

## How to access the Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Slack channel



Slack is an online communications platform designed to promote collaboration and teamwork. Within a Slack workspace, users can direct message or join channels (group conversations focused on specific topics).

In order to access the SSEER Slack channel, you must first create a NSF-NHERI DesignSafe-CI account and join the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace. Please follow these steps:

### Step 1. Register for a DesignSafe-CI Account

First, you must register for a DesignSafe-CI account by using a web browser to visit the website: <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/>. Click the “Register” button at the top right of the website and enter your details.

A screenshot of the DesignSafe-CI website homepage. The header features the 'DESIGNSAFE-CI' logo and the tagline 'NHERI: A NATURAL HAZARDS ENGINEERING RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE'. A red arrow points to the 'Log in' and 'Register' buttons in the top right corner. Below the header is a navigation menu with items like 'Research Workbench', 'Learning Center', 'NHERI Facilities', 'NHERI Community', 'About', and 'Help'. A search bar is also present. A prominent red-bordered box contains a 'HAPPENING NOW' announcement about the Anchorage Earthquake, listing three items: a dedicated Slack channel, a Recon Portal category, and a RAPID Facility portfolio. Below this, there are three buttons: 'Learn how to Start Using DesignSafe', 'Browse the Data Depot's Published Data Sets', and 'Join the conversation in DesignSafe's Slack Channel'. On the right side of the page, there is a large photograph of a road that has collapsed into a deep crater, with a red SUV parked on the remaining pavement and workers in safety gear nearby.

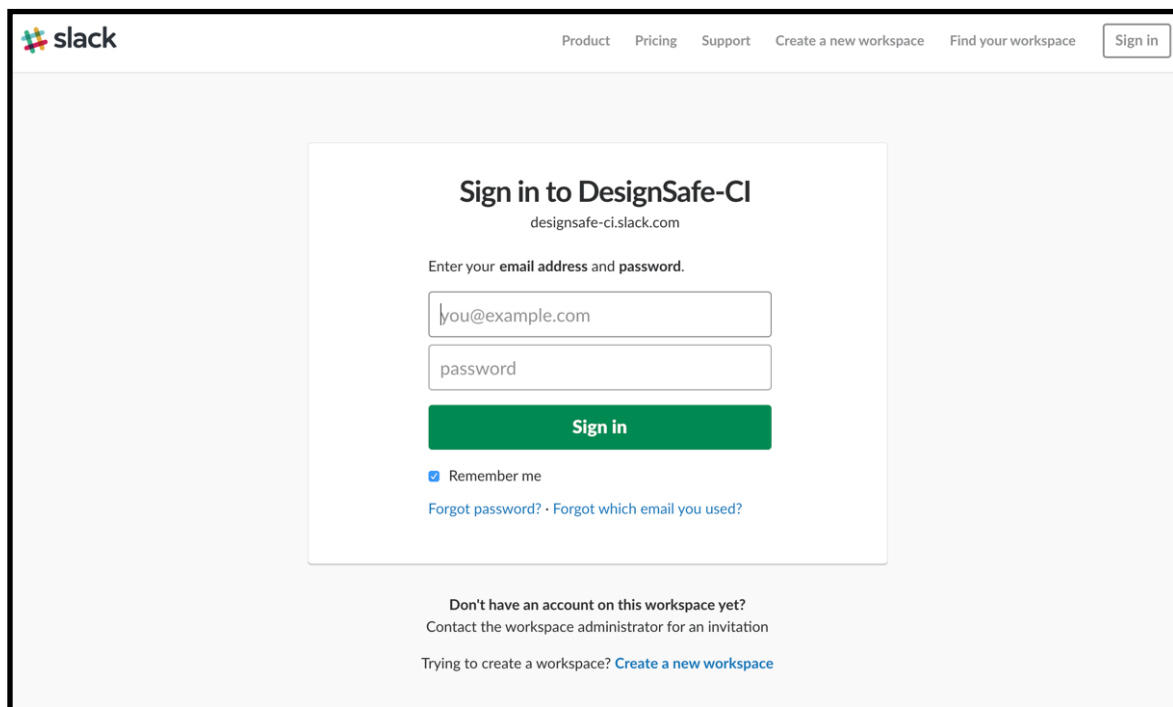
### Step 2. Receive an Invitation, Confirm, and Register on Slack

