



# Why UAF?

I chose UAF because of the high levels of research that the university does. UAF is on the cusp of becoming an R1 institution, and I wanted my research to play a role in achieving this goal.

Adam Militello

Graduate Student

Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Sustainability



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UAF offers an unparalleled opportunity to study the cryosphere in one of the most breathtaking natural laboratories on Earth right outside my door.

Pascal Buri  
Research Assistant Professor  
Snow, Ice & Permafrost  
Geophysical Institute



# Why UAF?

Alaska remains mostly unexplored entomologically and is at the forefront of climate change impacts in the US.

Derek Sikes

Professor of Entomology

Curator of Insects

University of Alaska Museum of the North



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Alaska is a beautiful place to discover the world while experiencing the unique opportunities UAF has to offer. My vet school application was stacked with once-in-a-lifetime experiences I could only have received at UAF. NOW I'm happily making my way through my first year of vet med!

Whitney Inman

UAF Alumnus

Wildlife Biology & Conservation

Current Veterinary Medicine Student



# Why UAF?

I choose to work and study at UAF because of our continued commitment to changing the nature of research in Alaska and the Arctic to work better alongside communities.

Megan Pittas  
Program Coordinator, Alaska CASC  
M.A. Graduate Student  
Arctic and Northern Studies



# Why UAF?

Alaska is a perfect natural laboratory.

Pavel Izbekov  
UAF Alumnus  
Research Associate Professor  
Geophysical Institute  
Alaska Volcano Observatory



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I chose UAF for its world-class volcanology program and collaboration with the Alaska Volcano Observatory. Working with UAF experts and gaining invaluable fieldwork experience in the Aleutians have deepened my understanding of volcanology and prepared me for a successful academic career.

Darren Tan

Ph.D. Graduate Student/Geophysics

Geophysical Institute & Alaska Volcano Observatory



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I chose UAF for the cutting-edge research, faculty expertise, tight-knit student body and unbeatable location under the auroral oval. It's pretty awesome to go to class in the morning and see the equations written in the aurora later after dark.

Vincent Ledvina  
Space Physics Ph.D. Graduate Student  
UAF Geophysical Institute



# Why UAF?

It's the best research university available. We research for the world.

Alicia Torok

Climate and Environmental Change major  
concentration: Ecological Processes  
Undergraduate Student



# Why UAF?

I chose UAF because it is a university working within the Arctic sciences, has Alaska Native courses and is working on rare earth elements and critical minerals. ANSEP & Center ICE innovation have been supportive of my interest in applying technology to real world challenges.

Michael A. Martinez  
Ph.D. Chemistry Student, Environmental  
Chemistry



# Why UAF?

I chose UAF for the opportunity to work with one-of-a-kind research facilities, surrounded by a collaborative and encouraging atmosphere that supports growth and innovation.

Chynna Spitler  
Ph.D. Space Physics Graduate Student  
Geophysical Institute



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The University of Alaska Fairbanks is a great natural research laboratory with a good facility. I had the great opportunity to acquire data in the Arctic Ocean on board the R/V Sikuliaq. Living in Fairbanks is a lifetime experience.

Wisnu Priyanto  
Ph.D. Geophysics Graduate Student  
Tectonics & Sedimentation



# Why UAF?

I chose UAF for its unparalleled opportunities in seismological research, particularly in environmental seismology. UAF's location, combined with its strong research infrastructure, makes it an ideal choice for conducting research that has a meaningful impact on society.

Sebin John

Ph.D. Graduate Student, Earth System Science  
Alaska Earthquake Center



# Why UAF?

I work at UAF because I value the deep roots the university has within the Fairbanks community. Communicating the science coming out of the Geophysical Institute – volcanoes, earthquakes, aurora – is an exciting way to engage with Alaskans and visitors.

Sara Wilbur  
Communications Coordinator  
Geophysical Institute  
UAF Alum, M.S. Biological Sciences



# Why UAF?

Growing up I saw the devastating effects of climate change. This led me to choose UAF to study sustainable land stewardship in the Arctic. After graduating I hope to advocate for a sustainable future in Alaska centered around food sovereignty.

Cam Schoenahl

Undergraduate Student

B.S. Natural Resources and Environment

B.A. Climate & Arctic Sustainability

Concentration in Alaska Native Studies



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I chose UAF because of the research opportunities, small chemistry department, and the Honors College Climate Scholars Program. I wanted to attend a school where I could get to know my professors and classmates and UAF has provided exactly that.

Aggy Boldt  
Undergraduate Student  
Chemistry: Environmental Chemistry



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UAF is a fantastic cornucopia of science, cultural learning and mentorship. The class sizes are small, allowing rapport with professors to be created, and the Arctic environment provides research opportunities not seen in other parts of the country.

