

Education and Community Outreach Committee
February 24 28, 2025 – 2:00 pm Central Time via Zoom
<https://utsa.zoom.us/j/9013659006>

Attendance Rosie Gomez (University of Texas at Austin, TACC), Matt Schoettler (*University of California, Berkeley—SimCenter*), Karissa Alarcon (University of California, Davis—CGM), Rachel Adams (University of Colorado, Boulder—CONVERGE), Laura Lowes (University of Washington—RAPID), Stephanie Paal (*Texas A&M University—User Forum*), Joe Saunders (*Lehigh University- RTMD*), 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*)

1. ECO Updates

- Approved January Meeting Minutes
- REU and Summer Institute participant selection and details
- NSF 75th Anniversary

2. 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 its 75th Anniversary Tour. NHERI Council and a specific NHERI Week committee was formed and met on January 8, 2025, but did not meet in February.*
- NHERI ECO confirmed we will have funding to support at least one REU alumni per site for the Symposium.

3. 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—

- 171 applicants (41 from ETAP); 319 letters of recommendation
- **Grant objectives:** broaden participation, provide research experience, provide career experiences, provide mentorship, increase confidence

Next Step—

- **ACTION ITEM:** Please share with Robin your top 5-7 REU applicants by **March 14** so she can begin sending out contracts.

4. 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—

- Applicant information
- NSF NHERI Summer Institute Virtual Information Sessions data
- **Your site representative should register online no later than May 1, 2025:**
https://bit.ly/2025NHERI_SummerInstitute

Next Step—

- The ECO discussed programming that will highlight building a collaborative natural hazards research community throughout the Institute and during a specific session.
- A need to identify what NSF will require in proposals moving forward especially for early-career faculty was identified. The NSF program directors will attend the Institute (in person and virtually). The ECO will reach out to inquire about changes to the session and if a thirty minute in person Q&A might be added to support early career faculty at the Summer Institute.
- The User Forum suggested that we might gather information early from participants (collect pre-assessment from the Summer Institute participants in April) to present to early career faculty applying for funding to secure tenure. Many are unsure of changes to the proposal process and how this hurdle may impact their pursuit of tenure. This might be a webinar, resources, etc. Other ideas are welcome.
- **Summer institute Representative ACTION ITEMS:**
 - Representatives should register no later than, May 1, 2025: https://bit.ly/2025NHERI_SummerInstitute
 - Representatives should book Downtown DoubleTree Hilton rooms for the Institute before *May 11, 2025*, to receive the special rate: <https://bit.ly/2025DoubleTreeHilton>.
- **Grant objectives:** *create collaborative research community, increased knowledge of NHERI network and resources, Science Plan, TTC, and NSF proposal writing (intellectual merit and broader impacts)*
- **ACTION ITEM:** Please share with Robin your top 20 early-career applicants and top 5 NHERI GSC applicants for the NSF NHERI Summer Institute by **March 26** so she can begin sending out contracts.

5. NHERI Graduate Student Council

Important Dates

- *February 21, NHERI GSC General*
- *May 7, Executive Committee*
- *March 21, MC Abstract Deadline*
- *May 15, MC Registration Deadline*
- *May 16 Mini-Conference (MC)*

Report—

- 650 Members; 823 total registration submissions
- Register for 2025 NSF NHERI GSC Mini-Conference: https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_Mini-Conference
- Reworked NHERI GSC website and positions to meet orders

Next Step—

- Update Statement of Inclusivity, Constitution, and all documents to meet orders

6. New Business

- Any new business?
- **ACTION ITEM:** Please complete the WhenIsGood poll to decide when our February meeting will place by March 7: <https://whenisgood.net/73pzm2t>

7. Adjourn