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Program Update

We are taking time to reflect on the state of the Emergency Management Higher Education Program (HiEd) and affirm our commitment to serve the needs of the community, including institutions of higher education, professional organizations and practitioners who are all dedicated to advancing the field of emergency management. If you have any thoughts or comments regarding the future of the HiEd Program that you would like to share, please contact Michelle Norphlet, the Interim HiEd Program Manager, at Michelle.Norphlet@fema.dhs.gov or Lisa Lofton, the National Training and Education Division (NTED) Senior Advisor, at Lisa.Lofton@fema.dhs.gov.

We are in the process of a full redesign and update for both the College List and the HiEd website. The FEMA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) has established a Period of Non-Disruption (POND). The POND allows server updates and patching, but not much else. As soon as the POND is lifted, we will resume work. We hope to share the changes in the next couple of months. Thank you for your patience.

The College List

The College List, located at <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist/>, is a comprehensive online resource that outlines programs at all levels of study in emergency management (EM) and related fields. Information is stored in a database for analysis and management. HiEd Program staff do not provide recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. If you have a new or updated program to include, send an email to fema-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Internship, Scholarship, Research and Training Opportunities

National Science Foundation

[Mid-scale Research Infrastructure-1 \(Mid-scale RI-1\)](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21505/nsf21505.htm)

(<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21505/nsf21505.htm>)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) for Sustainable Regional Systems \(SRS\)](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21011/nsf21011.jsp)

(<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21011/nsf21011.jsp>)



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Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) Careers and Internships in Emergency Management Virtual Event, Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 10 a.m. -12 p.m. ET

Registration: <https://miami.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpcO-pqT4jE9So-ahsux3ErqokjQLJUtr1>. The free event will offer a panel of emerging leaders in our field, followed by Zoom breakout rooms facilitated by some of Florida's top leaders in the field to chat with students in a small group setting.

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Mendenhall postdoctoral fellowship opportunities related to social science and natural hazards. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to advisors for more information. Closing date to apply for the positions is January 4, 2021. [For more information](https://www.usgs.gov/centers/mendenhall/19-5-next-generation-aftershock-and-earthquake-forecasting-methods-and-products) (<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/mendenhall/19-5-next-generation-aftershock-and-earthquake-forecasting-methods-and-products>).

The University of Colorado Boulder invites applications for a Senior Professional Research Assistant as part of the interdisciplinary project, "Deep Horizons: Making Visible an Unseen Spectrum of Ecological Casualties & Prospects." The position connects to an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation John E. Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Cultures. [For more information](https://jobs.colorado.edu/jobs/JobDetail/?jobId=27160) (<https://jobs.colorado.edu/jobs/JobDetail/?jobId=27160>).

New Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Webinar. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference team released their most recent webinar, *Back to School and "Out" of School in a New Paradigm of Teaching, Learning, and Conducting Research* for viewing on demand. The webinar features a trio of panelists from the education sector to discuss approaching the current school year given the current climate. Topics include open research and simulation opportunities, resources available from Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE) and additional resources and programs students can apply for. [To view the recorded webinar](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/855134582720344076) (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/855134582720344076>). [For more information](https://emerging-researchers.org/webinar-school) (<https://emerging-researchers.org/webinar-school>).



FEMA's Interagency Coordination Division (ICD) develops Interagency Recovery Coordination case studies to share recovery coordination solutions, lessons learned and best practices. FEMA's recovery case studies highlight challenging scenarios faced during disaster recovery and detail how emergency managers overcame challenges. The studies are available to emergency management practitioners, members of academia and the public through the Case Study Library on [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Interested in collaborating on a case study? FEMA is looking for new ideas to help recovery stakeholders across the country and would love to discuss your proposals. Send your ideas to FEMA-Recovery-ICD-GDO@fema.dhs.gov.

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Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) support the increased exchange of knowledge in specific areas and applications of emergency management education. SIG members can potentially become involved in co-authoring/researching and serving as mentors to students and as subject matter experts to practitioners. [Click here for more information and a list of SIGs](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx) (https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx). To join a SIG, send an email to Rebecca Burns at Rebecca.Burns@associates.fema.dhs.gov.

