



Program News for the week ending May 28, 2021

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Program Update

FEMA’s National Training and Education Division (NTED) manages the Emergency Management Higher Education (HiEd) Program in partnership with FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and the [Center for Homeland Defense and Security \(CHDS\)](https://www.chds.us/c) (<https://www.chds.us/c>). We serve the needs of the community, including institutions of higher education, professional organizations and practitioners who are dedicated to advancing the field of emergency management.

The new HiEd Program manager starts full time on June 21, 2021. We will make an announcement at the Annual Symposium on June 8 during the HiEd Program Update at 12:45 p.m. ET. See you then!

The Higher Education Program Newsletter Will Resume June 18, 2021.

Call for Proposals

We invite members of the HiEd community to submit academic research inquiry proposals to FEMA-HiEd@fema.dhs.gov by June 30, 2021. [The template for submissions is on the HiEd website: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/latest/2020.aspx.](#)

The goal is to bridge the gap between academic research and practice and seek answers to complex real-world problems. To be considered, [proposals must align with the research agenda: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/docs/latest/2018_fema_research_agenda_final-508%20\(march%202018\).pdf](#). Proposals must also address a community need, be of value and interest to FEMA, and align with the [Next Generation Core Competencies \(https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/docs/emcompetencies/final_%20ngcc_and_measures_aug2017.pdf\)](#). Proposals related to regional academic engagements and special interest groups (SIGs) are encouraged. [Information on current SIGs is available here: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx.](#)

Proposals will be reviewed by the HiEd team and other FEMA offices including FEMA regions, as appropriate. The HiEd Program will award a limited number of micro-purchases of \$3,500 to \$5,000 each



for a period of performance of up to 12 months. In rare instances, HiEd may award up to \$10,000 for research of exceptional merit. **Awards will be made by September 30, 2021.**

Upon award, researchers will be expected to participate in periodic status meetings with the HiEd team and community calls, and provide written summaries upon request for the HiEd Program newsletter. Upon completion, a report will be submitted to the HiEd Program for review and dissemination.

23rd Annual Symposium

SAVE THE DATE: June 8-10, 2021. [Additional information is available at https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference21.aspx.](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference21.aspx)

Kay C. Goss Innovation & Technology Award

The effective candidate should demonstrate the following qualities:

- A record of regular participation in the Annual FEMA Emergency Management HiEd Symposium.
- Outstanding teaching effectiveness both within and outside the classroom using emerging technologies.
- The ability to inspire, promote, and develop emergency management (EM) programs, professors and students through innovative methods.
- Professional contributions to the EM field.

To Make a Nomination

Send a letter addressing how the nominee meets the criteria listed above to EM.AWARDS@ATU.EDU. **The deadline for submissions has been extended to June 1.** The award will be presented at the 2021 HiEd Symposium.

2021 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award

Have you published one or more studies about pedagogy or andragogy in EM or homeland security (HS) higher education? Then apply for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Award, which will be presented at the 2021 HiEd Symposium. Sponsored by the University of Central Florida's School of Public Administration, this annual award is based on specific criteria and recognizes outstanding SoTL efforts within the EM and HS disciplines. **The deadline has been extended to June 1, 2021.** [More information can be found on the HiEd website: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/19conf/sotl%20award%20criteria_final.pdf.](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/19conf/sotl%20award%20criteria_final.pdf) Consider self-nominations or nominating a colleague today by emailing Claire.Knox@ucf.edu.

Community Call

The next HiEd Community Call is Friday, June 18, 2021 from 2 - 3 p.m. ET. [Link to the community call: https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270.](https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270) Meeting ID: 160 4678 0270, Password: 621901. This is an informal call – all are welcome. We schedule one or two short presentations at the beginning of the call and an open forum for discussion about ongoing projects and opportunities for collaboration. If you would like to be a presenter on a future call, send an email with your name, topic and a short description of your presentation to FEMA-HiEd@fema.dhs.gov.



Presenters:

- Amie Leigh, Director of Public Health Initiatives, Somatic Experiencing International
Topic: Somatic Experiencing for Emergency Management
- Terry Pruitt (or assigned staff), FEMA Training Partners Program (TPP) Branch Chief
Topic: Continuing Training Grants (CTG)

The College List

[The College List](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist), located at <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist>, outlines programs at all levels of study in EM, HS and related fields. HiEd staff do not provide recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. To maintain currency, the HiEd team removes entries that have not initiated contact or activity for two years or more. If you have a new or updated program to include, send an email to fema-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

College list by the numbers: **726 total**

- Emergency and Disaster Management Programs in Other Countries – 26
- Emergency Management Programs – 328
- Executive Education Programs – 3
- Homeland Security Programs - 254
- International Disaster Relief/Humanitarian Assistance – 10
- Public Health, Medical and Related Programs – 28
- Related Programs – 77

Internship, Scholarship, Research and Training Opportunities

New York University, School of Global Public Health – [Assistant Professor \(tenure track\)](#):
<https://apply.interfolio.com/86961>

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are self-organized and self-directed for knowledge exchange on specific topics related to EM higher education. SIG members can potentially become involved in co-authoring research, mentoring students and advising practitioners. [To join a SIG, contact the SIG lead](#):
<https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx>. For more information, [refer to the updated HiEd website SIG page](#): <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx>.

