

**Education and Community Outreach Committee**  
**September 25, 2024 – 3:00 pm Central Time via Zoom**  
<https://utsa.zoom.us/j/9013659006>

**Attendance** Matt Schoettler (*University of California, Berkeley—SimCenter*), Laura Lowes (*University of Washington—RAPID*), Rachel Adams (*University of Colorado, Boulder—CONVERGE*), Kurt Gurley (*University of Florida—BLWT*), Joe Saunders (*Lehigh University—RTMD*), Karissa Alarcon (*University of California, Davis—CGM*), Lindsay Carroll (*Oregon State University—HWRL*), Lelli Van Den Einde (*University of California, San Diego—LHPOST6*), 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

- NSF approved NHERI logos are on the website: <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/community/branding-toolkit/>.
- **NSF NHERI REU and Summer Institute Reports Attached in PPT**
  - We quickly review some of the REU and Summer Institute data and will revisit to determine future programming decisions.

## 2. NHERI REU Summer Program

### *Suggested 2024 NHERI REU Summer Program Dates*

- *June 2 - August 8 — Block 1*
- *June 16 – August 22 —Block 2*
- *August 4 – REU Research Symposium Virtual Practice 8:00 am - 6:00 pm CST.*
- *August 6 & 9 REU Travel Days*
- *August 7-8 — NHERI REU Research Symposium hosted by TBD (Working with on NSF 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour)*

### **Report—**

- Please help wrap-up the NHERI REU Summer Program by reaching out to any participants who have not submitted final documents to DataDepot.
- Website, application, flyer have been updated
- NSF NHERI REU Summer Program: Student Projects page has been submitted
- NSF NHERI REU Virtual Information Sessions dates:
  - **October 15 @ 5:00 pm CT**
  - **November 5 @ 5:00 pm CT**
  - **December 17 @ 5:00 pm CT**
  - **January 21 @ 5:00 pm CT**
- NSF NHERI REU application link: [https://bit.ly/2025NHERI\\_REU](https://bit.ly/2025NHERI_REU)
- NSF NHERI REU letter of recommendation link: <https://bit.ly/2025LettersOfRecommendation>
- NSF NHERI REU Information Session October registration link: [https://bit.ly/2025October\\_nheriREUVIS](https://bit.ly/2025October_nheriREUVIS)

### **Questions—**

- *How was your experience with your REU students and the NHERI REU Summer Program as a whole?*
  - *Unique scheduling questions were discussed and ways to approach possible future scheduling conflicts in the application were discussed.*
- *What suggestions do you have for improvements (e.g., application, recruitment, selection, deliverables, instruction, mentorship, etc.)?*
  - Kurt began a conversation about REU housing- how can we better support students and fully cover housing? In future iterations, he proposes all sites include some of the housing cost in their proposal to help offset the amount which the NCO is unable to fund. Robin agreed to reach out to 2024 REU cohort to find out the actual cost of housing and identify any discrepancies between funding and cost. Unique housing options were discussing (Fraternity house) as well as ways to classify university housing to reduced student costs.

### 3. NHERI Summer Institute

#### 2025 NHERI REU Summer Institute

- Wednesday- Friday, June 11-13, 2025

#### Report—

- As requested, registration mockup includes:
  - NHERI invited presenters
  - NSF travel awards application
  - Self-funded participant registration
  - Online attendee registration
  - Education consultant application
- **ACTION ITEM:** Please share any changes you would like to make to the NSF NHERI Summer Institute Registration by **October 14, 2024**. You may find the registration document attached to the email.
- NSF NHERI Summer Institute Virtual Information Sessions dates:
  - **October 22 @ 5:00 pm CT**
  - **November 12 @ 5:00 pm CT**
  - **December 10 @ 5:00 pm CT**
  - **January 28 @ 5:00 pm CT**

#### Questions—

1. What suggestions and feedback do you have about the 2024 NHERI Summer Institute?
  - a. As we look towards the future, we hope you will consider ideas for ways to improve and renew that Summer Institute.

### 4. NHERI Graduate Student Council

#### Important Dates

- September 24-26 NHERI GSC Fall Election2
- September 27- NHERI GSC DEI Workshop: Research Reciprocity
- October 4- NHERI GSC Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 am CT
- October 18- NHERI GSC General Meeting @ 11:00 am CT

#### Report—

- NHERI GSC will host DEI Research Reciprocity Workshop, **September 27, 2024**, at 11:00 am CT. All are invited to register for free here: [https://bit.ly/2024NHERIGSC\\_DEIWorkshop](https://bit.ly/2024NHERIGSC_DEIWorkshop). We hope you will share this information.

#### Questions—

- Would you be willing to add NHERI GSC member to your events registration and funding applications?
  - The discussion was initiated by Robin in order to identify how many sites already support NHERI GSC members (without know it). Identifying the number of NHERI GSC members that attend site events and are funded after the fact would be helpful to report to NSF as well as in the NHERI GSC Annual Report. It provides members a better idea of the opportunities available in the NHERI network.

### 5. New Business

- **ACTION ITEM:** Please complete the WhenIsGood poll to decide when our October meeting will take place by **October 4**: <http://whenisgood.net/7z8cdem>.

### 6. Adjourn