

2021 Alaska NSF EPSCoR Seed Grants

Deadline: October 12, 2020

The Alaska NSF EPSCoR Fire & Ice project will competitively award a series of seed grants to University of Alaska faculty, staff, and students. Faculty and students who have not previously received EPSCoR funding are especially encouraged to apply.

Grants will be awarded in two categories:

1. Faculty Research Seed Grants of up to \$20,000 each will be awarded to early- and mid-career, full-time faculty members of the University of Alaska to carry out proposals for new and innovative research projects that support the goals of the Alaska NSF EPSCoR “Fire and Ice” research project.
2. Student Research Seed Grants of up to \$4,000 each will be awarded for similar proposals from graduate or undergraduate students at the University of Alaska.

Projects should address themes relevant to the “[Fire & Ice](#)” project, which consists of two research components: a *Boreal Fires* team studying climate-driven changes to fire regimes in the boreal forest, and a *Coastal Margins* team studying the impacts of climate-driven changes to nearshore ecosystems and organisms in the Gulf of Alaska.

Research Seed Grant applicants will need to identify the component with which their proposed project best aligns. Applicants are strongly encouraged to speak with the appropriate component leads (Boreal Fires: [Uma Bhatt](#) or [Todd Brinkman](#); Coastal Margins: [Brenda Konar](#) or [LeeAnn Munk](#)) to ensure that their proposed research fits within team goals. Research projects that strive to increase diversity in STEM engagement will be given priority over other, equally ranked proposals.

To learn more about the awards, please attend our [Seed Grants Methods and Approaches Workshop](#), which will be held Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 2-4:30 PM. The event will include information on the application process as well as discussions by project leads about which types of projects will fit best within Fire & Ice research. The workshop will be held via Zoom; please register at the [link](#) and we’ll email you login information.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 5 PM AKDT October 12, 2020. We plan to award up to 4 Faculty Research and 5 Student Research grants, with an expected award period of January 1 – September 30, 2021. Awards will be announced by October 30, 2020. Visit the [EPSCoR awards page](#) for full criteria and to apply.

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