Education and Community Outreach Committee
August 30, 2023 – 12:00 pm Central Time via Zoom
https://utsa.zoom.us/j/9013659006

Attendance Scott Brandenburg (University of California Los Angeles, TACC), Lindsay Carol (*Oregon State University*—HWRL), Laura Lowes (*University of Washington—RAPID),* Matt Schoettler (*University of California, Berkeley—SimCenter*), Lelli Van Den Einde (*University of California, San Diego—LHPOST6*), Koorosh H Lotfizadeh (*University of California, San Diego—LHPOST6*), Melissa Villareal (University of Colorado, Boulder—*CONVEREGE),* Stephanie Paal (*Texas A&M University*—User Forum), Sara Hamideh (*Stonybrook University*—User Forum), Tricia Clayton (*Wake Forest University*—UT Mobile Shakers), Klarissa Alarcon (*University of California, Davis*—CGM), Eric Salna (*Florida International University*—Wall of Wind), Joe Saunders (Lehigh University— RTMD), Robin Nelson (*University of Texas at San Antonio*—NCO)

ECO Updates
- Thank you for mentoring the NHERI REU participants and ensuring they had a wonderful research experience.
- Thank you to Stephanie Paal for sharing her academic experience in the Academy panel.
- Thank you to Pedro, Lindsay, and OSU for hosting the NHERI REU Research Symposium and the ropes course experience!
- You make this program an experience that students love.
- Welcome Sara Hamideh! She is a User Forum Representative from Stonybrook University and our newest NHERI ECO Committee member.

NHERI REU Summer Program
Suggested 2024 NHERI REU Summer Program Dates
- *June 3 - August 9 — Block 1*
- *June 17 – August 23 —Block 2*
- *August 5 – REU Research Symposium Virtual Practice 8:00 am - 6:00 pm CST.*
- *August 7 & 10 REU Travel Days*
- *August 8-9 — NHERI REU Research Symposium hosted by UCSD LHPOST*

Report—
- We would like to have the application for the NHERI REU approved by the September ECO meeting and launch the 2024 NHERI REU application no later than October 6, 2024.
- Attached you will find the current application- **ACTION ITEM: Please review the application for changes and please pay special attention to your site information by September 22, 2023.**
- We also would like you to share your feedback on whether you would include the following application questions from the NSF ETAP application or have been suggested by other sites:
  - Preferred name
  - Pronouns
  - Current education enrollment and class (i.e., freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior, etc.)
  - Disability questions focused on hearing, mobility, lifting, concentrating, remembering, and decision making.
  - Primary and secondary field of study
  - Work experience
  - Single parent household
  - We will include a LinkedIn account question to make it easier to track students. Robin will share this information with all sites.
- Rosie also brought up a few very important topics that impact REU students and asked for feedback on how other sites have handle it.
  - How do you assign dorm rooms to REU students?
  - Housing survey to ask REU students their preference on rooming with same or other genders or if they need LBGTQ friendly housing.
  - If UTSA could pay housing for students- Robin will check on this.
  - UT will be offering Title IX training at beginning of REU experience. Consensus seemed to be that all REU should undergo this training and all NHERI graduate mentors should as well

since they may not have received training from home university depending on their classification (i.e., TA, RA, grader, etc.).

- o The question of whether or not anyone has had an emergency situation with an REU student and if we can share that information with parents. We do collect emergency contact information via Qualtrics that I will make available by email.
- o Does your site offer healthcare or counseling services to your REU students? Robin asked if REU students could access UTSA virtual counseling since we pay them, but because they are classified as vendors they can't. I am looking into finding a way to change their classification through our department and will let you know if I have any success . However, right now UTSA doesn't offer counseling service or any university services to REU students.
- o **ACTION ITEM:** We want to create a list of university services that your site offers to REU students and combine that with an REU written document that shares information on housing, food, transportation, entertainment, what to wear, what to know. This document will be shared with REU students after they return their signed contracts. You may upload any information you want to contribute here: 2024 NHERI REU University Services.xlsx.