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.

Inside Higher Ed

[Can Coaching Bring Students Back to HBCUs?](#) (<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2021/05/25/new-initiative-re-enroll-thousands-hbcu-students>)



[University of Delaware, Disaster Research Center](https://www.drc.udel.edu/research/projects) (<https://www.drc.udel.edu/research/projects>)

[The "FEMA NEHRP State Assistance Grant Program: A History of Mitigation Activities" dashboard](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/earthquake/nehpr/history-mitigation-activities) (<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/earthquake/nehpr/history-mitigation-activities>) was recently released to provide the public an overview of how grant money is spent. The activities detailed in the dashboard support local earthquake safety, mitigation, and resilience activities. [For more information, please visit: https://www.fema.gov/national-earthquake-hazards-reduction-program.](https://www.fema.gov/national-earthquake-hazards-reduction-program)

Government Technology

[Emergency Management Profession Needs Diversity to Adapt](https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/emergency-management-profession-needs-diversity-to-adapt)

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Calendar

Diversity in Leadership: Job Searching Strategies Workshop, June 8, 2021, 6 to 7:30 p.m. PT, hosted by [Pierce College's Homeland Security Emergency Management Degree Program](https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/hsem) (<https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/hsem>) and the [Center of Excellence - Homeland Security Emergency Management](https://www.coehsem.com) (<https://www.coehsem.com>). The workshop will provide participants with strategies on how to approach job searching and will discuss the importance of networking and making connections in your field of interest. For more information: khale@pierce.ctc.edu. To register (**link no longer available**).

Natural Hazards Workshop Poster Session abstract, Research and Practice Highlight, or a Meet the Authors submission deadline extended to **June 11, 2021**. [Click here for submission guidelines:](https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2021/submissions) <https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2021/submissions>. [Click here for Meet the Authors submission information:](https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2021/new-reads) <https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2021/new-reads>.

National Hurricane Conference, June 14-17, 2021, Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, LA. The primary goal of the National Hurricane Conference is to improve hurricane preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation to save lives and property in the United States and the tropical islands of the Caribbean and Pacific. This conference also serves as a national forum for federal, state and local officials to exchange ideas and recommend new policies to improve EM. [Click here for more information and to register:](https://hurricanemeeting.com) <https://hurricanemeeting.com>.

Natural Hazards Engineering Research Institute (NHERI) Summer Institute at the University of Texas at San Antonio's (UTSA) **June 16-17, 2021. Registration now open for online participants**. The NHERI Summer Institute is an annual forum for early-career faculty and others interested in advancing their careers in natural hazards engineering. The event is free. *In-person space has been filled. Register to join online (**link no longer available**)*.

Save The Date: 46th Annual Natural Hazards Workshop Virtual Event, July 11 - 14, 2021 with the **Researchers Meeting** to follow on **July 14 and 15**. The workshop brings together federal, state and local mitigation and EM officials and planning professionals; representatives of nonprofit, private sector and humanitarian organizations; hazards and disaster researchers; and others dedicated to alleviating the impacts of disasters. [Click here to register:](https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2021/registration) <https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2021/registration>.



Employment Opportunities

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

Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 4-6 p.m. ET

DHS is Hiring Webinar - Professionals, Students and Recent Graduates | FEMA.gov

(<https://www.fema.gov/event/dhs-hiring-webinar-professionals-students-and-recent-graduates>)

Higher Education Vacancies:

- University of Nebraska Medical Center – [Epidemiologist](https://unmc.peopleadmin.com/postings/58001)
(<https://unmc.peopleadmin.com/postings/58001>)
- Morehouse School of Medicine - [Assistant Professor, Epidemiology](https://careers.msm.edu/postings/9954)
(<https://careers.msm.edu/postings/9954>)
- Texas A&M International University - [Adjunct Faculty \(Criminal Justice\) ON CAMPUS](https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/TAMIU_External/job/Laredo-TAMIU/Adjunct-Faculty--Criminal-Justice--ON-CAMPUS_R-038348)
(https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/TAMIU_External/job/Laredo-TAMIU/Adjunct-Faculty--Criminal-Justice--ON-CAMPUS_R-038348)
- Wilmington College - Assistant or Associate Professor of Criminal Justice (**No longer available**)
- Old Dominion University - [Cybersecurity - Adjunct Faculty](https://jobs.odu.edu/postings/13452) (<https://jobs.odu.edu/postings/13452>)
- Southern Utah University - [Adjunct Faculty of Cybersecurity](https://suu.applicantpro.com/jobs/1735473.html)
(<https://suu.applicantpro.com/jobs/1735473.html>)
- Vincennes University - Homeland Security Adjunct Faculty (**No longer available**)
- Lane Community College - Geography and Geographical Information Science (GIS) – Faculty (**No longer available**)
- Collin College - [Adjunct Professor, Geographic Information System](https://collin.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=1953)
(<https://collin.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=1953>)
- University of Texas at Arlington - [Emergency Management Training and Exercise Coordinator](https://uta.peopleadmin.com/postings/14144)
(<https://uta.peopleadmin.com/postings/14144>)

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