Laura Serrato  
Undergraduate Student  
Biology



# Why UAF?

I chose UAF because it will help me become the best version of myself. It is the first step I need to complete my dream and goal of becoming a 7th grade science teacher and a permanent summer weir technician at Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Reagan Deemer  
Undergraduate Student  
Secondary Education and Biology



# Why UAF?

I chose to attend UAF because it was an opportunity to come back home for the Indigenous Studies program, and the opportunity to learn Yugtun, my ancestral language. The support from faculty, students, and the community makes me feel empowered as a Yup'ik woman while I navigate the program and pursue higher education.

Grace Angivran Moore-Anderson  
Graduate Student, Indigenous Studies



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I chose UAF because of all of the amazing hands-on research opportunities in geohazards and climate studies that you can't find elsewhere!

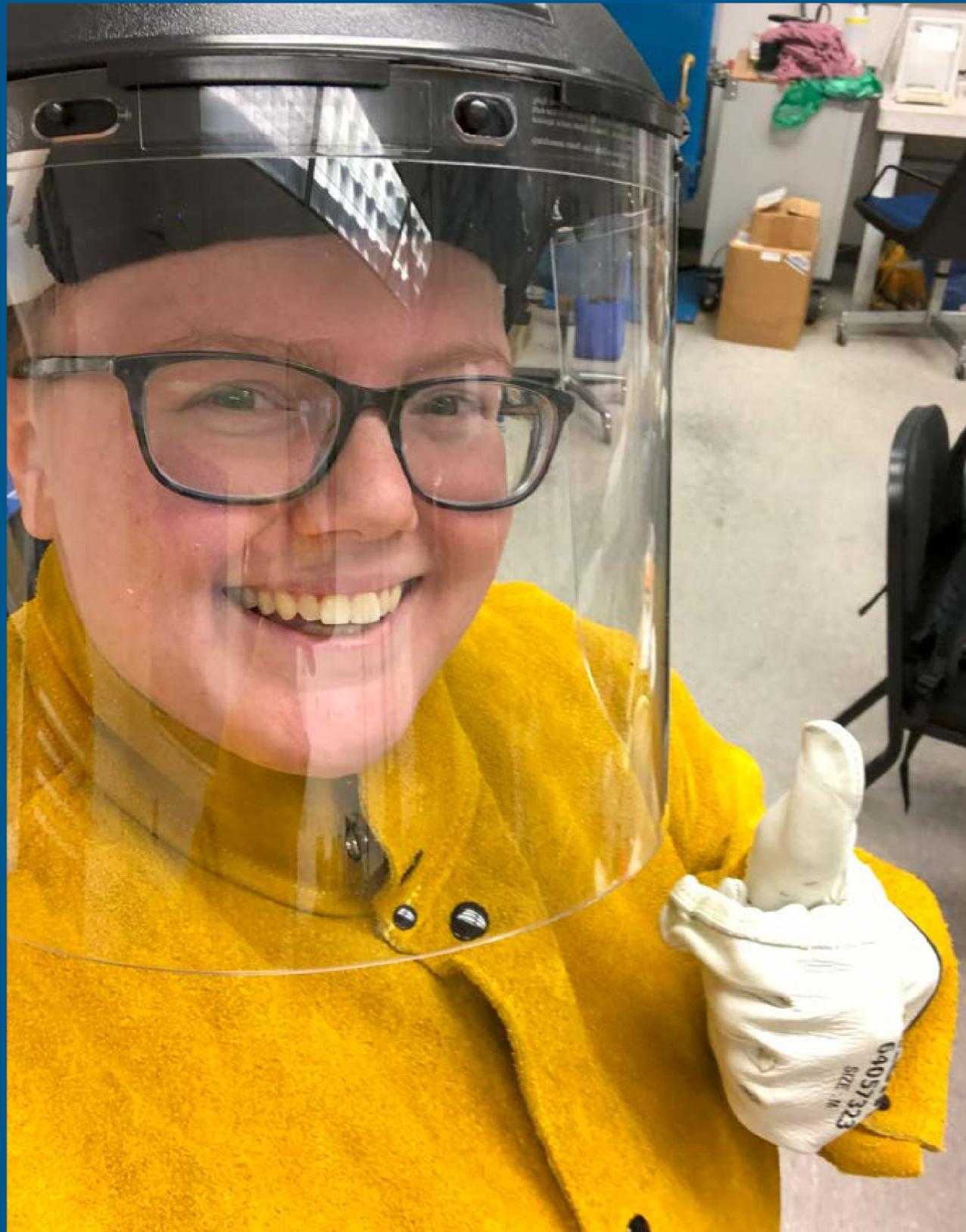
Gabrielle Davy  
Graduate Student  
M.S. Geophysics  
Alaska Earthquake Center  
Geophysical Institute



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I chose UAF because of its proximity to incredible and intact ecosystems; impactful research at places like Toolik Research Station and Bonanza Creek LTER; and welcoming graduate student community and culture.

Morgan Brown  
Research Assistant  
Biology & Wildlife  
Institute of Arctic Biology



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UAF's volcanology program has been my dream since I was 12. Despite the big move from Illinois, I quickly felt at home here. The program is top-notch, and the supportive, enthusiastic community makes UAF the perfect fit.

Ozzy Schneider  
Graduate Student  
M.S. Geosciences