- Data on the NHERI ECO pre- and post-assessments for REU and Summer Institute will be ready by the September ECO meeting and will be shared with the respective ECO site representatives.
- Please help us wrap up the NHERI REU Summer Program:
  - o Review and your REU mentee paper
  - o Sign all timesheets.
  - o Encourage participants to submit all deliverables (Moodle & DataDepot)
  - o Encourage participants to submit post-assessment.
- Outstanding REU Projects by Sites:
  - o Lehigh (2 Papers)
  - o UF(2 Papers)
  - o UT LMS (1 Papers)
  - o SimCenter (1 Paper)
  - o RAPID (2 Papers; 1 Post-Assessment)
  - o OSU (2 Papers; 2 Post- Assessments)
  - o UCSD (3 Papers; 2 Post-Assessments)
  - o UC Davis (3 Papers; 1 Post-Assessment)

Questions—
- *How was your experience with your REU students and the NHERI REU Summer Program as a whole? We would love to hear more about your 2023 experience.*
- *What suggestions do you have for improvements (e.g., application, recruitment, selection, deliverables, instruction, etc.)? Rosie suggested that UTSA pay UT for the REU housing instead of sending money to students to pay for housing. I am checking if this is possible.*

NHERI Summer Institute
Suggested 2024 NHERI REU Summer Institute
- *Monday- Wednesday, June 10-12, 2023*
- *Wednesday- Friday, June 12-14, 2023*
- *Other suggestions?*
- *ACTION ITEM: Please take a few moments to provide your feedback on 2024 NHERI Summer Institute dates and 2023 feedback: https://utsa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4IUEuUTmS9mjfZs.*

Report—
- The NHERI Summer Institute application will be available for review at the September ECO meeting.
- Based on your feedback on the NHERI Summer Institute dates and feedback, we will select the final dates and discuss future adjustments to the itinerary and programming.
- Will verify booked Institute venue in early September.
- Will send out calendar invite to NHERI network & Joy Pauschke once dates are confirmed.
- The application and website will be updated by November 1, 2024.
- Tweak programming based on pre-post data and your feedback provided through survey: https://utsa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4IUEuUTmS9mjfZs. (Same as above).

Questions—

- What suggestions and feedback do you have about the 2023 NHERI Summer Institute? You can leave additional information on the survey: https://utsa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4IUEuUTmS9mjfZs (Same as above).

NHERI Graduate Student Council
Important Dates
- *September 1- NHERI GSC Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm CST*
- *September 15- NHERI GSC General Meeting @ 11:00 am- 12:00 pm CST*
- *October 20, NHERI GSC Election (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairs of Standing Committees) at NHERI GSC General Meeting*
- *October 27- NHERI GSC DEI Culture Competency Workshop @ 11:00 am- 1:00 pm CST*

Report—
- NHERI GSC is actively recruiting new members for fall 2024. Please share this information with your graduate students: https://bit.ly/NHERI_GSCouncil.
- NHERI GSC will host DEI Cultural Competency Workshop, October 27, 2023 at 11:00 am. Anyone can register here: bit.ly/2023NHERI_GSCDEIWorkshop.

Questions—
- NHERI GSC members have asked to learn more about the NHERI network and sites individually. Would you be open to working with NHERI GSC to share site information through a NHERI workshop series. Each site could have a faculty member and/or graduate student (may be better because it they are presenting to their peers and allows them to develop site knowledge and presentation skills). Some suggested that we shared the NHERI site videos from 2021 but their short length made some suggest it may not offer enough information. Ultimately, NHERI GSC will be happy to work with each site to coordinate a day and time to share/advertise their research equipment and research opportunities with us. A list of your site videos can be found below:

Lehigh RTMD	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiO3VsuTdG8
UT LMS	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9S2NpP9lEjA&t=46s
UF BLWT	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lIe0e_bPfMc&t=2s
OSU HWRL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GQvDG8fE_c&t=11s
UT DesignSafe	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbISiCNQ594&t=2s
UC Davis GCM	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlGSshTvjII
UC Berkeley SimCenter	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJu3uiKTiXU&t=11s
UCSD LHPOST	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dNxJDkp-i4&t=11s
FIU WOW	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPF48d_DNBY
UW RAPID	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bn-YDfxQ5d4&t=21s
UC Boulder CONVERGE	No video

New Business
- **ACTION ITEM:** Please complete the WhenIsGood poll to decide when our September NHERI ECO Committee meeting will take place: http://whenisgood.net/r52xhqm.

Adjourn