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.

**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.

**FY 2019 Symposium Participants**
- 263 Domestic
- 23 International

**FY 2019 Poster Submissions**
- 51 Abstracts Submitted
- 40 Abstracts Selected

**FY 2019 Submissions**
- 100% Selection Rate

**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**
- FY19: 74,715
- FY18: 65,277
- FY17: 57,963

**Newsletter Delivery and Interaction FY 2019**

*Federal Government was closed in January  
Newsletters Sent: 67,504, 68,065, 68,507  
Newsletters Sent: 70,828, 71,348, 72,205, 72,383, 73,870, 74,715*
Focus Groups

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

![Focus Groups FY 2019](chart)

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<th>Swedish Innovation Workshop</th>
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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](http://training.fema.gov/hiedu/femawebinar.aspx)

![Webinars FY 2019](chart)

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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](http://training.fema.gov/hiedu/rce.aspx)

![Regional Engagements FY 2019](chart)

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

![Participants](chart)
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

Total Programs in FY 2019: 629

FY 2019 Programs:
- 12 New
- 58 Updated
- 19 Removed

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.

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