Once you have registered for a DesignSafe-CI account, the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace administrator will send you an email inviting you to join the Slack workspace. This is a manual operation performed by a human, so please note that it is not immediate. It is possible that if you sign up on a weekend or overnight that your invitation will arrive the next business day.

You will receive this invitation to join Slack by email. Click the “Join Now” button to launch a new webpage where you can register for Slack. Once you have registered, Slack will take you directly to the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace and walk you through a step-by-step tutorial on how to use it.

### Step 3. Sign into DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace

In order to access the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace in the future, please use a web browser to visit the website: <https://designsafe-ci.slack.com/>. You will see the following picture. Use your email address and password previously inputted to log in to the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace.



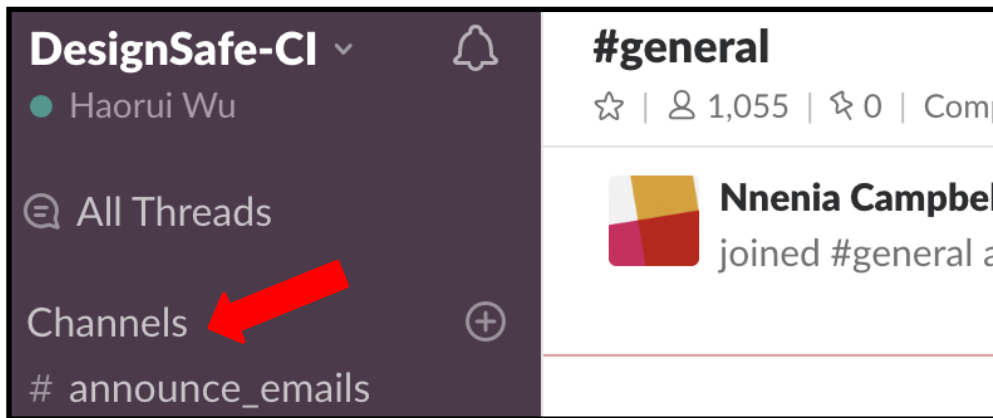
The screenshot shows the Slack sign-in interface for the DesignSafe-CI workspace. At the top left is the Slack logo. The top navigation bar includes links for Product, Pricing, Support, Create a new workspace, Find your workspace, and a Sign in button. The main content area features a sign-in form with the title "Sign in to DesignSafe-CI" and the URL "designsafe-ci.slack.com". Below the title, it prompts the user to "Enter your email address and password." There are two input fields: the first contains "you@example.com" and the second contains "password". A green "Sign in" button is positioned below the fields. Underneath the button, there is a "Remember me" checkbox which is checked, and two links: "Forgot password?" and "Forgot which email you used?". At the bottom of the form, there are two additional links: "Don't have an account on this workspace yet? Contact the workspace administrator for an invitation" and "Trying to create a workspace? Create a new workspace".

Alternatively, you can access Slack workspaces by downloading the desktop or mobile apps (see links in additional guidance below). If you already have Slack downloaded on your desktop or mobile device, you can add the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace by pressing the + sign on the left-hand side of your application under existing workspaces. Select “Sign in to another workspace” from the menu. Enter the DesignSafe-CI Slack URL: <https://designsafe-ci.slack.com/>. You will then be prompted to log in. Use your email address and password created in Step 2 to log in to the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace.

