

Education and Community Outreach Committee
August 28, 2024 – 1:00 pm Central Time via Zoom
<https://utsa.zoom.us/j/9013659006>

Attendance Matt Schoettler (*University of California, Berkeley—SimCenter*), Rachel Adams (*University of Colorado, Boulder—CONVERGE*), Kurt Gurley (*University of Florida—BLWT*), Eric Salna (*Florida International University—Wall of Wind*), Joe Saunders (*Lehigh University—RTMD*), Karissa Alarcon (*University of California, Davis—CGM*), Jason DeJong (*University of California, Davis—CGM*), Pedro Lomonaco (*Oregon State University—HWRL*), Lindsay Carroll (*Oregon State University—HWRL*), Rosalia Gomez (*University of Texas at Austin—DesignSafe/TAAC*), Jordan Nakayama, (*Auburn University—NHERI GSC*), Karina Vielma (*University of Texas at San Antonio—NCO*), Robin Nelson (*University of Texas at San Antonio—NCO*)

ECO Updates

- **Welcome** to Rachel Adams, from CONVERGE, our newest NHERI ECO Committee member.
- **Thank you** for to each site for supporting the NHERI REU students throughout the summer and ensuring a great research experience. Please encourage them to close out the summer!
- **Thank you** to UCSD (Lelli van den Einde & Koorosh Lotfizadeh for hosting the NHERI REU Research Symposium. We had a wonderful time and want to thank them for also organizing the beach bonfire and art installation field trip.
- **NSF approved NHERI logos** will be released and updated after Labor Day. Please look for updated templates and information on the NHERI Branding Toolkit: <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/community/branding-toolkit/>.
- **Education Resource** webpage is being updated with all lesson plans from REU and Summer Institute. If you have RET, undergraduate, K-12, or other documents that should be linked to the page, please share that information with Robin (robin.nelson@utsa.edu).

NHERI REU Summer Program

Suggested 2024 NHERI REU Summer Program Dates

- **June 2 - August 8 — Block 1 ACTION ITEM:** Please let me know if these dates do not work for your site by **September 16, 2024**.
- **June 16 – August 22 —Block 2**
- **August 7-8 — NHERI REU Research Symposium hosted by TBD (NSF 75th Anniversary Tour)**

Report—

- **AI Discussion:** We discussed options for how to best approach the use of AI in the NHERI REU application. A suggestion of a drop-down menu for each essay question was suggested, but most felt that having instructions at the beginning of the application that indicate AI should not be used to generate your answers on your application. Discussion also includes whether we should check each application for use of AI and if we have the bandwidth to do so.
- **Social Science Discussion:** Even though CONVERGE will not be supporting REU students this summer, the ECO decided to keep all social science questions within the NHERI REU application, and several sites hope to continue to support interdisciplinary research and social science participants.
- The goal is to have the NHERI REU application approved by the September ECO meeting and launch it no later than October 1, 2024, and the NSF ETAP application by October 7, 2024.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Please review the application and suggest changes (especially AI, social science, and your site information) by **September 16, 2024**.
- Data on the NHERI ECO pre- and post-assessments for REU and Summer Institute should be ready by the September ECO meeting and will be shared with the respective ECO site representatives.

NHERI Summer Institute

Suggested 2024 NHERI REU Summer Institute

- **Monday - Wednesday, June 9-11, 2024**
- **Wednesday - Friday, June 11-13, 2024**
- **Other suggestions?**

Report—

- The NHERI Summer Institute application will be available for review by mid-September.

- 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.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Please provide feedback on 2025 NHERI Summer Institute dates and provide feedback on the 2024 NHERI Summer Institute by **September 9, 2024**. https://utsa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4GZYufolt0Jc6l8.

NHERI Graduate Student Council

Important Dates

- *September 3-5 NHERI GSC Fall Election*
- *September 6- NHERI GSC Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 am – 1:00 pm CT*
- *September 20- NHERI GSC General Meeting @ 11:00 am- 12:00 pm CT*
- *September 20- NHERI GSC DEI Facilitator Training @ 12:00-12:30 pm CT*
- *September 27- NHERI GSC DEI Workshop: Research Reciprocity @ 11:00-1:00 pm CT*

Report—

- 2024 NHERI GSC Annual Report presented by NHERI GSC Secretary, Jordan Nakayama. You may find a copy of the Annual Report here: https://bit.ly/2024NHERIGSC_AnnualReport.
- 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 Research Reciprocity Workshop, September 27, 2024, at 11:00 am. Anyone can register here: https://bit.ly/2024NHERIGSC_DEIWorkshop.

New Business

- Rosie would like us to use the NSF ETAP wording for the preciously worded “Special Accommodations” section to make it more inclusive. As soon as I can read through the NSF ETAP application, I will use the language they provide in the NHERI REU application. She also let us know that NSF ETAP will require SSO sign in or Research.gov account for all participants and admins.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Please complete the *WhenIsGood* poll by **September 9, 2024**, to decide when our September NHERI ECO Committee meeting will take: <http://whenisgood.net/e9j8isr>.

Adjourn