduct research exploring the impact and consequences of Hurricane Harvey.

[Animals in Distress: A Community Preparedness Checklist](#)

[Natural Disasters before Big Government](#)

[How Coastal Cities Are Evolving to Deal With Extreme Rain](#)

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