



NNA Community Newsletter

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NNA Community Needs Assessment Surveys

The new NNA Community Office wants to learn from you and your team and how we can best support your work. Please complete and share the following two surveys by May 15.

NNA Research Team Survey: Please share this first survey widely with your entire team, including senior personnel, communication experts, graduate students, policy experts, and Broader Impacts professionals. This survey should take approximately 20 minutes.

Community Member Survey: Please share this second survey with all community members who are connected with your research, including people who participate in outreach/engagement activities, local collaborators, Indigenous collaborators, and other Arctic professionals with connections to the research community. This survey should take approximately 10 minutes, and respondents can enter a raffle to win one of four \$50 gift cards.

Join the NNA Broader Impacts Network

The NNA-Community Office is creating a Broader Impacts Network to support, coordinate and leverage community outreach and education efforts across all NNA projects. Our team will provide training workshops and webinars around culturally-sensitive community engagement and evidence-based good practices, organize an outreach fair to connect with communities across the Arctic, and elevate your work around broadening engagement in your science.

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The NNA Broader Impacts Network will kick off with an initial meeting on May 20 at 8 am AK/9 am PT/10 am MT/11 am CT/12 pm ET with a 90 min meeting. We invite all NNA PIs and everyone listed on your NNA proposal who supports education, outreach, communication and community engagement to participate. The meeting will include a panel discussion featuring experts James Tempte (Director of APU's Office of Research and Community Engagement; NNA-CO Community Extension Office Lead) and Malinda Chase (Tribal Liaison between the Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center and the Tribes of Alaska and Director of the Association for Interior Native Educators) about culturally-appropriate community engagement. During the meeting we will start building initial cross-collaborations and share experiences from working with communities across the Arctic.

[Sign up here](#) and invite your projects' outreach and education team, community liaison, and/or communication experts to sign up and participate.

Register for Upcoming Spring NNA Community Events

We invite you to register for the following NNA virtual events later this spring. Note that we will record these events and compile related resources to share with those who are unable to attend:

COVID Pandemic Guidance for Field & Community-Based Research — April 29 (Thursday); 10am-12pm AKDT (2-4pm EDT)

Join a virtual panel of experts to discuss and share timely information regarding COVID-19 related protocols, guidance, and restrictions at local and regional levels across the Arctic. The panel discussion will be followed by break-out groups organized by region to discuss regional contexts, resources, and evolving situations.

[Register here](#)

Discussing Plans for Returning to & Initiating Field Research during the COVID Era — May 4 (Tuesday); 10am-12pm AKDT (2-4pm EDT)

This virtual gathering will focus on the the state of NNA research field-season planning and community-based activities to discuss common concerns, coordination, and approaches for organizing, sharing and disseminating NNA field-season plans with Arctic communities, Indigenous and Tribal organizations, and other interested organizations and partners.

[Register here](#)

NSF Launches Arctic Local and Indigenous Community Engagement Website

Through a [new website focused on Arctic community engagement](#), NSF recognizes the importance of including Indigenous Peoples in Arctic science and research efforts. This website contains information on a range of NSF programs, initiatives, external collaborations, and other resources that aim to facilitate effective and respectful engagement with local and Indigenous Peoples in Arctic research, education, and outreach activities.

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Deadline Extended for NNA-CO Research Advisory Board Self-Nominations

The work of the NNA Community Office (NNA-CO) will be guided by two advisory boards—a Research Advisory Board and an Indigenous Advisory Board. We invite self-nominations from currently funded NNA PIs and Co-PIs to serve on our Research Advisory Board. The Research Advisory Board will provide overall strategic guidance for the NNA-CO's plans and activities to support the NNA community.

For more information and to indicate your interest, please [visit and complete this form](#) by May 7, 2021 (this deadline was extended by three additional weeks).



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