NASSAU OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Spring 2012 Internships

The mission of Nassau County Office of Emergency Management is to maintain a high level of preparedness, to protect the citizens of Nassau County; to mitigate loss of life and vital assets prior to, during, and immediate aftermath of a disaster; and to facilitate the speedy recovery of Nassau County in the mid and long term intervals following a disaster.

Nassau County’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has the statutory responsibility to coordinate all County emergency response plans. OEM’s responsibilities are to identify vulnerabilities, effectively mitigate disasters, public education, respond to all-hazard emergency situations, protect Nassau County’s first responders, ensure continuity of government and business, and to facilitate an effective recovery. OEM coordinates with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private entities to develop, maintain, and implement the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Hofstra Interns

Nassau OEM is interested in partnering with Hofstra University to develop a partnership to increase safety and awareness for our residents as well as affording Hofstra’s students a unique opportunity to provide internship opportunities for academic credit.

Internship Areas

Accounting- OEM is mainly grant funded and financial reporting is a vital part of our office. Students can learn the grant reporting process and participate in every facet of the financial process including purchasing requirements

Audio/Radio- Communication and public notifications are critical in the time of an emergency. Hofstra can partner with OEM to deliver critical communications through WRHU.

Business Economics- Business and continuity of government are major challenges after a disaster.

Finance – OEM works closely with the NY State Insurance Department as well as other financial institutions that require analysis and forecasting. We also prepare and manage grants and budgets

Information Technology- at the time of a disaster critical communications and back up to IT is vital. OEM works closely with high tech firms and government IT entities

Management- OEM is in the business of Management. We work with all County and many State, Federal and private sector agencies and groups. This requires extensive management skill and communication skills
Marketing - Nassau Counties diverse population, demographics and socio economical population create obstacles in communicating the need for preparedness along with goods and services.

Public Relations - OEM conducts numerous public forums and meeting to increase preparedness awareness

Foreign Language - most of our material is in English and we would like to have a more multi lingual approach to communicate with constituents

Engineering - We are currently developing a Rapid Building Damage Assessment that will be adopted statewide for post storm or disaster use. We are also aggressively looking to expand our GIS capabilities

Forensic Science - OEM works closely with the Medical Examiner’s office to develop and manage mass casualty and mass fatality incidents

Geology - OEM is in the process of expanding its relationship with the USGS and would like to partner with the Geology Department to develop Earthquake preparedness and other educational/operational material and processes

Human Resources - At the time of an OEM activation this agency hosts many county, state, federal and other outside agencies and groups in our EOC (Emergency Operations Center). The management of the different groups and schedules proves challenging. We would like to develop processes to streamline and increase the efficiency of activations

Psychology - When a disaster is pending or occurs there is an obvious increase in constituent’s anxiety and general stress level. The human and behavioral component of a disaster and its aftermath are critical factors in managing emergencies.

Speech Communications & Rhetorical Studies - good communication in many forms is key to managing a successful operation. OEM would like to explore different forms of communication to help get our message to our residents

How to Apply

- How to apply? Please apply on PRIDE CMS – to access PRIDE-CMS
- Click on "My Hofstra Portal" at the top of any Hofstra University Web page.
- Log into the Portal using your Hofstra username and password. Call The Computer Center for assistance, (516) 463-7777.
- Click on "myApps" located in the upper right corner, then "Pride Career Management System".
- Please put in your objective on your resume what internship area you would like to apply for
- The Deadline to apply is Friday, November 4 for the Spring 2012 Semester