Resources

The resources below are compiled from a variety of sources to support research or classroom use. The links are provided as a convenience. They do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

[How Professors Can Help Students Get Through the Semester](https://www.chronicle.com/newsletter/teaching/2020-10-08)

(https://www.chronicle.com/newsletter/teaching/2020-10-08)

Natural Hazards Research Center

[Does Nature or Society Create Risk? Practical Implications of Shifting the Disaster Frame](https://hazards.colorado.edu/news/research-counts/does-nature-or-society-create-risk-practical-implications-of-shifting-the-disaster-frame)

(https://hazards.colorado.edu/news/research-counts/does-nature-or-society-create-risk-practical-implications-of-shifting-the-disaster-frame)

[To Remain or Relocate? Mobility Decisions of Homeowners Exposed to Recurrent Hurricanes](https://hazards.colorado.edu/quick-response-report/to-remain-or-relocate-mobility-decisions-of-homeowners-exposed-to-recurrent-hurricanes)

(https://hazards.colorado.edu/quick-response-report/to-remain-or-relocate-mobility-decisions-of-homeowners-exposed-to-recurrent-hurricanes)

Government Technology

[Nearly 1M in Miami-Dade Are One Storm Away from Catastrophe](https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Nearly-1-Million-in-Miami-Dade-are-one-Storm-away-from-Catastrophe.html)

(https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Nearly-1-Million-in-Miami-Dade-are-one-Storm-away-from-Catastrophe.html)

Domestic Preparedness

[Meeting the Challenge: Public Health Emergencies & the Special Needs Populations](https://www.domesticpreparedness.com/healthcare/meeting-the-challenge-public-health-emergencies-the-special-needs-populations)

(https://www.domesticpreparedness.com/healthcare/meeting-the-challenge-public-health-emergencies-the-special-needs-populations)

New 'Mitigate Your Risk' Feature on FEMA App. New content is available on the FEMA app which lists the types of disasters common for an area and provides do-it-yourself mitigation tips. The tips are low-cost or no-cost and help prevent future losses after a disaster. The FEMA app has been downloaded more than one million times on Google Play and is ranked 14 in the Weather category of the App Store. Using a mobile device, download the FEMA app for free from the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fema/id474807486) (https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fema/id474807486) and [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.fema.mobile.android&hl=en) (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.fema.mobile.android&hl=en).

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Calendar

Oct. 16, 2020, 2 p.m. ET / 11 a.m. PT

Naval Postgraduate School-CHDS Executive Education Program Webinar [“Housing Challenges in COVID-19, Pt. 2. Shelters of Last Resort: Examining Systems of Congregate Emergency Shelter for Homeless and Vulnerable Populations During COVID-19”](#) (delivered remotely)

(<https://www.chds.us/c/item/17363>). Every day, hundreds of thousands of homeless Americans are crowded into emergency shelters. Many of the homeless have severe and persistent co-occurring behavioral and medical disabilities, including drug and alcohol addictions. Using a public health and safety lens, this webinar will examine the challenges, options, and emerging model practices to address the daunting task of providing shelters and longer-term housing options for vulnerable populations during COVID-19.

Oct. 23, 2 p.m. ET / 11 a.m. PT

Naval Postgraduate School-CHDS Executive Education Program Webinar [“Housing Challenges in COVID-19, Pt. 3. Extreme Complexity: Management of Congregate Jail Populations During COVID-19”](#) (delivered remotely) (<https://www.chds.us/c/item/17365>).

Perhaps the most complex challenge of congregate population management, this topic links the public health implications of jail density with the public safety implications of de-densification of jails and other alternatives to incarceration. The safe and healthy management of jail populations during a disaster is another focus of this important inquiry. Alternative uses of depopulated jail facilities is one of many emerging options to address the larger issue of congregate care systems. In this webinar, panelists will examine these questions and many more as they consider what jails will – or should – look like during and after COVID-19.

