

# NHERI GSC

## Graduate Student Council

Good afternoon NHERI GSC!

Thank you to all who attended our NHERI GSC General Meeting on **April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. In the meeting, Mr. Tim Babcock -Talent Acquisition, from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) talked about the national laboratories in the U.S. Our second speaker, Ms. Casey McGrath-Earth Scientist, highlighted several advanced scientific research projects conducted by PNNL. The speakers also discussed opportunities for graduate students to participate in frontier research projects in PNNL. Below you will find the minutes from the meeting:

- **Announcements:**
  - Welcome to all new NHERI GSC members.
  - **NHERI GSC Mini-Conference Registration**
    - Register or join the Mini-Conference: <https://bit.ly/2024NHERIGSCMiniConference>  
a fully virtual one-day conference designed to bring together graduate students in the field of natural hazards to present ongoing research while networking and collaborating within and across disciplines.
    - Listen to Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Yasemin Didem Aktas**,
  - **NHERI Summer Institute, June 12-14**  
Congratulations to the 5 NHERI GSC members selected to receive the NSF Travel Award to attend the NHERI Summer Institute:
    - Abdulahi Opejin
    - Amber Spears
    - Harman Singh
    - Jose Capa Salinas
    - Richard Campos
  - **Research Sub-Committee Update**  
NHERI GSC members joined different research breakout rooms and discussed their research. RSRs or executive committee members modulated the groups in absence of specific RSR for a 15 to 30 mins discussion.
    - Conferences that students are RSRs, or executive committee members modulated the groups attending or prefer to:
      - Annual Modeling & Simulation Conference (ANNSIM) organized by the Society for Modeling

& Simulation (SCS). May 20-23, 2025,  
Washington, DC.

- Disaster Research Workshop in the University of Delaware (May 2-4)
- NHERI Summit 2024 (May 14-15)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (November 21-23)
- Society of Risk Analysis Conference (December 8-12)
- ASCE Geotechnical-based conference (Annual in May)
- American Association of Wind Engineering (AAWE) (Annual in the Summer) (June 9-11, 2024)
- Tornado Hazard Wind Assessment and Reduction Symposium (THWARTS) (Annual)
  - RSR's meeting and breakout rooms were appreciated and interest for future collaboration was seen.
  - SimCenter Tools could be a free resource for research: <https://simcenter.designsafe-ci.org/learning-tools/overview/>
- **Research Group**  
Join a research group to network and collaborate with fellow students working on your specific area of natural hazards: [https://bit.ly/NHERIGSC\\_Research](https://bit.ly/NHERIGSC_Research)
- **Today's Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Tim Babcock, and Ms. Casey McGrath, for their incredibly informative talk on national laboratories. A recording of this presentation can be found on our website in the coming days (<https://www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council/explore/meetings/>).
- Our next meeting will be on Friday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

### Welcome to New Members:

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