

Education and Community Outreach Committee
January 28, 2025 – 1:00 pm Central Time via Zoom
<https://utsa.zoom.us/j/9013659006>

Attendance Scott Brandenburg (University of California Los Angeles, TACC), Pedro Lomonaco (Oregon State University—HWRL), Matt Schoettler (University of California, Berkeley—SimCenter), Kurt Gurley (University of Florida—BLWT), **Karissa Alarcon** (University of California, Davis—CGM), Rachel Adams (University of Colorado, Boulder—CONVERGE), Stephanie Paal (Texas A&M University—User Forum), Joe Saunders (Lehigh University—RTMD), Tricia Clayton (Wake Forest University—UT Mobile Shakers), Eric Salna (Florida International University—Wall of Wind), Joe Saunders (Lehigh University—RTMD), Stephanie Paal (Texas A&M University—User Forum), Karina Vielma (University of Texas at San Antonio—NCO), Robin Nelson (University of Texas at San Antonio—NCO)

ECO Updates

- Approved December Meeting Minutes
- Discussed NHERI facility symposium poster and schedule ideas
- Discussed REU participants and review of applicants- first round due March 7
- Discussed who will represent each site at the NHERI Summer Institute
- **ACTION ITEM: Please share responses to the following questions with Robin via email:**
 - How many REU students can you host this year?
 - Who will be your Summer Institute representative?
 - Would you be willing to create a poster for the Symposium?
 - Do you have an REU alumni or REU mentor that you would recommend for a panel or presentation at the Symposium?
- **ACTION ITEM: Please complete the WhenIsGood poll to decide when our February meeting will place by February 7: <https://whenisgood.net/jne3hqm>**

NHERI REU Symposium & NSF 75th Anniversary Tour

August 6-8 NHERI REU Symposium highlighted by NSF on 75th Anniversary Tour

- *NSF will highlight the NHERI network during in its 75th Anniversary Tour. NHERI Council and a specific NHERI Week committee was formed and met on January 8, 2025. Below are ideas of what **may** be included:*
- *All sites are welcome to attend- no funding available*

Symposium Only, August 6-8, 2025

- *REU Symposium (posters & presentation)*
- *REU OSU facility tour*
- *NHERI site posters*
- *REU, GSC, and/or SI alumni from each site-presentations/panel for REU- once we know if we have enough funding to support this we will reach out to alumni*
- *REU mentor alumni presentation/panel*

NHERI Week (may overlap with Symposium), August 4-8, 2025

- *NHERI experiment in wave basin orchestrated by OSU*
- *Numerical modeling researchers*
- *Research experience videos*
- *Media day- invite local, state, and national media*
- *Industry Symposium*
- *Invite NSF directors, etc.*

NHERI REU Summer Program

2025 NHERI REU Summer Program Dates

April 14 – ECO Virtual Meet & Greet

May 19-30 – REU Mentor Training

June 2 - August 8 Block 1

June 16 - August 22 Block 2

August 4 REU Presentation Practice

August 5 REU Travel Day

August 6-8 REU Research Symposium @ OSU will be highlighted in NSF on 75th Anniversary Tour

August 9 REU Travel Day

Report—

- 34 completed applications; 6 NSF ETAP; 388 in progress; 42 Letters of recommendation
- Info Sessions:
- **November 5:** 42 registered, 18 attended
- **December 17:** 38 registered; 18 attended
- **January 21:** 35 registered, 25 attended
- **ACTION ITEM:** Please connect me with your CE graduate recruiter for July 9 virtual career fair NSF NHERI REU Virtual Information Sessions information
- Please share information about REU with student you think would benefit:
 - NSF NHERI REU application link: https://bit.ly/2025NHERI_REU
 - NSF NHERI REU letter of recommendation link: <https://bit.ly/2025LettersOfRecommendation>

Next Step—

- **Grant objectives:** broaden participation, provide research experience, provide career experiences, provide mentorship, increase confidence
- Consider review criteria as well as application and fit criteria when selecting participants- Updates may follow

NHERI Summer Institute

April 21 – Institute NSF Travel Awardee Meet & Greet

May 5 – Institute non-funded Meet & Greet

June 11-13, 2025 (Wednesday- Friday) NSF NHERI Summer Institute

Report—

- 34 applications complete; 42 in progress
- [Info Session](#) : **January 28**, 5 reg., 2 attended
- NSF NHERI Summer Institute Virtual Information Sessions data
- Please share with any assistant professors, postdocs, or doctoral students in the dissertation phase:
 - NSF NHERI Summer Institute application link: https://bit.ly/2025NHERI_SummerInstitute
 - NSF NHERI Summer Institute Information Sessions registration: https://bit.ly/2025NHERI_SummerInstitute_InfoSessions

Next Step—

- **ACTION ITEM:** NSF NHERI Summer Institute Representatives should register no later than, **May 1, 2025:** https://bit.ly/2025NHERI_SummerInstitute

NHERI Graduate Student Council

Important Dates

January 31 [Sim hosts Mazzoni](#)

January 31, [Data Challenge Registration Deadline](#)

February 7, NHERI GSC EC

February 21, NHERI GSC General

March 21, MC Abstract Deadline

May 15, MC Registration Deadline

May 16 Mini-Conference (MC)

Report—

- Membership data- International campaign results
- NHERI GSC constitutional changes approved
- NHERI leadership nominations open until 1/31: https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_SpringNominations
- Please share the following information with graduate student who you think would benefit:
 - NHERI GSC will host a webinar January 31, 2025, which will be open to the public.
 - Dr. Silvia Mazzoni- OpenSees (https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_Mazzoni)

New Business

Any new business?

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Adjourn