**Higher Education Program Updates**

**Message from the Higher Education Program Manager**

I want to express my gratitude to Dr. Lori Peek, who is from the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder, for her contributions to the Research Counts series, which were featured last week. I hope that you will take some time to explore this series and bookmark the page, so you can check back frequently for any new findings. Dr. Peek and the Natural Hazards Center have also been trying to ensure scientists have opportunities to research disaster response and recovery through their Quick Response Grant Program. The archives of these research reports are a wonderful resource for both students and faculty members.

Additionally, the University of Delaware Disaster Research Center has a robust repository of discipline-relevant research. If you are able to incorporate these writings and research reports into your curricula or directly impact policy and practice in your jurisdiction, I would enjoy receiving your stories. Both the Natural Hazards Center and the Disaster Research Center have supported researchers as they have endeavored to gain a better understanding of the impact of this year’s hurricane season, and we look forward to learning more about their findings.

I continue to be touched by the outpouring from the response community, as they continue to serve survivors of this season’s hurricanes. I know many from our community have deployed, and there are many who continue to wait for the call. This week, FEMA posted some Frequently Answered Questions at the bottom of the hurricane workforce page on the FEMA Careers website. I invite you to check them out if you are still waiting to hear back on a submitted resume or application.

**Higher Education Program Webinars**

Due to hurricane season impacts, webinar engagements have been delayed and will be rescheduled for later in October and November.

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

**College List** - The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Hi Ed staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. If you have a new program to include on the list or have program updates, please email FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.
Make a note on your 2018 calendar. 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.

Employment
Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Hurricane Harvey FEMA Disaster Support Opportunities
- CORE Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 09, CLOSE 10/3/2017, FEMA-17-JRS-162979-CORE, Bothell, WA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 11-12, CLOSE 10/9/2017, FEMA-17-AA-182099-MP, Washington, DC
- National Incident Management Assistance Team Leader (East II), ES 00, CLOSE 10/25/2017, FEMA-17-KH-IMATE2-SES, Washington, DC
- Supervisory Transportation Security Specialist, SV K, CLOSE 10/6/2017, FAM-17-235112-P, Herndon, VA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- Purdue University – Assistant/Associate Professor, Public Health
- Trident University – Part-Time Faculty, Homeland Security
- University of California, Irvine – Open Rank Faculty, Cybersecurity
- Rowan University – Associate/Full Professor, Geography, Planning & Sustainability

Resources
Hurricane Response-How You Can Help
The compassion of the American people is evident in their response to the hurricanes that have swept over the U.S. mainland, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Those who wish to make a donation or volunteer their time and talents should visit the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters website at www.nvoad.org. For more information, go to https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey, https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-irma, or https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-maria.

To make a cash donation directly to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, visit www.unitedforpuertorico.com. You may also make financial donations to a National VOAD member organization to help voluntary or charitable organizations continue to provide services to Hurricane Maria survivors.

There are opportunities to apply for rapid response research grants to conduct research exploring the impact and consequences of Hurricane Harvey.
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.

Social Science: Essential When the Storm Strikes

NSF 17-135, Dear Colleague Letter: NSF Accepting Proposals Related to Hurricane Irma

NSF 17-128, Dear Colleague Letter: NSF Accepting Proposals Related to Hurricane Harvey

RecoveryDiva.com

Student Opportunity
The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is accepting applications for an Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Workshop, which will be held April 13-15 during the 2018 Annual Meeting in New York, New York. This workshop is designed to build the talent pool of undergraduate students who plan to pursue doctoral degrees in education research or in disciplines and fields that examine education issues, including those interested in emergency management research. The application deadline is November 15, 2017.

Calendar
Future Incident Scene and Future First Responder – Free Seminar event at the Swedish Embassy in Washington DC. The Key note speaker will be former FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate. October 4, 2017, 9:30 am- 12:00pm. Click here to register for the seminar.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 65th Annual Conference will be held November 10-15 in Long Beach, California. The FEMA Higher Education Program and the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Emergency Management Professional Program will be providing breakout sessions. EMI will be delivering several training sessions on site.

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