

Higher Education Program

FY 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission

The Higher Education Program's mission is to **serve the Emergency Management profession through education**. This is accomplished through the support of academic community research inquiries, Special Interest Groups, focus groups, webinars, regional engagements, and the annual Symposium. The Higher Education Program activities embody the FEMA values of compassion, fairness, integrity, and respect to support an innovative, growth-mindset learning community.



2018-2022 Strategic Plan
Helping People. Together.

FEMA Mission: **Helping people before, during, and after disasters.**

I. BUILD A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS

1.1 Incentivize investments that reduce risk, including pre-disaster mitigation, and reduce disaster costs at all levels

1.2 Close the insurance gap

1.3 Help people prepare for disasters

1.4 Better learn from past disasters, improve continuously, and innovate

II. READY THE NATION FOR CATASTROPHIC DISASTERS

2.1 Organize the "BEST" (Build, Empower, Sustain, and Train) scalable and capable incident workforce

2.2 Enhance intergovernmental coordination through FEMA Integration Teams

2.3 Posture FEMA and the whole community to provide lifesaving and life-sustaining commodities, equipment, and personnel from all available sources

2.4 Improve continuity and resilient communications capabilities

III. REDUCE THE COMPLEXITY OF FEMA

3.1 Streamline the disaster survivor and grantee experience

3.2 Mature the National Disaster Recovery Framework

3.3 Develop innovative systems and business processes that enable FEMA's employees to rapidly and effectively deliver the agency's mission

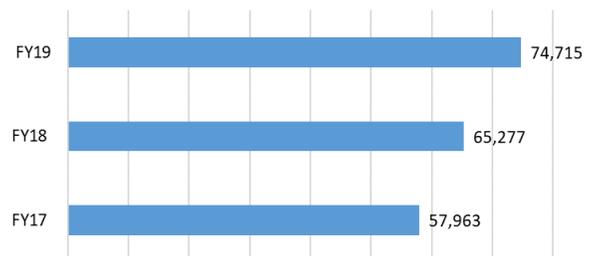
3.4 Strengthen grants management, increase transparency, and improve data analytics

FEMA Vision: **A prepared and resilient Nation.**

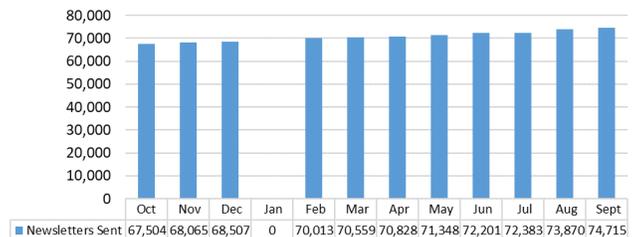
Newsletter

- Sent out on Friday nearly **every week**.
- **Includes:** information regarding College List website updates, internships, scholarship opportunities, employment, emergency management articles and journals, and other items of interest to the emergency management academic community.

Newsletter Recipients FY 2019



Newsletter Delivery and Interaction FY 2019

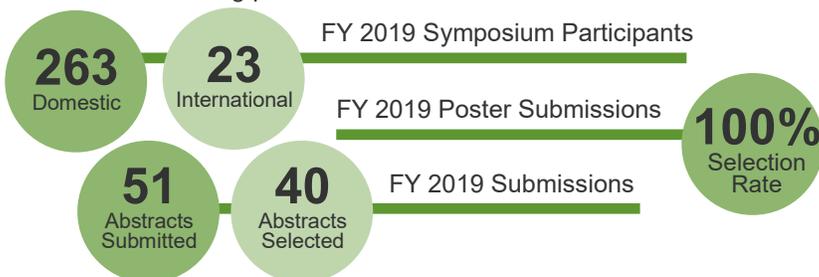


*Federal Government was closed in January

■ Newsletters Sent

Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium

21st Annual Theme: Highlighting Diversity, Inclusion and Unity of Effort. The Symposium offers an opportunity to network with other academics, gain exposure to successful academic programs and research, learn about new resources, teaching approaches, and methodologies. The **week-long** exchange includes Special Interest Group meetings, an international mixer, share fair and poster contest, faculty awards, and an evening library event in addition to morning plenaries and afternoon breakout sessions.



HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

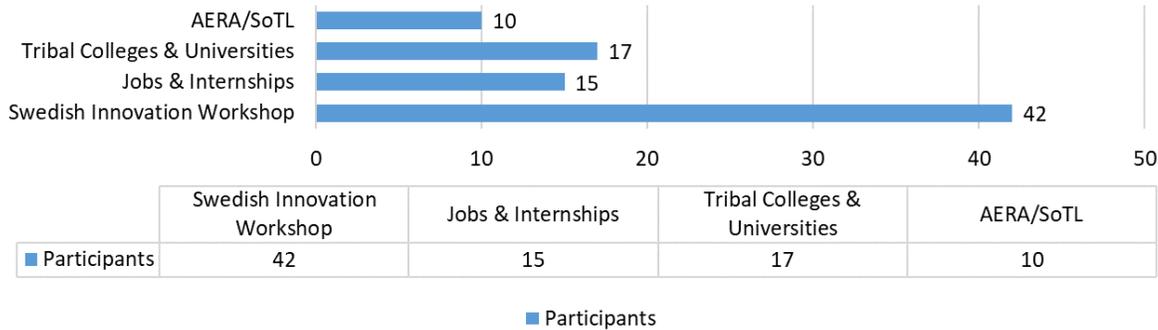
NATIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION DIVISION • NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS DIRECTORATE
NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER • EMMITSBURG, MD



Focus Groups

- Share information, knowledge, and perspectives on topics and other challenges relevant to the emergency management academic discipline.

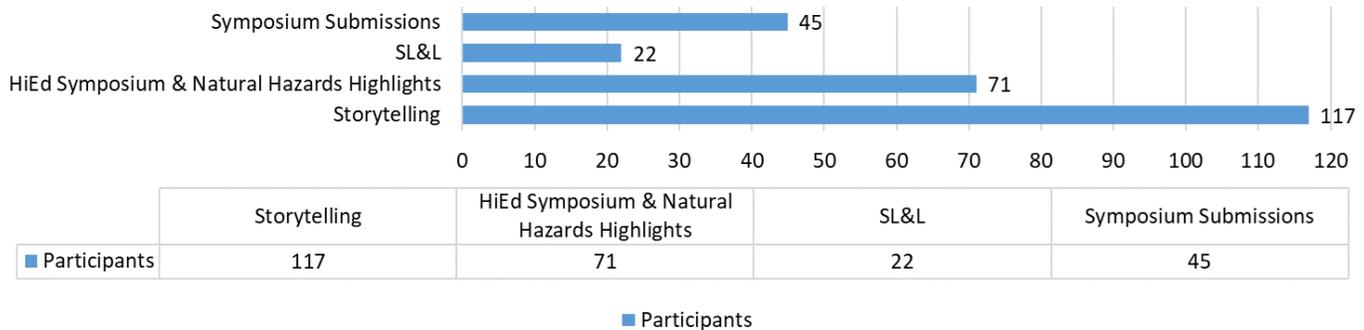
Focus Groups FY 2019



Webinars

- Help generate a shared vision and community connections that lead to the enhancement of emergency management higher education.
- Find all reports: training.fema.gov/hiedu/femawebinar.aspx

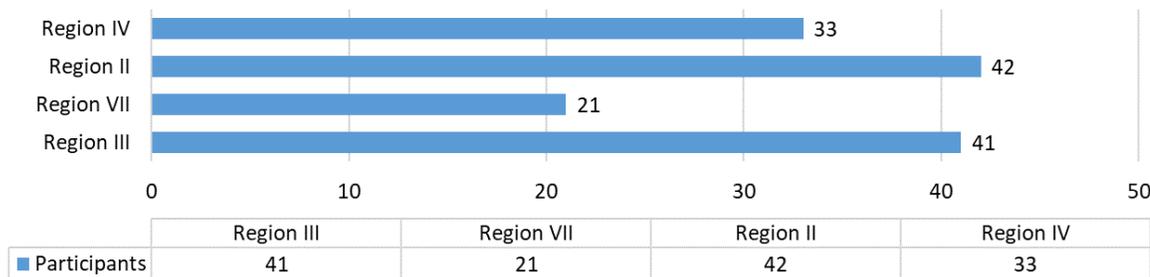
Webinars FY 2019



Regional Engagements

- Designed to build awareness, capture successful regional practices of collaboration with emergency management, and identify untapped opportunities. Supports regional community connection, collaboration, and create a dynamic regional-specific report.
- Find 2017–2019 reports from all 10 FEMA Regions: training.fema.gov/hiedu/rce.aspx