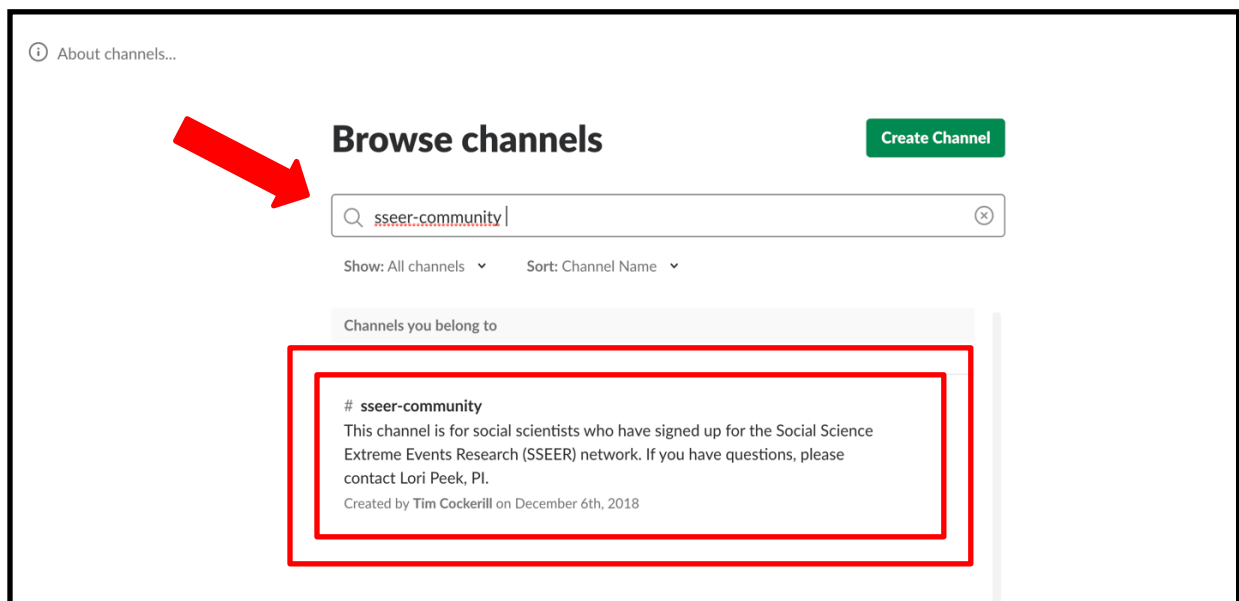
### Step 4. Access the SSEER Slack channel

Remember that the SSEER Slack channel is built within the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace.

Step 4.1: Once you have logged into the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace, you will see the following picture. Please click on “Channels” in the menu on the left.



Step 4.2: Once you click on “Channels,” you will be able to browse the available channels, as shown in the picture below. In order to locate the SSEER channel, please type “sseer-community” in the search box. The SSEER channel’s information will appear, as shown in the red box. Click the “sseer-community” channel in order to enter the channel.



Step 4.3: You can also join, or be invited to join, other channels. DesignSafe has become an exceptionally important communication tool during times of disaster. Researchers are using Slack to rapidly share information, photos, geolocation information, and other resources via DesignSafe and their Slack communication channels.

## Additional Guidance

**For more help getting started in Slack, please visit the website:**

<https://get.slack.help/hc/en-us/articles/218080037-Getting-started-for-new-members>

**For a demo on how to use Slack, please visit the website:**

<https://slackdemo.com/>

**For more information on the DesignSafe-CI Slack workspace, please visit the website:**

<https://www.designsafe-ci.org/community/slack-online-collaboration/>

**Slack workspaces can be accessed either by using a web browser or downloading the app:**

- Web browser: <https://designsafe-ci.slack.com/>
- Desktop App for Mac: <https://slack.com/downloads/osx>
- Desktop App for Windows: <https://slack.com/downloads/windows>
- Mobile App for iOS: <https://slack.com/downloads/ios>
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