Oct. 27

FEMA Holds Comment Period for Mitigation Planning Updates. On Aug. 28, FEMA published updates to the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program and mitigation planning regulations for public comment in the Federal Register. The updates synchronize the requirements enacted by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12). The 60-day public comment period is open until Oct. 27. Visit [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) (<https://www.regulations.gov>) and provide comments to Docket ID: FEMA-2019-0011.

Oct. 31

Call for Abstracts: Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) 45th Annual National Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, May 9 - 13, 2021, Raleigh Convention Center. The call for abstracts seeks a broad range of professionals to submit for 30-minute concurrent sessions and/or 2 to 4-hour workshops that address issues, problems and solutions associated with managing and communicating flood risk, making communities more resilient and protecting floodplain and fragile natural resources. Abstracts are due Oct. 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. CT. [For more information](#) (<https://asfpmconference.org/program-2/call-for-abstracts>).

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Nov. 13

FEMA Accepts New Applications for COVID-19 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

FEMA is providing an additional chance for volunteer and combination fire departments to apply for funding under this year's Assistance to Firefighters COVID-19 Supplemental grant. Volunteer and combination fire departments are eligible to apply in this round even if they had a successful application in the first round earlier this year. However, applications must support new capabilities. Departments that applied in the first round but were unsuccessful must reapply to be considered for funding in this round. Applications from the first round will not automatically carry forward to this round for consideration. FEMA will accept applications until **5 p.m. ET on Nov. 13**. Remaining to be awarded are \$31 million in funds. Find more information on this funding opportunity on the [FEMA website](https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters) (<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>).

Nov. 2-4, 2020

Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) 13th Annual Homeland Defense and Security Education Summit.

Sponsored by FEMA's National Training and Education Division, the CHDS University and Agency Partnership Program is a strategic partner for the HiEd Program. This year's theme is Leading and Educating in a Multi-Threat, Multi-Hazard Environment: What Homeland Security Leaders Need to Know. The summit will be conducted in a virtual format to ensure maximum participation from our colleagues and friends around the U.S. (and beyond). As in previous years, the summit will feature focused sessions to explore complex issues in multi-threat/hazard operating environments, support faculty development, and present innovative approaches to homeland security research and education. There will be a broad and deep bench of expert speakers and presenters. Announcements on the summit agenda will be made later this month. [For more information](https://www.uapi.us/programs/2077) (<https://www.uapi.us/programs/2077>).

November 16-18

International Association of Emergency Managers 68th Annual Conference. This year's theme is "Visioning the Future of Emergency Management." [For more information](https://www.iaem.org/usconf) (<https://www.iaem.org/usconf>).

Employment Opportunities

Federal vacancies are posted on [USAJOBS](https://www.usajobs.gov) at <https://www.usajobs.gov>. When you save a search, they will automatically send email updates with new jobs that match the criteria.

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [University of Alabama at Birmingham](https://uab.peopleadmin.com/postings/7700) (<https://uab.peopleadmin.com/postings/7700>) - School of Public Health-Professor-Epidemiology - F1362P
- [University of North Alabama](https://jobs.una.edu/postings/5655) (<https://jobs.una.edu/postings/5655>) - Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor; Criminal Justice



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- Indiana University of Pennsylvania (<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/iupedu/jobs/2876311-0/departement-of-criminology-and-criminal-justice-temporary-part-time-faculty>) - Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice - Temporary Part Time Faculty
- Texas A&M University - Central Texas (https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/TAMUCT_External/job/Killeen-TAMUCT/Postdoctoral-Researcher--Cybersecurity-_R-028184) - Postdoctoral Researcher (Cybersecurity)
- Curry College (<https://curry.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=121171>) - Associate Lecturers (PT), Criminal Justice - Cyberterrorism
- Monmouth University (<https://jobs.monmouth.edu/postings/12977>) - Adjunct, Homeland Security - Geographic Information Systems
- St. John's University - Adjunct Faculty Positions, Division of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Homeland Security (**No longer available**)
- Laredo Community College (<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/laredoedu/jobs/2841168/homeland-security-studies-adjunct-instructor>) - Homeland Security Studies Adjunct Instructor
- Monmouth University - Adjunct, Geographic Information Systems (**No longer available**)
- University of Mississippi - Emergency Management Coordinator (**No longer available**)

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