Regional Engagements FY 2019



*Follow-up engagements held in Region VI: El Paso

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

- Serve as a focal point for community development in their specialty areas, potentially co-authoring papers, conducting research, supporting curriculum development, and working as Subject Matter Experts. SIGs develop and disseminate information in their chosen topic of interest broadly across the community.
- For a list of all current SIGs and descriptions: training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx



Research Inquires

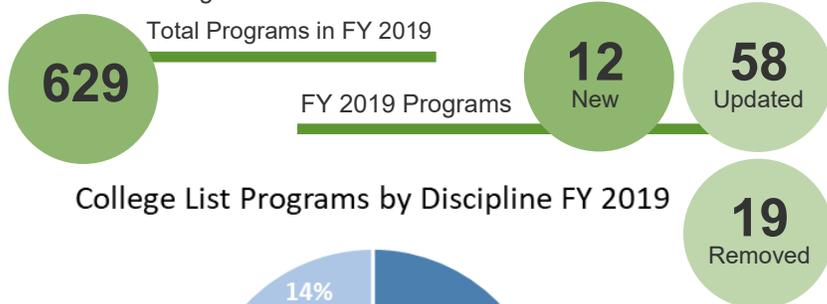
- The Higher Education Program supports research inquiries to advance the agency strategic plan and achieve National Preparedness Goals. Materials developed are shared for academic and practical use to improve professional knowledge.
- **2019 Research Inquiry Topics**
 1. State of the Community
 2. Case Study Implementation
 3. Research Agenda Implementation
 4. Puerto Rico Workshop Development
 5. Meta Analysis of Regional Engagements

College List

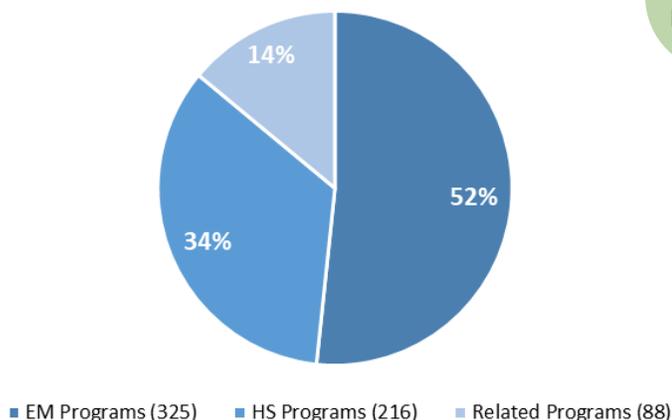
Find the complete College List: training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist/

Includes programs in:

- Emergency Management
- Homeland Security
- Public Health, Medical, and Related Programs
- International Disaster Relief/Humanitarian Assistance
- Emergency and Disaster Management Programs in Other Countries
- Executive Education Programs
- Related Programs



College List Programs by Discipline FY 2019



Outreach

- An informal **Community Call** is scheduled nearly **every month**, and is available to anyone who wants to join. In FY 2019, calls were held in **7 out of 12** months and participation ranged from **1-22 individuals**.
- The Higher Education Program manager regularly presents program activities to external partners. In FY 2019 **15 Speaking Engagements** were delivered.

Contact the Higher Education Program

Program Website: training.fema.gov/hiedu/

Wendy Walsh, Program Manager

Email: Wendy.Walsh@fema.dhs.gov

Phone: 301-447-1262

Barbara Johnson, Program Assistant

Email: Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov

Phone: 301-447-1452

Rebecca Burns, Program Contract Support

Email: Rebecca.Burns@associates.fema.dhs.gov

Phone: 301-447-7251

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

NATIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION DIVISION • NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS DIRECTORATE
NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER • EMMITSBURG, MD



FEMA