

Education and Community Outreach Committee

March 31, 2021 – 3:00 pm Central Time via Zoom

<https://utsa.zoom.us/j/9013659006>

1. Attendance

Chad Kusko (*Lehigh University – ATLSS*), Kurtis Gurley (*University of Florida – Powell Lab*), Lindsay Carroll (*Oregon State University – HWRL*), Scott Brandenburg (*UCLA – DesignSafe*), Erik Salna (*Florida International University – Wall of Wind*), Trevor Carey (*University of California – Davis, CGM*), Candice Evans (*University of Colorado, Boulder – CONVERGE*), Melissa Villarreal (*University of Colorado, Boulder – CONVERGE*), Tricia Clayton (*University of Texas, Austin – Mobile Shakers*), Rosie Gomez (*University of Texas, Austin – Mobile Shakers*), Matt Schoettler (*University of California, Berkeley – SimCenter*), Laura Lowes (*University of Washington – RAPID*), Karina Vielma (*University of Texas, San Antonio – NHERI ECO*), Robin Nelson (*University of Texas, San Antonio – NHERI ECO*)

2. ECO Updates

- Thank you for your help and flexibility this semester!
- REU Selection & Evaluation
- Summer Institute Selection
- Changes to REU Research Symposium and Summer Institute Format
- EERI NHERI Workshops 1, 2, 3
- NSF Renewal

3. REU Selection & Evaluation

The REU Applicants were notified of selection March 8 by email. Formal paperwork was sent out 17th. Deadline for first-round selection was March 24. Second-round March 26 or 29. Other important REU dates include Block 1, June 2-August 10, Block 2, June 14-August 20.

For the REU Research Symposium August 9 & 10, we are submitting paperwork to host the REU students in-person at UTSA. Students concerned about COVID may opt to present virtually. All mentors, site personnel, family members, and guests will Zoom in for the presentations.

Please take the 2021 NHERI REU Selection Survey to help me improve the participant selection process and better meet your needs:

http://bit.ly/2021REU_Selection.

4. NHERI Summer Institute Selection

Fifty individuals applied for the NHERI Summer Institute. Due to COVID restrictions, we considered applicants within the United States, Canada, and Mexico for travel awards for the in-person portion of the Summer Institute which we hope to hold at the UTSA Downtown Campus.

We hope the NHERI Summer Institute for Early-Career Faculty will be an in-person/hybrid event on June 15-17, 2021. We plan to use PheedLoop to host the virtual aspects of the event, but the 20 funded Institute participants will be in-person at UTSA. If you have not sent your Summer Institute rankings, please do so as soon as possible.

5. EERI NHERI Workshops 1, 2, 3

NHERI will offer three post-conference workshops at EERI April 1-2, 2021:

Session 1: NHERI Resources & Proposal Support (ECO and NHERI Sites)

Thursday, April 1, 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Central

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Session 2: Using NHERI Resources for Data Science & Simulation (DesignSafe & SimCenter) Friday, April 2, 2021, 10:00 am - 11:00 am Central

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Session 3: Using NHERI & Extreme Events Reconnaissance/ Research Networks (RAPID & NSF-funded EERs) Friday, April 2, 2021, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Central

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*Please have your site representative log on, Thursday, April 1, 10:25 am Central Time for the Q & A Session

6. NSF Renewal Details:

NCO will be asking for 3 domestic students and 2 international partner students per site for the REU and we would host the REU Research Symposium in person. Based on ECO feedback we also asked for funding for

Graduate Student Research Meetings. All graduate students are welcome at the monthly meetings. During these meetings graduate students would have the chance to share research, present, and socialize. Cultivating this graduate student group acts as a built-in recruitment tool for REU mentors.

Within the renewal, the NCO also will continue to support 20 early career faculty, but will also include 5 graduate students, and 5-10 local K-12 teachers for the Summer Institute.

Finally, the NHERI ECO will offer help to sites on the collection of data.

7. New Business

Next NHERI ECO meeting: Tuesday, April 27, at 3:00 pm CT.

8. Adjourn